



Dear Friends,

Our world and our country are enduring difficult times. The global COVID pandemic remains with us, along with its impact on almost every part of our lives. Our beloved country has seen domestic turbulence unlike never before, and we look to turn the page to a better time. Today's realities must not be put aside in spite of the pain they cause. And together we look to a better world that demonstrates the sacred principles of peace and love.

In spite of today's many obstacles, we begin a new semester at Josephinum Academy of the Sacred Heart with optimism and hope—for our world, our community, and our beloved Jo. We look forward to widespread vaccinations and a return to a more normal life. We hope for future economic and societal recovery that reaches everyone. And we recognize there is no better time to recognize the value and impact of education. The transformative education at the Jo will continue to nurture the mind, soul, and spirit of our Jo girls. Our efforts teach young women to be the leaders we need for a better world.

We must thank our community for their amazing financial support as we finished 2020. We are proud that, with the help of so many, we surpassed our financial goals. While the majority of our financial support comes from the Chicago metropolitan area, we were heartened by the donations from every region of the country. From Hawaii to D.C., and from Minnesota to Louisiana, there was tremendous response that supports our work. More than 85% of our donations came from individuals, with varying amounts—from the tens to the tens of thousands of dollars. We are so proud and appreciative of the universal appeal of our mission.

With the start of a new semester approaching with some new team members, we must also thank Dr. Tuomey for her tremendous leadership during these past years and look forward to her continued engagement with the Jo. And we are confident that our academic curriculum will adapt to this ever-evolving world and give our Jo girls the best educational foundation for the future.

So, as we look forward to a much better 2021, we are grateful for our Josephinum community, near and far. With your commitment to support our mission we will continue to survive these challenges and thrive in the years to come. We are honored to have you in our Jo family as we work tirelessly towards the best education for our students, and a better world for them to grow and succeed.

Warm Regards,

Rich McMenamin, President

Colleen Schrantz, Principal

