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OLMC Update – Reopening school update from Archdiocese

Dear Our Lady of Mount Carmel School families,

I want to share a letter – in English and Spanish – from Pamela Lyons, Superintendent of Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of San Francisco. In Pam’s letter she references Our Lady of Fatima and the very special gift she gave to **children**. A few years back, I went on pilgrimage to Fatima with my husband. While at the Shrine of Fatima, I was deeply moved by the transformation of good over evil, forgiveness over resentment, and peace over chaos. This experience of Our Lady speaking to and guiding the three shepherd children – Jacinta, Lucia, and Francisco – to spread her message of prayer and peace was only one hundred years ago, not thousands of years ago, but just one hundred years ago. We are immersed in a world event that none of us could have ever imagined and we as parents and educators have no experience, and yet, if we follow the guidance of these three young ones through prayer and a great abundance of faith, I am confident that our OLMC community will make the best of this time in history for the sake of our children and their precious education.

Mount Carmel students are learning.

Mount Carmel teachers are teaching.

Mount Carmel will re-open for a new school year in August.

Mount Carmel students will learn.

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This is what we do!

Please see the attached letter from ASF DCS.

Please also see the attached information about global responses to school closures and re-openings. As a former Global Studies teacher and Director of Global Education, I believe we have much to learn from our global world at this time.

Please see the attached list of ASF DCS Reopening Schools Task Force.

Please see my email from yesterday May 17th, which includes much information about the coming few weeks.

“Schools will need to tap new ideas and promote the concept of “**resilient educational solidarity**”. Tarek Al Majzoub, Lebanese Minister of Education, 30 April 2020

In solidarity,



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