



SLE 2020

#LightTheWay

“There is a light in this world, a healing spirit more powerful than any darkness we may encounter. We sometimes lose sight of this force when there is suffering, too much pain. Then suddenly, the spirit will emerge through the lives of ordinary people who hear a call and answer in extraordinary ways.” – St. Teresa of Calcutta

The Summer Learning Experience (SLE) assignment for this summer is to reflect on the experiences of the past couple of months as both our nation and our world have grappled with COVID-19 and the disruptions to daily life that it has brought to everyone. There are two prompts below. Choose one or both of the prompts and respond in a total of 300-400 words. Your responses will be shared with the members of your advisory group in September.

1. In the Gospel of St. Matthew, we read: *“You are the light of the world. A city set on a mountain cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and then put it under a bushel basket; it is set on a lampstand, where it gives light to all in the house. Just so, your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”* How have you been a light in the world during the darkness of COVID-19? Have you done something to support your family, friends or the larger community?
2. In St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, we read: *For you were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light.”* As we continue forward and prepare for a new school year, how can you live as a “child of light”? How can you help #LightTheWay for the St. Paul community?