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In these uncertain times, we want to assure you that Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology is doing everything we can to protect the health of our seminarians and students while continuing to provide services. Due to the coronavirus, we will shift many operations online through the beginning of May, 2020. The seminary will remain in operation, but with the following changes:

- The building is closed to the public.
- Courses will continue and will be provided on-line through the end of this semester. Faculty will be in contact with students. Please check your emails and Populi
- Library resources will be available online to all students and open to in-residence seminarians.
- SHSST resident students are welcome to stay on campus if needed. If you plan to leave the building please inform me of the date you will be departing.
- If you will remain here, maintenance and food service will continue. The nurse who works for the SCJ's has generously agreed to be a resource for us as well.
- If you remain I intend to maintain the prayer schedule as best as possible.
- If you wish to continue spiritual direction, please consider virtual or phone options. Contact Dr. Olesnavage for human formation/counseling options.
- The Rector and a small staff will continue to work at school; other staff will work remotely.
- If some practicums need to be completed, we will be in touch so they can be finished in the home diocese.
- The renovation project is now delayed until May, 2021. Therefore, you do not have to take everything with you but it should be put into storage.
- Please follow CDC guidelines regarding self-care, travel, and self-isolation.
- The graduation ceremony unfortunately will be cancelled, as well as outside events through May 1<sup>st</sup>.

If you have any questions please contact me.

I will send updates as needed but, in the meantime, please pray for a quick end to this situation. In the meantime, count on my prayers and best wishes for a successful end to the semester.

In the Heart of Christ,  
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