



# ST. BERNARD'S

SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY AND MINISTRY

March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022

Dear St. Bernard's Students,

Greetings in Christ!

Since my last update in December, the administration and staff at St. Bernard's have continued to closely monitor all developments related to the coronavirus (COVID-19).

New York State Governor, Kathy Hochul, has decided to lift the mask requirement for all schools in New York State (with the exception of New York City) tomorrow, Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2022. Consequently, *beginning Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, all faculty, staff, and students who enter our campus buildings will **not** be required to wear a mask while indoors.*

As recommended by our Governor and the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), we will continue to be vigilant concerning best practices to prevent the possibility of infection. We will also continue to offer the possibility of attending our courses either via Zoom or in-person. Again, for those who attend classes and/or exams in-person at our campuses in New York State (in Buffalo, Rochester, and Albany), we no longer require the wearing of masks.

My team continues to stand ready to assist you with any questions or concerns you may have, technical or otherwise. Do not hesitate to reach out to Mrs. Kelly Brunacini ([Kelly.Brunacini@stbernards.edu](mailto:Kelly.Brunacini@stbernards.edu)), Executive Assistant to the President, who will be able to answer your questions or direct them to others who can answer them. Be assured that we will continue to monitor the situation, and if there are any substantial changes, you will hear from us immediately.

Thank you for your patience during these trying times. I must say that, all things considered, we may be seeing the end of the worst of the pandemic! For this, let us give thanks to the Lord, our harbor and our true hope, and may we remember all those who have suffered during this time, as well as those who are still vulnerable: those with preexisting conditions, the elderly, the poor, and those who have no one to care for them. God bless you and be assured of our continued prayers for you and yours.

Sincerely,

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