

November 13, 2020

From the Headmaster



As you have probably heard, the director of the Marion County Public Health Department announced on Thursday that all K-12 schools would be required to conduct virtual instruction only

from Nov. 30 to Jan. 15. The actual health order has not yet been issued, so we don't know yet how this will affect Lumen Christi. **I pledge to you that we will do everything we can to maintain classes at school as close to normal as possible.**

Closing schools is anti-science and, more importantly, anti-child. It is unconscionable to continue to deprive children of education – not to mention normal, happy lives – out of fear of a disease that at this point is comparable to the seasonal flu and poses almost no risk to children. You can count on me to remain upbeat and positive with students, because they don't deserve to be brought down by this situation, but I am angry.

At this point, it appears that **pre-K is not affected**, and the basketball team can continue to practice. The faculty was already scheduled to meet next Monday, so we will use that time to address this issue. I'm sorry I can't be more definitive until I see the health order, but I will update you as soon as possible.

Thanks to Ellen Sanders!

As you can see in her notes nearby, Ellen Sanders has accepted a new position at the Archdiocese. I am grateful for the excellent work and support that Ellen has given to Lumen Christi over the past two years, and for her willingness to work through the transition to support our two largest annual fundraisers. We will miss Ellen, and we wish her the very best in her new position.

From Our Development Director:

Annual Appeal Publication in Friends and Family Mailboxes Soon

Each November, Lumen Christi launches our annual appeal, the second-largest fundraiser of the year after the Light in the City gala. This year our goal is \$68,000 and God has blessed us with some amazing early gifts, so we have already received \$35,000 in donations! Your copy of the annual appeal publication will be placed in your Friday folder once we receive it. We send the publication through the U.S. Postal Service to everyone else on our mailing list, and they may receive it as early as next week. Please encourage your family and friends to be generous with Lumen Christi so we can continue to provide an independent, classical, Catholic education to your children.

God Has Called Me to become the Director of Mission Advancement for Archdiocesan Education Initiatives

After much prayer and discernment, I have accepted a job with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis where I will be the key development officer for the Office of Catholic Schools, the Notre Dame ACE Academies, and Bishop Simon Bruté Seminary starting on Dec. 14. As you can see, Catholic education continues to be my passion and I am grateful and excited for this new opportunity. Leaving Lumen Christi was a very difficult decision because I have had such a wonderful experience working with all of you. Please know I will continue to pray for you and look for opportunities in my new role that may benefit Lumen Christi. I will be working hourly for Lumen Christi Dec. 14 – Jan. 15 so I can complete the annual appeal and transition the Light in the City Dinner. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the Lumen Christi family for the past two years.

Reminder: Early dismissal at 1:00 on Monday, Nov. 16. After care is available.