



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL

*Be it known
to all who enter
that Christ
is the reason
for this school.*

509 Ballard Street
El Cajon, CA
92019-2125

April 30, 2020

Dear Holy Trinity School Parents,

As we draw near the end of week six of distance learning, it has been a difficult time for us all. I continue to be impressed by the resiliency of our school community. This pandemic has affected all of our lives. We appreciate your continued support and commitment to our school during these trying times. The Covid Crisis has created enormous challenges to the parishes and schools in our diocese. We continue to keep your families and our Holy Trinity community in our daily prayers.

In order to alleviate the financial devastation for our parishes and schools which the virus has produced, Fr. Rey, and most of our parishes in the Diocese, under the guidance and direction of the Diocese of San Diego, have applied for and received funds from the Paycheck Protection Program under the Cares Act. We are so grateful for their hard work. The goal of these loans is to stabilize our schools and parishes to preserve the jobs of our employees until the tremendous shortfalls caused by the stay-at-home effort abate.

As a Holy Trinity School and Parish, we will be following the directives of Bishop McElroy and the three goals which respond to problems generated by the Covid Crisis:

1. Providing funds for any budget shortfall for the current year that exists.
2. The establishment of a reserve fund designed to enable the school to meet the economic and/or enrollment challenges that will come over the next school year caused by the altered environment Covid has created.
3. Individualized financial assistance to our school parents who have been impacted by the pandemic and need tuition reductions. No across the board discounts or reductions can be established, both because such policies do not target those families in greatest need and because such discounts destabilize neighboring schools who cannot afford them.

Based on these three goals, Fr. Rey and I are in agreement that the loan funds will be spent immediately for payroll, medical benefits, and other forgiveness eligible costs during the next eight weeks. The closure of our preschool and loss of tuition collection for all of our preschool students has significantly impacted our budget. We are so grateful for all the parents that have continued to pay their tuition and for all of our dedicated teachers working long hours.

Although our school campus will remain closed until the end of the school year, we will still be planning creative virtual activities to connect and build community while in distance learning. We look forward to when we can see all of our families again. As soon as we are able to come together again, we will

(619) 444-7529
Email: principal@holytrinityhawks.com
Web: www.holytrinityschoolcajon.com

share more detailed information about ceremonial end-of-year activities to celebrate our 8th graders and Holy Trinity School families. Our hearts truly go out to our 8th grade students/families during this challenging time. We have various activities and special recognition opportunities that we hope will make your last few months as a Holy Trinity Hawk special and memorable during this unique time.

Please continue to communicate openly with our school office about submitting your Parent Agreement for School Enrollment for 2020-2021. We are open and willing to accept registration payments into the summer. As mentioned in previous communication, we understand the impact that the Covid Crisis has had on our lives, especially financially. However, we want you to know that we are willing to work with families on an individualized basis knowing no two households are alike. We care for you, we are here for you, and truly value you and your family.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support to our school!

Together In Christ,

Mrs. Julia Marentez, Principal
Fr. Rey Manahan, Pastor