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Dear Brother Priests,

My prayers are with you and your people in these challenging days. I am grateful for your pastoral initiatives and the sacrifices you are making in these days to continue to bring the Gospel and the sacraments to our people.

I am writing to inform you that we have established a temporary, emergency fund to provide much-needed assistance to our Catholic schools.

As I reported in [my recent column in Angelus](#), despite the limitations imposed by the pandemic, we begin our new academic year strong — 262 schools open for on-line classes and 66,000 students eager and ready to learn. This is a testament to the commitment of our benefactors, the dedication of our school families, the commitment of our pastors, principals, and faculty, and the hard work of our Department of Catholic Schools.

But as many of you know, our enrollments are down. Parents of our students are rightly worried about the future of the economy and whether they will have enough money to afford tuition.

I will do everything I can to keep our schools open and thriving, and I remain committed to providing a Catholic education for every child who seeks it.

That is why I have authorized this temporary, emergency fund for our Catholic schools, that we are calling “[Faith in the Future](#).” Gifts to this fund will ensure that our students are able to keep learning and growing, even in these uncertain times.

I am happy to report that in the few short days since we launched this fund, the response from generous donors has been tremendous. I am grateful to everyone who has contributed.

Please keep me in your prayers, brothers. And on this beautiful feast of the Holy Cross, know that I am praying for your ministry which is so important in bringing the love and mercy of God to our people.

I entrust you all to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and I ask that she watch over you in her maternal love.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

+ José H. Gomez

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