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Dear Students of Catholic High,

I am writing to you from my very quiet office in our silent school. As disconcerting as this is, it gives me the opportunity to write to you without distraction.

Please know that I miss you and the life and laughter you bring into our building each day. These are unprecedented times, for all of us.

During my time with you, I have spoken to you freely, unscripted, and from the heart: words of praise, support, advice, encouragement, words of concern. Regardless of the nature of my comments to you, I have always felt an overwhelming sense of pride for you, the young women of Catholic High, who represent our present days and exciting future. Although not in person, today is one of those times to speak to you from my heart.

While we are apart, I am hoping that you will remember what's important, what keeps you centered as a member of the Catholic High Community: Our Franciscan History and Tradition, Our Motto: Let Your Light Shine, Catholic High... 80 Years Strong, Cub Athletics, Saint Francis and Saint Clare, Pray for Us, Common Homeroom, Block Days, Clubs, Our Franciscan Identity, Service to Others, Retreats, Pep Rallies, Your Teachers, Each Other...

Until we will see each other again, I am confident that you are continuing your studies remotely. Mrs. Johnston and I are in daily contact, either by phone or here, at Catholic High. On Thursday, she led a Faculty Meeting via Zoom. It was inspiring to see and hear your teachers report on your resilience, your humor, and your academic progress. While learning on your device is difficult at times, and not an optimum situation, you are making it work. Please continue to be industrious about your studies. We will continue your education at Catholic High some time in the future, and what you do each day now strengthens your academic profile.

Remember to be kind to yourself, your parents, and members of your families. Be patient with each other, as no one has the answers we need right now. Pray often, and know that you are a Child of God, and a Daughter of Catholic High.

The Sisters of St. Francis of Philadelphia and Board of Trustees, your administration, faculty and staff join me in wishing you many blessings, safe-keeping and Godspeed until we meet again.

Lux Tua Luceat,

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