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I'm updating you to let you know that we are following all protocols and plans are well underway to deep clean the buildings and continue essential services.

Deep cleaning of the public areas of the building will begin this afternoon at 1:00 PM. It is possible that the library wing will not be done since the crew has to end at 6:00 today. Although we anticipate it will be done in time for opening the building on Monday for classes and work, the President's Council has opted to continue exercising an abundance of caution and wait to resume on-campus classes until Thursday of next week (5 November). One of the main reasons is that there are fewer persons available to do the regular sanitizing of classrooms and other public areas due to quarantining until Wednesday.

Consequently, professors and students will continue using online modalities until Thursday. If students or faculty feel the need to continue to work/attend class remotely for the rest of the week they should contact Dr. Russell or Megan Nelson to make arrangements. Staff designated to work on campus are to come to work but should also dialogue with their supervisors about any concerns or options.

Fortunately, for residents of SHSST, food service will resume in the dining room on Saturday of this week (31 October) following normal hours. The regular liturgical/prayer schedule will resume on Sunday. The Day of Recollection scheduled for Wednesday for residential seminarians will be held as programmed. Due to fewer numbers on campus on Monday, the scheduled Day of Adoration will be postponed until a future date to be determined.

Please continue to monitor yourselves and follow all guidelines for health safety: wear your face masks properly, wash your hands regularly, sanitize frequently used objects/surfaces you touch, take your temperature regularly, and practice proper social distancing. For employees and commuters who are eating in the dining room – please keep to three persons to a table. If you feel in the least bit unwell – stay home or in your room and let us know so we can follow up.

Certainty we have been able to face this situation with clarity and prudence since we planned quite well for the possibility of a Covid-19 case on campus. This was due to our well-researched protocols based on CDC guidance and adapted for our seminary environment. We were ready and are now following the protocols, using appropriate caution, to continue to provide as safe a learning and working environment as possible.

Thank you for your cooperation,
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