



Message for Alumni

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Sent from President Melby to Alumni through Alumni Relations Office

Dear OLLU Alumni,

An update went out to students, faculty and staff this weekend that I want to share with you.

Like many other area universities, Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) will be shifting to all online instruction through the end of the semester to help ensure the safety and well-being of our students. We also will be closing our residence halls for the rest of the semester, but we are providing exceptions to students who need them.

All of this has evolved rather quickly and, as you can imagine, is causing challenges, but I am extremely proud of the OLLU community for rallying together to find creative ways to ensure our students receive quality instruction and support during this time.

I thank you, our alumni, for your messages of support and encouragement. I am always humbled and grateful to see how the OLLU family comes together in both good times and difficult times.

Currently, we have extended spring break through March 20. Faculty are taking this time to move courses into online formats, and staff are setting up systems for providing support services remotely. Most of the university community will be working remotely by the end of this week. There will be limited services available on our campuses for those students who need them.

Given directives we have received from city, state and federal authorities, all large gatherings, including our annual Confetti Run, have been put on hold. When we are able, these events will be rescheduled.

Based on directives from the Archdiocese of San Antonio, we will not be having any Masses with large gatherings in Sacred Heart Chapel at this time. Couples who have weddings scheduled in the chapel in the next few months will be allowed to have small ceremonies with immediate family. When this situation has passed, couples will be allowed to schedule another day for a larger Mass celebration.

Because this is a rapidly changing situation, we will continue to update the OLLU community. Please visit the [university website regularly](#) for additional information.

While it is difficult to make some of these decisions, our first priority is the safety of our community. All of our efforts will be guided with our community and our mission in mind.

The OLLU community is a family. We will continue to pull together in prayer and support of one another. In fact, our Mission and Ministry Division will continue to take your prayer requests and share them with the community so that we can lift each other up. Send prayer requests to: ministry@ollusa.edu.

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
Thank you for your continued prayers and support.

Diane E. Melby
President