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*The Sisters in
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Dear Reader,

The Catholic education of the youth has ever been considered by the Church a task of foremost importance. In the past there were Catholic schools available to everyone almost everywhere. These great institutions were supported by the large numbers of Catholic faithful and were operated by the numerous religious orders. In the present crisis of the Church our situation is very different. Catholic schools are very few and far between. Religious congregations are almost extinct. Parents find themselves left with the daunting task of educating their children, and unfortunately some have entrusted this most important task to the corrupted public school system where their children are exposed to loss of faith and morals.

In the face of this great crisis, the clergy and many families over the years have enquired from our Sisters the possibility of offering online classes through live video conferencing. This past spring we determined to explore the possibilities. After much technological research and experimentation, Queen of All Saints Online Academy officially opened in September. In establishing the online school, there were countless challenges. We had to find a way to bring the physical classroom together with the online classroom, in order to give the student the virtual and interactive classroom experience. This has been a very costly undertaking, for it was necessary to purchase new software and equipment that would allow for this functionality. Professional cameras had to be setup; chalkboards had to be replaced with digital displays; several high quality microphones had to be installed in each classroom. All of this would permit the students in the classroom to interact with the students online.

The physical school in Brooksville, Florida, is now able to provide an education to children all across the country. Presently students have enrolled from California, Arizona, Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Florida and Wisconsin. We have also been looking to provide this opportunity to students outside the United States. In order to compensate for the time changes, the Sisters record their classes which they send daily to the international students. The Sister conducts a live meeting with the international student once every afternoon or evening, as the case may be, in order to hear recitations, to grade and correct, and to introduce the new day's work. There are currently five students in Australia who are able to take advantage of the online school.

As our apostolate continues to extend from coast to coast and continent to continent we ask for your continued prayers and support. May you have a blessed Easter season. You are in the prayers of our community.

In Jesus through Mary,
The Sisters



Queen of All Saints

Academy



Information regarding the online school can be found at qasonline.org.

