## A message from THE PRESIDENT

## Honoring Those Lost to COVID-19

Directly or indirectly, we have all been deeply affected by COVID-19. Today we pause to recall those members of the Hostos Family who were lost to the pandemic, as well as the millions of others around the globe who were claimed by this insidious disease.

The pandemic has shown us in the most horrible way how fragile life is on this planet, and the loss and grief we feel – individually and collectively – can seem overwhelming at times. When the immediate pain of losing friends, family, and colleagues subsides, let us cherish our memories of them. May they live in our hearts eternally.

We have all searched for solace during these difficult days. I hope these words will serve as a balm for our troubled souls – the  $23^{rd}$  psalm from The Book of Psalms.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

In remembrance,

Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D. President

Currently there is no official COVID Memorial Day. If you support a federally-recognized COVID Memorial Day, please contact your local and national representatives to make your voice heard.

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