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"This year our Crusaders created a one-of-a-kind Christmas STREAM Program. The annual program has always been one of the highlights of the school year. Families, students, teachers, and staff gather in prayer to share in the anticipation and the joys of the Christmas season. This year, however, COVID-19 created new challenges and limitations that not only affected the Christmas Program but also developed it further.

Wearing masks and adhering to social regulations are not the key ingredients to a well-executed performance. We utilized this unique situation to introduce music technology in an innovative and modern way. Students explored music technology and engineering that have never been done before at CtR. They engaged in the process of recording music, video production, and acting.



Students were forced to really listen while intoning and blending their voices. Once the sections were mastered, the music room turned directly into a recording studio. Using their Chromebooks and logging into Google Meets, students would sing while listening simultaneously to the accompaniment.

In the end, students embarked on the creative journey of digital and music recording, hopefully instilling a hunger to explore more ways to incorporate the arts with technology and engineering."

-Mary Ann Addis, Fine Arts Director
Chris the Redeemer School, Houston, TX



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"We became and have remained a Zooming choir since March of last year. Student cantors and small scholas (up to 5 singers) lead the music at weekly school Mass which is live-streamed to the classrooms and the homes of virtual students.

A small group of middle school singers sang with masks, and socially distanced, at the outdoor Christmas event at San Pedro Retreat Center.

The school choir, Cherubs and Choristers, participated in a virtually recorded Christmas Concert which was a gift to the greater school community.

Though very different and somewhat challenging, we continue to connect & support each other, and our community, through our song. For this, we are blessed!"

-Cheryl Pelzer, Choir Director
St. Margaret Mary School, Winter Park, FL

