



Message to All OLLU Community

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Sent from President Melby (President's Office email box) to AnnouncementsAll

Spring semester closing, fall reopening

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff,

As the spring semester draws to a close, I want to commend you and thank you. You have responded to the challenges of this semester with the spirit and strength that has carried OLLU through almost 125 years. The Sisters of Divine Providence, who founded the university in 1895 with faith and trust in Providence, would be proud of the resiliency and determination you have shown through this difficult time. You have come together to assist and support one another in a way that only the OLLU community can.

This week as our graduating students complete their studies, we will not be able to celebrate in the traditional manner, but we will gather virtually to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving for our graduates. The details are below.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Graduates

Thursday, May 7

4 p.m.

Celebrated by University Chaplain Father Kevin Fausz, CM

Livestream available on [University Ministry Facebook Page](#)

When we can gather again, we will celebrate our spring and fall graduates in one big OLLU family celebration. In the meantime, we will pray for our spring graduates and give thanks for their success.

Fall 2020 semester reopening

While the spring semester is drawing to an end, we are making plans for the reopening of campus in the fall semester. Additional details will be provided soon, but preliminary plans include:

- A range of instructional options including face to face (with appropriate social distancing), hybrid and online
- Reopening offline residence halls to allow for greater spacing of residents
- New procedures and equipment for more frequent cleaning of high-touch areas
- New requirements for maintaining social distancing
- New policies for monitoring students, faculty and staff for symptoms of illness

As with the spring semester, flexibility and support will be the keys to our success. I have seen all that you have done to pull together and persevere this semester, and I know we will do so again in the fall.

Once again, thank you for your amazing efforts this semester, and I look forward to seeing our OLLU family together again in the fall.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Diane E. Melby". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

Diane E. Melby
President