

A Holy Week Like No Other:  
A Letter from Campus Minister Mr. Mike Jeremiah



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Dear friends,

When we began the Season of Lent on Ash Wednesday, February 26, signed with ashes as a symbol of our need for conversion and renewal, we had no idea of what the weeks ahead would hold for us and for our world. Our feelings have been hard to comprehend at times, changing from one moment to the next, from hope to helplessness, from fear to trust. We are missing our daily routine . . . the things that now we classify as normal. We are missing friends, family, neighbors; we are missing each other . . . we are missing our students and the families we serve.

It's so easy for us to get caught up in the panic and the fear that we sometimes see and feel around us. May we have a healthy sense of caution, doing all that we can to take care of ourselves and those with whom we share this time. May we trust in our God . . . our God Who has said to us, "Do not fear, for I am with you . . ." Social Distancing for us now is so very essential . . . it is seen as protection and as life-giving; Spiritual Distancing, however, is to be avoided, for it will keep us living in fear, locked away from the true freedom and love and peace and comfort that can only be found in our faith in God Who calls us from darkness into light.

And so we have arrived at Holy Week . . . a Holy Week unlike any other we have known or could have imagined. We hope over this week to offer forms of prayer and reflection that might bring us a deeper sense of inner peace and comfort . . . bring us on a closer walk with Jesus . . . bring us through the pain of Good Friday to the joy and glory of Easter Sunday.

Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you always, especially as we go through these days of uncertainty. As I have said before: Together or apart, we are Benilde-St. Margaret's.

Love and Prayers,  
Mike Jeremiah, Campus Minister