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Dear Sacred Heart Community,

As history unfolds during the COVID-19 Pandemic, the <u>Remembering COVID-19 Project</u> is collecting experiences and responses from the SHU community to preserve for decades to come. Ryan Matura Library staff, in collaboration with the departments of history, sociology, theatre arts and the School of Communication, Media & the Arts, will collect and archive the content.

Digital submissions may include personal reflections, photos, poetry, interviews, recordings or any other examples of how the pandemic is affecting people's lives. The collection will act as a time capsule for Sacred Heart during these trying times and will be accessible to researchers, educators, students and alumni.

The stories collected will also offer crucial context and personal stories pertaining to COVID-19 lived experiences. "The COVID-19 pandemic is a historic event that we are all experiencing together," said University Librarian Gavin Ferriby. "Communities and universities around the world are living through history in the making. Each individual's perspective during this time is valuable and adds to our community's story as a whole. We want to remember those who served, died and sacrificed, and those who coped with fears, anxieties, uncertainties, and sometimes even found unexpected strengths and joys. We want to hear your stories—through journals, thoughts, images and more—to make sure that our community's experiences are remembered."

The materials will be housed virtually in a special "Remembering COVID-19" collection on the Digital Commons website and in a future digital and physical exhibits on SHU's campus.

To submit items, visit the <u>Remembering COVID-19 webpage</u>. For questions or to donate physical items, email <u>rememberCOVID@mail.sacredheart.edu</u>.

Please share your COVID experience!

--Gavin Ferriby

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