



Message to parents

3-17-20

3:55 p.m.

Sent from President Melby to Parents and Family through Family Relations Office

Dear Parents/Family of OLLU Students,

I am sure your student has shared the news with you that Our Lady of the Lake University has made the decision to move instruction to an online format for the rest of the spring semester. We also have made the decision to close the residence halls for the rest of the semester, although we are making exceptions for students who need them.

These were not easy decisions to make but given the rapidly evolving situation with the Coronavirus, these are necessary for the health and safety of our students.

During the extended spring break of March 16-20, faculty and staff will be working to ensure that instruction and student services will be available through online or other remote options.

Limited computer resources will be available on campus for students who need them.

For graduating students, we know commencement exercises are of special concern. We are unable to make decisions about the timing of commencement at this time, but there will be a celebration of their accomplishments and we will communicate plans as we are able.

During this time of transition, faculty have been asked to provide flexibility as students adjust to this new mode of instruction. We also understand that students need flexibility because of other closures in the community that may be impacting them. We ask that everyone be patient, understanding and kind during this period of adjustment.

OLLU is a family and it will be a challenge to be physically separated during this time. However, we will continue to connect electronically, and we will continue to support and pray for one another.

In closing, I share the words of Blessed John Martin Moye, the founder of the Sisters of Divine Providence.

“Cast your cares upon the Lord, and he will support you.” These are his own words in Holy Scripture. Carry out your duties with charity and simplicity and know the Lord is with you.

– John Martin Moye

Sincerely,

Diane E. Melby
President