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School bells are ringing across our country and students are already getting the homework blues. The number of books to read and papers to complete can be overwhelming. If it's senior year and a student has missed a semester or not passed a required class to graduate due to an illness or injury, this is more than stressful!

Loretto Extension Service may be just the answer. It began as an educational ministry providing correspondence classes to Chicago area Catholic high school students, allowing them to get the course credit needed to graduate. **Now in their 42nd year, the Loretto Extension is serving 44 schools.** With courses in math, history, English, geography, science, religion and the humanities, students who stand on the cusp of not graduating can find a way to do so.

As educators, the IBVM Sisters in Wheaton offer a current curriculum that matches high school requirements and preparation for college. IBVM Sisters work together to fulfill the ministry of sending out coursework and books to students, then e-mailing teachers and counselors the progress reports. When papers are corrected and the coursework is complete, credit is awarded to the student by the school they attend. In today's world the endless paperwork could be streamlined by incorporating technology more effectively. That is where we need your help.



Sister Marietta Brummel, Extension Director.

With the influx of online classes offered at the college level, acquiring new technology in the Loretto Extension would make sense for most students as they prepare to go on to college. Students and administrators are embracing these advances. This might be the time for the Loretto Extension to be able to offer their coursework online to streamline the process and save on paper and mailing costs.

Could we count on your financial support? This ministry has little overhead and offsets its cost by charging a reasonable fee for each class. Financing this technology could be significant, so we are asking you to be as generous as you can at this time.

Thousands of students will attest that if they had not been able to finish a course through the Loretto Extension Service, they would be held back. But because of the dedication of the IBVM Sisters and the Loretto Extension Service, students see a brighter future in their education and plans for college. We hope that you will give this your prayerful consideration and support the IBVM Sisters work in education and the retired Sisters who work in the Extension ministry.

Sincerely,



Anne Delaney
Director of Development

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