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Hello Holy Spirit Family,

My name is Maria Caridi. I am a third grade Religious Education teacher. During these past six weeks, I have stayed in touch with the ten students in my class. They have all been a blessing to me and I have been privileged to be able to teach them about our faith.



I call them each week, on the day we were to have class, to just check in and say hello. We have prayed together and they have shared many stories with me. I look forward to our conversations. One week I was running late and one of my students Kaiel called me. He made me feel so happy because he was looking forward to our conversation. I have gotten to know my families even better than I could have imagined.

My students always amaze me, together with the guidance and support of their families and their faith, they demonstrate the true meaning of kindness and compassion. All of my students are very special children of God.

I just wanted to share this [video](https://www.newsday.com/lifestyle/coronavirus/acts-of-kindness/painted-rocks-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-1.43859490) about two of my students, Lily and Giuliana, whom I am very proud of: <https://www.newsday.com/lifestyle/coronavirus/acts-of-kindness/painted-rocks-coronavirus-covid-19-pandemic-1.43859490>.

Parents, remember teaching our children at a young age about their faith, and about our God, will always be with them. The stories they hear at mass, or from the adults, will always play a part in who they are.

Be well and safe, until we get to be together again,
Maria Caridi