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FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Mother's Day brings up many feelings, depending on our relationship with our mother. We might feel happy, sad, conflicted, or left out. Can we make Mother's Day a celebration for everyone, regardless of their relationship with their mother? Yes, we can.

46 While He was still talking to the multitudes, behold, His mother and brothers stood outside, seeking to speak with Him. 47 Then one said to Him, "Look, Your mother and Your brothers are standing outside, seeking to speak with You."

48 But He answered and said to the one who told Him, "Who is My mother and who are My brothers?" 49 And He stretched out His hand toward His disciples and said, "Here are My mother and My brothers! 50 For whoever does the will of My Father in heaven is My brother and sister and mother." (Matthew 12)

Jesus instructs us that by following Him, we become part of His family. He draws us into a close relationship with Himself and with each other, expecting us to treat one another as genuine family members. This principle was deeply ingrained in the early church and emphasized as a crucial aspect of Christian living (1 Timothy 5:1-2).

Throughout the years, numerous women have embodied the nurturing role of a 'mother' in Christ for me. They've offered guidance, correction, nourishment, prayer, and care, enriching my life in profound ways. I am deeply grateful for their presence and influence—they have truly been a

blessing.

Let's strive to be more than just a collection of individual families within our college community; let's become a unified college family. Every interaction presents an opportunity to strengthen not only our bonds with our biological families but also to forge genuine connections with others, enriching our lives through authentic relationships.

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