



# MONTROSE SCHOOL

*Where girls are called to greatness*

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## Mavericks CONNECT

Dear Montrose Friends,

Montrose is now at the end of our first two weeks of *Mavericks Connect* distance learning. As we adjust to this new experience I am in awe of Maverick women. Our students are undaunted. Our faculty and staff have been valiant--supporting teaching and learning at the highest level.

Like true Montrose Mavericks, the students rallied immediately. They are engaged in digital discussions of literature, science labs using household items, and field studies in the backyard. The [Quarantine Quibbler](#), their new weekly newsletter was born. They hosted virtual meet-ups for newly admitted students. Student Government launched its first Common Homeroom--with Red & White Teams gathering via Zoom. They inspired hope and humor within our school community.



Please know we have you on our minds and in our prayers. Even though we are separated, we are united in spirit--working with heart and intention. We know every Zoom meeting and each hour of work, every class and each hour of study can be transformed into a prayer for those who need it most.

The present moment is abundant with potential. Let's harvest it. As St. Josemaria put it, when he was in hiding during the Spanish Civil War, this is a time for "growing on the inside."

Maverick women know they are unique, unrepeatable and called by God to greatness. They can bring the power of our mission to the world--serving and connecting in small and large ways. What are you up to these days? [Share your story with us](#)--or your practical advice on navigating this new normal. [Send us your prayer intentions](#), and we will be sure our chaplains include them in one of their private Masses.



We know many alumnae and members of the Montrose family are on the front lines caring for others and fighting this epidemic--nurses, doctors, researchers, healthcare professionals and essential workers. Thank you for your generous sacrifices and quiet heroism. From

your homes--each of you is doing your part precisely by "staying apart" to help flatten the curve in this worldwide public health effort.

In his famous 1939 homily at Oxford "Learning in Wartime" C.S. Lewis explained:

*Never, in peace or war, commit your virtue or happiness to the future. . . . It is only our **daily** bread that we are encouraged to ask for. The present is the only time in which any duty can be done or any grace received.*



Whatever your circumstances, our hope is that you can embrace these graces and find peace and joy that accompany them. Please count on our prayers for each of you and your families.

All my best,

P.S. Listen to our Chaplain, Fr. John Grieco's podcast, [Trusting in Times of Trouble](#). Read my advice to students, [Make Your Bed! And Other Ways to Learn and Thrive During Covid-19](#).

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