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As we continue to respond to the changing conditions of our campus community and our broader situation, Brescia remains determined to maintain our mission and our place as Canada's women's university. Though we may feel distanced from each other, I am proud of our perseverance and willingness to adapt and support each other.

Though campus may seem quiet, there is a small but mighty team still working hard in our physical spaces. I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge our staff who are working on campus, Brescia's "front-line workers", who are devoted to ensuring our students living on campus are being cared for. To our food services team, facilities, residence staff, and all essential student-facing services—we appreciate your efforts and thank you.

There is an abundance of important work being completed remotely and initiatives continue to be advanced by our staff and faculty. For example, a new initiative being coordinated by the Advancement team is a reworked *Brescia Emergency Fund*, formerly the "Blue Jean Fund" as we know many of our students will be facing significant financial burdens in the weeks ahead. More information will be shared with you next week, if you wish to support this important initiative.

For over 100 years, our Ursuline values have guided the Brescia community. Our resilience strengthens our community and leads us forward.

Sincerely,

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