



## Dominican Sisters OF SININAWA

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Dear Parents, Guardians, Educators and Students,

It is with incredible gratitude and admiration that I write to you today. We have heard the word “unprecedented” used so often these days yet I believe it captures well these times in which we are all living. Our families and schools have been facing unique challenges these past few years yet never would we have thought a viral pandemic with such economic consequences would have been upon us as a global society.



I have been reading the reports and social media from each of our Sinsinawa sponsored schools. While there are still so many future decisions to be made I am amazed at the rapid switch to “on-line” education you have made. I can only imagine how difficult some decisions were to make, like cancelling school plays, concerts, sporting events and possibly graduation ceremonies when so much effort had gone into them. Each difficult decision that has been made not only preserves the health of our students and faculty but DOES have a ripple effect throughout our entire community. So we are all grateful for your sacrifice. We truly are ONE WORLD.

At this writing, our Sisters remain safe and healthy at the Mound, the Villa and St. Elizabeth’s Manor near Janesville. Like us, they are not leaving these facilities and are practicing social distancing including in dining rooms and chapels. Since we have special permission to gather (safely) at the Mound for our prayer, you are invited to join us for Holy Week Liturgies through Livestream. These videos can be accessed by visiting our streaming site at [www.sinsinawa.org/live](http://www.sinsinawa.org/live).)

As the schools have not stopped their ministry of education during this pandemic, the Sisters, too, continue their ministry of prayer for all of you.

Conversations will not be cancelled.  
Relationships will not be cancelled.  
Love will not be cancelled.  
Songs will not be cancelled.  
Reading will not be cancelled.  
Self-care will not be cancelled.  
Hope will not be cancelled. (James Tworowski)

Blessings,

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