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TO: Students, Families, Administration, Faculty, and Staff of SJWCA

As this most unusual 2019/2020 St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Academy school year draws to a close, I wanted to share the following:

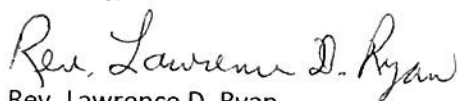
First, congratulations to the Graduating Class of 2020 and to your families! We look forward to your livestreamed Graduation Mass, Vehicle Parade, and virtual Graduation Ceremony this Friday. Your Graduation Day will be different from those of past years but that will make it even more memorable. A heartfelt "Well-Done" to each one of you and to all who helped you achieve this important milestone. We pray that God will bless and protect you (and your loved ones) as you move on to exciting new chapters in your young lives.

Second, thanks to all SJWCA students; to their parents, grandparents, and other adults who helped them; and especially to the faculty, administration and staff of SJWCA for your hard work all year. I especially want to thank you for your collective extra efforts to complete the Spring trimester via distance learning during the past 12 weeks when we have been "sheltering in place" due to the coronavirus crisis. I particularly want to recognize your principal Stefanie Germann for her foresight in preparing the Academy for and leadership in carrying out a successful computer-based academic program.

We are living in some very difficult times. The coronavirus is still with us, although (Thank God) now under better control. The pain and the painful reaction to the tragic death of George Floyd in Minneapolis two weeks ago continue to be felt throughout our Nation to include right here in New York City. However, Catholics are an Easter people, a people who know that the suffering of Good Friday was followed by the hope and Joy of the Resurrection and the coming of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. This past Sunday was Trinity Sunday. We pray (through the intercession of our Blessed Mother Mary of course) that God (Father, Son and Holy Spirit) will protect and guide our country, our city and us as we face these multiple challenges.

Please stay as close as possible to Jesus and His Sacraments during the summer months. Once again, I congratulate our Graduates and I thank you all for your faith and your effort, especially during the past 12 weeks.

Sincerely,



Rev. Lawrence D. Ryan

Pastor, Holy Name of Jesus Parish