



#BeTheLight

"Light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." (John 1:5)

This Easter Vigil evening, we join Christian churches from all over the world in celebrating Christ's resurrection from the dead. His message remains relevant some 2,000+ years later and serves as the foundation of our faith. In the risen Jesus, life conquered death ... light conquered darkness.

On the evening of your first day at St. Paul Catholic High School, at the New Student Convocation, you entered a darkened auditorium with a lit votive candle symbolizing the challenge of being the light of Christ during your high school journey. Through the darkness of the coronavirus pandemic and an uncertain future, this challenge to shine becomes even more crucial. Tonight, you are reminded of this calling to be the eyes, ears and hands of Christ in bringing the light of the world to those around you.

To honor all our students but especially the Class of 2020, St. Paul will join the **#BeTheLight** movement and turn on our McPhee Stadium lights at 20:20 (that's military time or 8:20 pm) for 20 minutes and 20 seconds every weeknight from April 20, the day you return from spring vacation to May 20, the tentative end of this school closure. The lighting will be made available online as a time for silent personal reflection.

We will be burning our stadium lights to remind students to keep shining ... keep being the light through this unprecedented adversity in your young lives. In addition, **we pray that these lights symbolize hope for the Class of 2020**. Be assured we will recognize and celebrate together your academic, athletic, and artistic achievements when it becomes safe to do so. We miss you and look forward to seeing everyone as soon as possible. **Happy Easter!**