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Dear Members of the University Community,

The ongoing crisis that is sweeping the globe is now at our doorstep. This week, we learned that a student from the University of Scranton has tested positive for the novel coronavirus disease, COVID-19.

The student, who did not live on campus, attended student gatherings on the 400 block of Clay Avenue in Scranton on March 14. However, exactly where or when the student contracted the virus is uncertain. The student is recovering from symptoms at home at this time.

Because of the nature of this virus and its rapid spread through multiple countries, states, and communities, we encourage any student who may have been in attendance at that gathering and all other members of the Marywood community to self-monitor and consult a medical professional should you develop symptoms of COVID-19.

As you know from all of our communications, we continue to take every possible precaution to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community. To that end, we practice social distancing and all prescribed preventative measures in order to minimize the risk of contracting the disease.

I commend all of the Marywood employees who are doing their jobs every day to ensure that the needs of our students and all other members of the Marywood community are met. I commend our faculty and students for working tirelessly to transition and adjust to the new norm of online learning. Finally, I thank the rest of the community for their continued support and patience as we navigate this new and ever-changing landscape.

Together, connected in faith, let us pray for one another, as well as others throughout the world who are affected by this disease.

We will continue to share information about other ways the virus might be affecting the University community through our website: marywood.edu/covid19.

Best wishes to all,

Sister Mary

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