Dear Carrollton Community,

Today we began our first day of remote learning. Please be sure to review the instruction from your School Head. Our technology team remains dedicated to assisting all of us as we launch on this endeavor. Should you have any technical difficulties please send all requests to support@carrollton.org. While our phone lines remain open for critical issues, the best way to communicate with teachers and school administrators is via email. We will do our best to respond within 24 hours.

As I explained to the Upper School students at their assembly last Friday, this is not meant to be a vacation. The main reason for closing school is to support the efforts of social-distancing and protecting our community at large. This is a part of our mission as a Sacred Heart School. It is our sincere hope that you consider the wellbeing of all members of the community, which includes those most vulnerable such as the elderly by enforcing these practices while this situation continues. Please review the following links with helpful information and best practices in order to make this a success.

- Social distancing does not have to ruin your weekend
- Social distancing is not a vacation
- Social distancing do and don’ts

During our time away from the campus, the offices, classrooms, and common spaces will be cleaned and sanitized to the extent possible, and in accordance with best practice protocols advised by the Center for Disease Control. Soap and water remain the best way to cleanse this virus from our bodies and surfaces. An important surface to clean which is often overlooked, is our smartphone. Here is a link describing how to safely clean your smartphones.

As we learn and navigate our way through this new strain of coronavirus, it is important to remember that we are also dealing with the challenges of flu and allergy season. You may be wondering how to tell the difference between the symptoms of each. Here is an article to help you differentiate the symptoms.

Most importantly, as we begin learning in this new remote environment, please exercise awareness and discretion when posting on a class chat, especially as it pertains to information regarding COVID-19. Use good judgement when it comes to reposting information found online, social media, or information as it pertains to other schools, which can create confusion. We are receiving information at a rapid pace as things continue to develop over the coming hours, days, and weeks. Official Carrollton updates will come from a Carrollton administrator and be posted on this web page. It is our intention to be discerning and thoughtful as we communicate our decisions.

Thank you for all your support and understanding as we work through this novel situation. I have included below a prayer from the USA/Canada Province of the RSCJ.

Please remember to keep calm and keep your social-distance,

Olen

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful.  
And kindle in us the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit so that we may remain confident throughout this time of uncertainty.  
Let hope be our antidote to fear
Let solidarity be our antidote to blame
Let our shared humanity be our antidote to our shared threat.

Let us pray for those affected by the coronavirus
   The ill and the families,
   The caretakers and their families,

May all of us be encouraged by the light of your Spirit.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.