

BON SECOURS MERCY HEALTH

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Dear Students,

As you end the semester and depart for a well-deserved break from school demands, we want to wish you a bright and peace-filled Christmas and holiday season. You have worked very hard, adjusted to the demands of a rigorous education amidst the changes and challenges of on-line learning, balanced the stresses of home/work/school, and developed resilience in a time of unprecedented global difficulty. We applaud you! We also pray for you.

Specifically, we pray:

- For restoration and relaxation
- For health – physical, mental and spiritual health for you and your loved ones
- For rejuvenation of your heart, mind and spirit
- For your safe return in January

As administrators, staff, and faculty make plans for your safe return, **I want to remind you to be prudent in behaviors that decrease your risk of getting or spreading COVID-19.** It is easy to lower our guard, especially amongst family and friends, but so critical that we don't. As you work, socialize and celebrate, practice and model social distancing, frequent handwashing, and appropriate use of masks/face coverings. As a college community, we must continue to track COVID-19 among students and employees. If you suspect you have been exposed to COVID-19 or develop symptoms, you need to notify me as soon as possible and seek evaluation/testing with a health care provider. Resources to help guide you can be found on the college website: <https://www.bsmcon.edu/bsmcon-students-returning-campus-activities-after-covid-19-illness-or-exposure>

During the holiday break, Dean Sorbello will be answering emails. Her email address is Barbara_Sorbello@bshsi.org. I will return to campus on January 4, 2021 and will begin answering emails at that time.

Warm Regards,

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