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Dear St. Andrew Parishioners and School Families,

What another unbelievable experience! What an unbelievable year!

When Our Lord returned to Heaven, He told his disciples, “I give you my Spirit, and I will be with you until the end of time.” He meant what He said. In spite of all the devil’s obstacles and all of nature’s challenges, He remains at our side. No mountain is too tall. No valley too deep. No ocean too vast to cross with Jesus at our side.

For those without faith, this is a time of despair. For us with faith, it is an opportunity for grace. These incredible challenges are reminders of how vulnerable we truly are. By relying on our faith, and with the gift of fortitude, you and I (together) can pave our way to Heaven.

So many are hurting. So many have either suffered loss of life or property. Some have suffered both. Unlike never before, we must become fully human in that we must reach out to our hurting brothers and sisters. By reaching out, checking on family, friends and neighbors, by helping others get their property, home and lives in order, we gain a wealth of graces that will benefit us on the day of our judgment.

For those who are disheartened, anxious and even hopeless, we must prove they are not alone. Every one of us has the obligation to be a healing presence. Today is not too late.

Since last Monday, a hand full of volunteers have worked tirelessly at my side to get our campus cleared of debris, leaves, downed trees and rubbish. We owe them a debt of gratitude. It isn’t perfect, but we are blessed!

I truly believe it is imperative that we get our lives normalized as soon as possible. Beginning this weekend, we will be returning to our normal church schedule of Masses. And it is my intent (along with our Principal) to open the school for in-person learning this coming Monday, September 13th. We are in the process of getting our inspections completed. The faster we can get the kids back into school, the quicker you can get your own lives back in order. The parish and school will be open for our young and for you as well. Let’s work together and pray for one another as we continue to push forward on our spiritual journey.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. John F. Talamo

“Da Mihi Animas Caetera Tolle”
~St. John Bosco~