



# UPDATES@ OUR LADY OF VICTORY



*Our Lady of Victory School is a diverse, close-knit, high-achieving Catholic school with over 30 countries and 17 languages represented in its faith-filled community. With excellent educators, a dedicated principal, and small, nurturing classes, it's no surprise that its graduates are all outstanding!*

Dear Friends of OLV,

I hope that you and your family are well.

As always, you are in our prayers; please remember to pray for the school community and the health and safety of our students, teachers, staff, and families.

OLV is an excellent model of family and Catholic school partnerships. Our teachers are working hard to support families through the pandemic and teach about Catholic Social Teachings in light of the current tensions and protests in our nation.

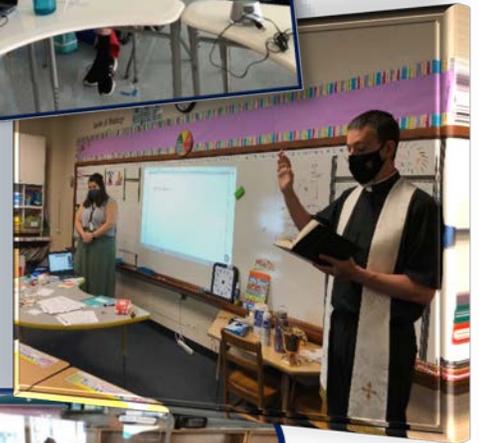
As Catholics, we need to address issues of racism in the context of the dignity and worth of every person created in the image of God. We can trust in God's mercy, goodness, and provident care to help us get through these challenges, and we will.

OLV has kept the health and safety of our community a priority, following state and local mandates in addition to guidance from the Archdiocese of Washington. We can all be extremely proud of the efforts made by OLV to continue the education of our children.

Thank you to everyone who has given to the OLV Reopening Appeal. We are seeking to raise additional funds as we educate our children using a hybrid model, both using traditional in-class and distance learning. Thank you in advance for your support if you have the means.

If you have time to pray a decade of the rosary for the school in the next week, I'd appreciate the prayers.

God bless you!  
Sheila Martinez  
Principal



## Welcome to OLV Katie Laskey



We are so pleased to welcome Katie Laskey to Our Lady of Victory School as our new Middle School Social Studies and Religion teacher!

Katie is originally from New Jersey but just moved back to the East Coast after living in Seattle for three years. While in Seattle, Katie taught middle school English and Social Studies at Holy Family Bilingual Catholic School. Katie grew up attending public schools and attended the Universities of Notre Dame and Portland for her Bachelor's and Master's degrees respectively.

Fun facts: Katie plays the trombone and participated in marching band throughout her high school and college years. In addition, she loves TV shows, movies, and books. Like many OLV students, Katie is a huge baseball fan. "I love baseball, am a Yankees fan, and am looking forward to the MLB playoffs this year," Katie said.

When asked to comment on her first impressions of OLV Katie said, "I've been so impressed with the students at OLV. They are kind, welcoming, and hardworking. We're having a great time getting to know each other." Although Katie was thrilled to be returning to the East Coast where her family resides, she chose to join the OLV community because it offered an amazing chance to continue teaching Social Studies and Religion.

"I became a teacher because I love sharing ideas and learning from young people. I'm passionate about helping students become disciples and love themselves, the community and God."

## OLV Students' Hopes & Dreams



At the start of every school year, all OLV students are asked to write down their hopes and dreams for the upcoming school year. Below is a sampling of what our students will be striving for during the 2020-21 school year.

"I hope to be the best I can be and to learn to tie my shoes."

"I hope to learn more about the world."

"I hope I learn how to be a more patient person and how to build friendships with people."

"I hope to deepen my understanding of God and his plan for his people."

"I hope to be better at multiplication."

"I will learn more stories from the Bible by reading one bible story a week and try to live out the moral of it."

"I will do good deeds like feeding the poor and try to be a good example to my sisters, and try to go to church more often. Even in this hard time, I can get closer to God and Jesus."

"I hope to get a lot closer to God and live happily with God in heaven."

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