



**A MESSAGE FROM INTERIM PRESIDENT**

**Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.**

Dear Hostos Family,

We join the Hostos family in remembering Ms. Jeanette Mata who passed away peacefully on Friday, August 21, 2020. Ms. Mata was a COA in the Nursing Department since November 17, 2003. Dearly loved by her husband Ken of 51 years, she will be missed. A mass took place in her present parish, St. Helena's Church, of Howard Beach, Queens, NY on August 25<sup>th</sup>. Although the last year of her life was marked with health issues, Ms. Mata died peacefully as death came gently in the night. She passed away after a 3 week siege with cancer at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx. Ms. Mata practiced Catholicism and Hinduism, and as such requested special prayers of the dying from Father Sheehan not long before she left us. Her family members, colleagues from the college, and dear friends attended her wake. Her love of Hostos was present and known to many as there was also mention of her deep connection to the college in her eulogy. She was a devoted employee who faced a 2 hour daily commute to the office for over 17 years. She was known for having a nice sense of humor and a good sense of balance.

Peace,

Daisy Cocco De Filippis, Ph.D.  
Interim President

## A Prayer for a Better World

For as long as space exists  
And sentient beings endure,  
May I too remain,  
To dispel the misery of the world.

Shantideva, *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying*, by Sogyal Rinpoche, Rider, 2007.

Lord make me an instrument  
Of thy peace, where there is hatred,  
Let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O Divine Master, grant that  
I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
It is in pardoning that we  
Are pardoned, and it is in dying  
That we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi, *The Tibetan Book of Living and Dying*, by Sogyal Rinpoche, Rider, 2007.

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