Date: November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Topic: Faculty and Parent Update

Good morning faculty, staff and families,

I hope this email finds you all in good health! As we get closer to the holiday break, I find myself having conversations about the school's plans around the holidays and questions regarding travel with faculty, parents, and fellow Catholic school administrators. We do plan on following the normal school calendar during this time, but, as is always the case this year, please know we reserve the right to change the calendar as circumstances dictate.

Please also note there are currently no travel <u>restrictions</u> for North Carolina. However, as a community of faith grounded in concern for others, we did send out earlier this year The Franciscan School Covid-19 Family Honor Code, found <u>here</u>. If there are any concerns about exposure during your travels over Thanksgiving or Christmas, please err on the side of caution and quarantine at home. We are happy to accommodate your children during this time with our distance program.

We have had a very good year with, thankfully, no COVID19 cases among our students on campus. Our faculty and staff have remained COVID—free, with one exception, and we have maintained a safe and healthy atmosphere at school; we want to continue that record! We appreciate your cooperation and your concern for others in helping us be so successful this year.

Please keep an eye out for communications around our traditional holiday events coming soon, including our Passage Home Food Drive and the Faculty and Staff Christmas Fund! Also, please look in Tidbits next week for information on the next Principal's Forum.

Thanks for your patience and partnership, and we wish you all a safe and relaxing next few weeks as we close out our first trimester of academics!

With much appreciation,

Michael Watson, Principal The Franciscan School