

March 22, 2020

Dear Roberto, Emon, Brian, Claire,
Grace, Emily, Will, Emily C.,
Drake, Macey Sam, Megan,
Ajay, Remy, Kat, Brendon,
Lucy, Matty, and Shannon:

I write this with a heavy, yet **hopeful heart** **silver lining**
of you are experiencing the ripple effect of this
global crisis in your own ways. You are each **hopeful heart**
going through this differently - yet, we are all in
this together.

I think about high-school seniors with no prom,
to our own seniors who won't get that Department
Senior dinner and award celebrations.

Then, I think of those who never had
those opportunities to begin with. So many **positives**
high school seniors never get to go to prom. **imagine**
Maybe due to being too poor or perhaps they
are too "odd" or "not cool enough" to feel **grateful**
comfortable even going. So many kids
don't even get to college due to their position
in life - the hand they were dealt - maybe
too poor or they have to care of their siblings
or parents.

give hope

love

Life is complex and full of sadness. Yet, we **care**
must train our minds to see that **silver**
lining. See, right now, in the midst of **hope**
uncertainty - I try to find that lining.
Suddenly, we are blessed with being told
to literally be home with our immediate
family. Nowhere else should we go. We are
being called to remain diligent, resilient
and responsible for the **common good**.

I was that senior college student who
never got to attend that Senior dinner. I was
the high-school student who grew up very
poor and was teased. I was "odd". I
recall many, MANY, dinners where my

AND, IF YOU DON'T PRAY - DO
POSITIVE MANIFESTATIONS FOR
THOSE IN NEED. CLOSE YOUR
EYES, TAKE DEEP BREATHS
AND MANIFEST ONLY POSITIVE
ENERGY OUT.

Mom never ate because after four kids
had our meal, nothing was left. Sacrifices
are being made around the world. My
daughters have fathers who can't see
them right now. And babies grow faster
than the speed of light. Nouvean's father
may not see her for two months! Yet, we
do this for others because that is the **common good**
Marianist message.

common good

With that said, I pray you each take this
time, as that - **TIME**. Time to be grateful
for any privileges you know you have, from
that roof over your head to those socks on
your feet. I ask that you imagine what it
must be like for homeless folks right
now, and for families with several children,
who are now laid off and can't provide -
their world is crumbling. The poor are suffering,
even greater now. I ask that you pray for **families**
those who are suffering the most. Pray for
medical workers and delivery drivers and
grocery store employees who are extending
themselves and scared too. Many have **family**
NO CHOICE but to work.

This time gives science the endless hours it needs
to research this novel virus and provide solutions
to the world. Science is incredible.

May you see this time as one of reflection.
Blessed, We will recover, but we won't ever be the
same. Yet, we have one another. We have the
ability to **create change** and give hope. We
have the privileges of education and hot meals,
comfy beds and water. Take this time to **create**
love yourself. So be grateful for life and **change**
what you have to offer - and for each of us
that calling is different. So practice social
distancing and remain home. If you go
out, be protective of others. See, that's the
Marianist

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Silver lining too. Life is about others, Not just you.
blessed

You are young. Blessed to be without a ton
of responsibilities. Stay focused on those
positives while remaining sensitive and
empathetic to those negatives.

I will miss your faces. So very much **positive**
I hold a deep invested interest in your **home**
Success and personal well-being. Let's
continue our relationship via cyber world,
and embrace it with **positive** thoughts.
home We will accomplish the rest of the learning
outcomes. And we will remain focused on
our education as that provides us with **hope**
and understanding.

grateful

Sincerely,
Misty