

The students and staff worked tirelessly to be 'best prepared' for any remote work by learning new digital platforms, by establishing relationship norms and by creating well-understood guidelines for a successful learning experience.

The Central Office staff increased personnel just to be able to:

- carefully clean and sanitize our facilities
- support the well-being of all – mentally, socially, spiritually and physically
- facilitate the pivoting from in person to remote learning

Our students demonstrated both mercifulness and holiness by recognizing the need for mask wearing, physical distancing and adjusted timetables and cohorts. They showed us daily what it means to think of others before themselves. Because of their faith-filled presence, our staff was encouraged to seek ways to continue many of our most appreciated activities in Covid-safe ways. Examples include fundraising for local food banks, recognizing those who were initiated into the sacraments of our faith and participating in gospel assemblies and masses. We may have had more parents able to attend weekly assemblies as they were offered through Google Meet than we would have if they had been required to make a trip into the local school gym for the event.

In his homily enjoyed by some of our folks during the opening mass of Religious Education Congress 2020, Archbishop José H. Gomez of Los Angeles said, 'holiness means loving God and loving our neighbour, right where we are.' Holy Family students and staff definitely had the opportunity to express that love right where we are in this time and place. By living the theme, ***Live Mercy ... Be Holy***, each and every day, we were able to grow in our faith and help to grow that of our communities.

May the dedicated efforts of the 2020-21 school year create in each of us a passion for living mercifully and a desire to be holy in all that we do.