



## Important Message from President Barnes and Incoming President Dr. LeRoy

**June 2, 2020**

Dear Families:

On May 25, the world watched in horror as George Floyd's life was brutally taken at the hands of police officers in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Since then, we have watched our city, our country, and our world react to this tragedy with emotions ranging from prayerful sorrow to deep-seeded anger. We have seen transformative acts of love and compassion juxtaposed against horrific acts of violence.

We stand with our global Lasallian Catholic community in praying for Mr. Floyd, his family, and his loved ones, as we pray for the victims of racial injustice and violence everywhere. We pray for peace in our community, and in our hearts, as we stand resolutely against abhorrent acts of racism and violence. We remain committed to upholding our Lasallian Core Principles of respect for all persons, inclusive community, concern for the poor and social justice, and quality education. Above all, we take solace in knowing that we are all united in the holy presence of God.

In February of 2017, school leaders crafted a Diversity and Inclusion Statement to encapsulate the school's commitment to diversity and inclusion that reads, in part, "*We envision a community that goes beyond the tolerance of difference to one that is guided by social justice, cultural competence and engaged citizenship where all voices are respected and valued. We believe that inclusivity is essential to building a stronger Christian Brothers community and achieving the standards of excellence to which we aspire.*"

Our work as educators and leaders is now more important than ever. We strive for, and work toward, a world in which every community goes beyond tolerance of differences to one that is guided by social justice, cultural competence and engaged citizenship where all voices are respected and valued. We pray that every community recognizes inclusivity as essential to building a better world.

[Click here](#) to find the Prayer of St. Francis. We hope that it gives you comfort and peace during this difficult time.

Live Jesus in our Hearts!

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