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Dear Families of Immaculate Conception Parish School:

Each generation of people experience major breakthroughs and accomplishments while simultaneously suffering catastrophic unimaginable tragedies. I cannot help remembering my virtual annual physical examination during this pandemic, when my doctor stated, “whatever happens in the world - faith is constant.” No matter what challenge, difficulty, or tragedy occurred in the journey to the moon, the astronauts navigated toward the moon using the North Star because it was a constant.

We can find God’s three gifts of constancy: faith, hope, and charity. They bring true justice, mercy, and peace. He is known as the Great Healer and gives to those who seek His love. When you search the scriptures, you will read that Our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ miraculously heals a person and says, “Your faith has healed you.” Faith is such a precious gift from God. Faith is an intimate trust that can only be fully experienced in a relationship with a person. When you can find someone you can trust, you have found someone more precious than any earthly gem because it has immeasurable value. When you discover and experience the love of the three persons of the Most Holy Trinity, you will find the love and truth which you have been searching for your entire life. Christ’s love casts out all fear and carries his followers through the eye of the storm.

Just as there is almost infinite information found within Wi-Fi and Internet, there is an infinite and eternal love within each person’s being. God loves you with such an immeasurable love and cannot be fathomed on this earth. The desire of this love is to lead you and me to what is already within us.

One of the most beloved scriptural lines found in Genesis, 5:1-2 “When God created man, he made him in the likeness of God. Male and female he created them, and he blessed them.” We are all God’s children and when we seek the wisdom of Christ, we find the One who conquered sin and death. When we ask and seek for answers to the mysteries and difficulties of life, Our Lord Jesus tells us according to the Gospel of Matthew Chapter 7:16 “You will know them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorns, or figs from thistles?” Let us seek the tree that bears good fruit. The Holy Spirit produces love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, and faithfulness.

When a person chooses to seek justice through emotional based thinking, the person can produce bad fruit. The emotional zeal can cast out all faith and reason. In my days as a young man I received wise and sound advice from a friend to guide me in my life. He said, “Be careful! You become like what you hate.” Therefore, I concluded I can become like what I love. Who do I love? I can only say; let us ask, seek, and knock on the door of the Holy Family of Nazareth to

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receive and share this immeasurable love in our home, in our community, our nation, and in our world. This is the love to start each day. Please join me each morning to pray the Our Father and Hail Mary and let us put our trust in the “Good Shepherd.” Jesus, I Trust in You!

May the Blessed Mother wrap her protective mantle around your family and bring you to Our Lord Jesus Christ!

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