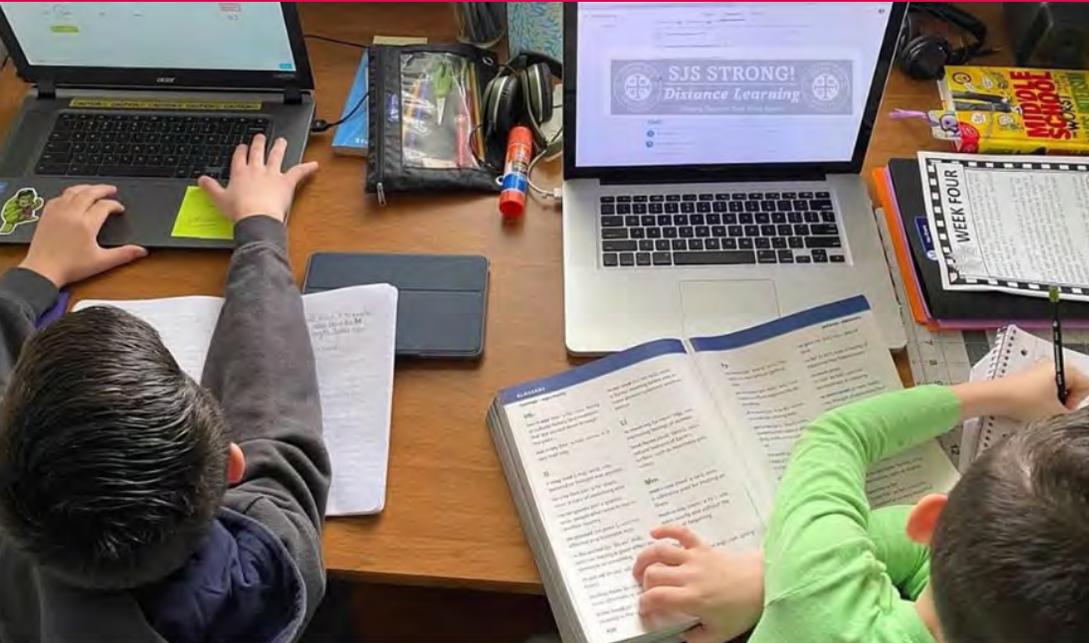




## HOME-BASED LEARNING NEWSLETTER

## SPRING 2020



“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”

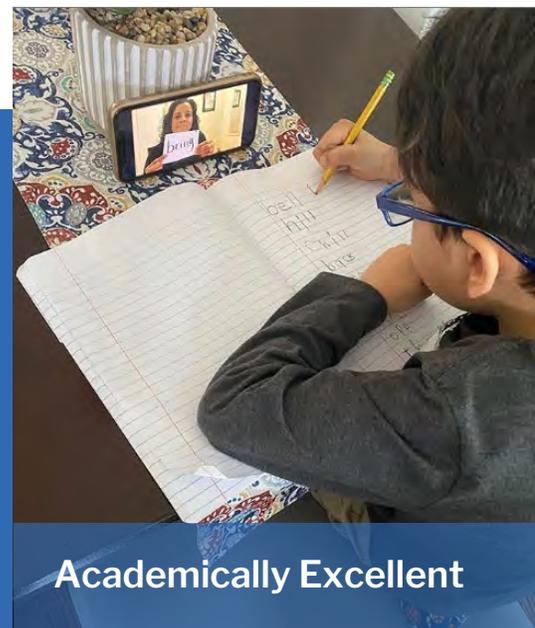
-Hebrews 10:24-25



Faith-Based



Future-Focused



Academically Excellent

Students across the Archdiocese of New York transitioned to home-based learning on Monday, March 23. The Office of the Superintendent, in conjunction with principals and teachers, worked tirelessly to establish an academically excellent curriculum based on New York State standards of education appropriate to each grade level. Students and parents can continue to expect engaging lesson plans that foster academic and spiritual growth.





# A Culture of Collaboration

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Let us thank all those who teach in Catholic schools. Educating is an act of love; it is like giving life.

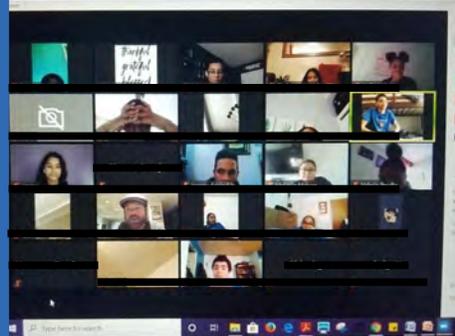
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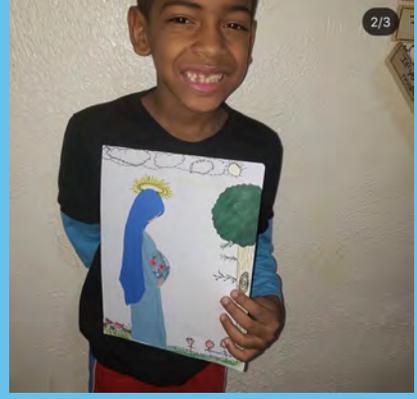
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# CATHOLIC IDENTITY AND PRAYER CONTINUE TO BE A CORNERSTONE OF OUR CURRICULUM.



# Faith Over Fear

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,  
For the Lord your  
God will be with you wherever you go."  
- Joshua 1:9



Covid-19 cases have dominated the headlines, and in the wake of transitioning to home-based learning, parents and teachers alike worried about how our children could be affected during these uncertain times. However, we are often reminded that our children are resilient, and having grown up in the nurturing environment of a Catholic school, continue to find ways to lean into their faith by answering God's call to service others.

Such is the case for Juliana (6th grade) and Ashley (3rd grade), two students from Our Lady Queen of Peace School in Staten Island, who have put their sewing skills to use by sewing masks for local hospitals, nursing homes, and doctors offices as well as the local mail woman and delivery drivers. The fruits of their labor have amassed approximately 40 masks for their area, and they continue to work off a list each day for family and friends who work in the Staten Island hospitals.



Juliana and Ashley have been taking sewing lessons for a year and a half now, and began this mission when they learned how their special skill could be put to use through the Facebook group "Sew AWAY Corona," which also provides resources for creating the mask patterns. "I knew how to sew," Juliana said, "and I wanted to do something good for the people who needed help."



"Sew AWAY Corona" partnered the pair with a team from Columbia Presbyterian. "I started making masks to help the nurses and doctors," Ashley said. The hospital conveyed their gratitude by sending photos of healthcare workers donning Juliana and Ashley's homemade PPE.

The spirit of these two Staten Island Catholic school students is demonstrative of their love for God and the values they have learned from Our Lady Queen of Peace School. Juliana and Ashley's fortitude during this time echoes what our Archbishop Cardinal Dolan has been telling us throughout this pandemic; faith will always conquer fear.



# ALL IN THIS TOGETHER



## FORDHAM PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Fordham Prep launched their "Lunch for Life Program" in partnership with Mike's Deli of Arthur Avenue to benefit the Emergency Department at St. Barnabas Hospital. With the help of alumnae David Greco P '15, owner of Mike's Deli in the Arthur Avenue Retail Market, and Dr. Ernest Patti P '20, Senior Physician of Emergency Medicine at St. Barnabas, Fordham is providing nourishment to the staff at St. Barnabas who are working tirelessly to keep our community safe.

## NOTRE DAME ACADEMY

Notre Dame Academy of Staten Island donated over 100 lab goggles for essential workers at Richmond University Medical Center, which were given to essential employees who are in frequent contact with COVID-19 patients including ICU, ER, and COVID floor nurses, respiratory therapists, housekeeping staff, and physicians (in particular, anesthesiologists, pulmonologists, and infectious disease). The project was made possible by NDA alumnae who assisted with this mission; Eileen Magnuski, '98 '02, and Kristen Magnuski, '02 '06, sterilized and distributed the goggles donated by students and faculty at Notre Dame Academy.



## ARCHBISHOP STEPINAC HIGH SCHOOL

Brennan Hogan, a current junior at Archbishop Stepinac High School, has stepped up to the plate to assist medical personnel during this pandemic. Brennan spent his Saturday in MacInspires in Mamaroneck making masks to donate to healthcare workers and those responding to the coronavirus.

## ACADEMY OF MOUNT SAINT URSULA

Analydia Camacho, a senior at the Academy of Mount Saint Ursula, typically performs service at the Broadway Dialysis Center. During this time of social distancing, she continues to live out her high school's motto of Serviam by making masks for the doctors and nurses at the Broadway Dialysis Center at Elmhurst Hospital Center, a hospital that is in particular need during this pandemic.



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