

April 3, 2020

Dear ASA Families,

Please see the attached letter explaining our response to the financial impact of our current global health crisis. Although we have made every effort to responsibly align our expenses with income, All Saints Academy is unable to generate revenue that supports staff payroll while sheltered in place. With the Governor's announcement yesterday morning we know that we will not be returning to ASA this school year. Although K-8 parents continue to faithfully pay their tuition, the loss of preschool revenue is devastating for our organization. We will need to recover nearly \$100,000 to continue to meet our financial responsibilities. This number does not reflect those who have lost wages while being temporarily laid off. It also does not reflect the loss of \$10,000-\$15,000 of fundraising that would be accomplished through our second largest fundraising event, "Eat Pray Run," which has been cancelled as a result of the COVID-19 virus and Governor Whitmer's latest Executive Order. We have set a fundraising goal of \$150,000 to provide relief in the following three ways:

- Tuition assistance for ASA families affected by the COVID-19 virus.
- Financial relief for faculty and staff experiencing temporary layoffs.
- Support for ASA community members struggling to meet their basic needs.

In a letter to the Diocese of Rome clergy on March 13, Pope Francis wrote, "The government has the duty to guarantee care and material sustenance for the people, but we have the duty to do the same for their souls. May it never be said: "I'm never going back to a church where no one came to find me when I needed help."

We at All Saints Academy have a duty to guarantee care and material sustenance for our children's education. May it never be said: "I'm never going back to a school where no one came to find me when I needed help."

You can make a difference by contributing to our [Saints Emergency Fund](#) by clicking the link above or by sending a check to All Saints Academy.

God Bless,

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Our Community Partner/Sponsor of the week is: Weatherhead and Sons



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Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent

To our All Saints Academy family:

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Greetings. We hope and pray that you and your families are healthy and happy and discovering creative ways to spend all of this unexpected quality time together.

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In these unprecedented days, the ASA community of families, parishes, staff and faculty faces unprecedented circumstances. None of us has experienced anything like this before. None of us knows exactly how to deal with it. We go day by day, sometimes hour by hour, relying on prayer for God's guidance. We rely, too, on family and friends, even if from a distance, for moral and emotional support as we weather this storm.

Each morning, at the conclusion of prayer, All Saints Academy students exclaim our root beliefs together. If you asked our students to recite them back to you, they would undoubtedly begin by telling you that "We are One." It is more than a procedural call and response. It is a strong sign that we are in this together. It is a call to prayer and action. It is a call to take care of both those in our faith community who are in need and those who continue to take care of our precious children. Our teachers and staff face the uncertainty of the future, but they soldier on, finding unique ways to teach our children remotely. At the same time, some of our families are faced with questionable or scaled-back employment and income.

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ASA as a whole will soon begin to feel the financial squeeze of the unpredictable forces enveloping us.

And so we humbly ask that you consider making a donation to our *Saints Emergency Fund*. Consider it a helping hand for staffers who are suddenly dealing with a completely unforeseen loss of income. An assist for an ASA family that is struggling to put food on the table right now. A bit of tuition aid for one of our families who can't quite make that last payment to keep their child in class next to your child. By sending in a check or donating online through asagr.org, you are helping to fill gaps created by lost tuition and a significant decrease in parish offertory while ultimately supporting our amazing staff and teachers.

We frequently refer to our "ASA Family." We mean just that. In these challenging and even frightening times, we, the ASA family, need to rise up together to offer help to our struggling family members and truly live our belief that "We are One." We will get through this challenge. Together. Because We Are One.

We thank you for your kindness and generosity. And we pray for healthy and peaceful times for your entire family.

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