

CSJ Educational Network Staff Working from Home



With the outbreak of COVID-19, the General Council of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Orange decided on March 16 to enable “non-essential” workers on the St. Joseph Center campus to work from home. The staff of the Educational Network along with other employees at St. Joseph Center were deemed “non-essential” for the safe and efficient management of the St. Joseph Center campus. The Network staff departed on March 18 and remains on a stay-at-home basis working to prepare for the next school year.

Meetings for the 2020-2021 school year have been scheduled, but the manner in which they are conducted will be determined based on the best medical advice available for the virus pandemic containment and prevention, the policies of usage of St. Joseph Center and its employees, and the guidelines of the (Arch)diocese where the member schools are located. For the first sessions of Ministerial Formation in August, it is likely that they will be delivered using an online forum.

The Educational Network’s first virtual event was in partnership with the Department of Catholic Schools of the Diocese of Orange. Diocesan principals and presidents held their spring retreat online via Zoom. The Network’s director Bret Allen, the retreat leader, guided the 38 participants using Scripture, prayer, reflection, discernment time and music as they explored the topic of hearing Christ Through and Throughout the “Noise” of the World.



Easter Celebrations at Home *St. Cecilia, Tustin*

During quarantine, the St. Cecilia community celebrated Easter in a different way. Teachers, staff and alumni helped deliver Easter treats to St. Cecilia students.

“Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much.”
– Helen Keller



Ash Wednesday Observance *St. Michael Academy, San Diego*

Preparation for Ash Wednesday started with a Mardi Gras celebration. Middle school students entertained younger students with games and treats. Students gathered and sang “Ashes” during the burning of the palms. On Ash Wednesday, the Alleluia was put away and set on the altar. Students attended Ash Wednesday Mass and received ashes.

Dual Language Immersion Program *Our Lady of Guadalupe, La Habra*

Our Lady of Guadalupe will begin its Dual Language Immersion program in the fall. The DLI program will start by following social distancing protocols determined by the Department of Catholic Schools, OLG parish and school. The community is working to put these protocols in place in conjunction with the Health Department of Orange County.



School of Our Lady to Close at the End of the School Year *School of Our Lady, Santa Ana*

School of Our Lady, a recent new Network member and also part of the Marian Alliance of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Orange, will suspend operations in June; however, the school has been slated to re-open as a Dual Language Immersion school in 2021.

Who Could Use a Smile Today? *St. Bernard Academy, Eureka*

<http://saintbernards.us/who-needs-a-smile-today/>

