



**"Do not abandon yourselves to despair. We are the Easter people and
Hallelujah is our song" - Pope John Paul II**

During this season of Easter, I find myself in a reflective mood – perhaps it's the season, perhaps it is the current state of our world or perhaps it's how the face of education has changed so drastically and unexpectedly. Still, I've been inspired by the bravery and humanity I've seen from so many. From my health care peers working on the front line to the restaurant workers and store employees sustaining us, to our own SJS faculty and parents helping our students navigate Zoom classes and focusing on their academic success — there is much to be hopeful about.

May we find comfort, strength and most especially **HOPE** as we continue to journey through this Easter season and sing words of praise for the Resurrection of our Lord. Pope Francis shares, "We proclaim the resurrection of Christ when His light illuminates the dark moments of existence." During these tough economic times, we all feel the pinch in some way. Therefore, remember in this season of promise – a season when God the Father fulfilled his promise to send a redeemer – We must **meet our Easter challenge...believe beyond our insecurity...and trust...** I challenge you to help us ...**let our nets be full...** God bless us all in the St. Joseph Community

Peace & God Bless,
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