

From our Pastor...



Dear Friends of Saint Paul School:

You just never know what is coming around the corner. A few months ago we wouldn't have imagined being in the situation we are in today. I don't know about you, but I find something very ironic about the picture of the "Flying Nun" on page 7. These days have been replete with people flying around stores trying to load up their baskets. At least Sister Victoria did not have arrows that she had to follow as she cashed in on winning a shopping spree! Ironic or not, there is much these days that is a cause of fear and anxiety.

I have always believed that in times of great uncertainty, the more that we can maintain some semblance of normal, the better things usually are. I think that is especially the case for the youngest among us and that of course includes all of our St. Paul School students. While life has changed significantly for them, I think it is important to note, that since the first day the students were not in school (March 16) their teachers have been actively engaging with them out of school. This is a result of the planning that our school did in anticipation that schools would be closing for a time. You can get a glimpse of that on page 3. I am so grateful and proud of our Principal and the entire faculty and staff for their efforts on behalf of the students of St. Paul's as they continue to teach them, but also give them a bit of normalcy in their lives and assure them that they are still cared for by their school family.

St. Paul School needs your support in these unprecedented times so that we can continue to teach in good times and difficult times and be a stabilizing force in our students' lives. **Specifically, there are two things that you can do to show your Lion's Pride.** First, please support **Casino Night!**, the school's auction, originally scheduled for March 28 and then rescheduled for May 16th, which is now a completely online event. Turn to page 9 to see how you can help us come as close as possible to our budgeted goal of \$75,000. The second way that you can help is by making a donation to the school's **Annual Appeal** which wraps up on June 30. Please use the envelope in the middle of this issue to make your donation. We have been able to keep all faculty and staff on the payroll, and with your help, we will be able to do that through the end of the school year, keep to our high educational standards, as well as help those families who may need additional financial assistance this year. Within the constraints that the virus may have imposed on you, please do what you can to support the students and families of St. Paul School.

As we work our way through these confusing and scary times, let us put our faith and trust in God who is always with us. I suspect that for a good number of you, you learned that most important lesson or had it reinforced at St. Paul's and that has been a help to you now. May the Lord bless and keep you and your loved ones safe and ease any fear or anxiousness that might fill your heart. Let us once again place our trust and faith in God's love and care for us. Please continue to keep the entire St. Paul School Family in your prayers as we do you.

Peace and All Good,

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