

We must overcome all forms of racism, of intolerance and of the instrumentalization of the human person.
-Pope Francis via twitter, @Pontifex

On this Pentecost Sunday and in the wake of the senseless death of George Floyd, we ask our entire community to join together in prayer, inviting the Holy Spirit to undo systems of injustice and heal hearts.

As a Catholic Lasallian community, we value the human dignity of all and know that our work is not done until every individual is valued.

Dear Families,

Since early March, we have been confined to our homes, and many have faced significant loss. The murder of Mr. George Floyd once again tragically points to the profoundly ingrained toxic elements in our society of racism, injustice, and inequality for black Americans. On Pentecost Sunday, we communicated a call for prayer and support of human dignity. St. John's will stand in solidarity with our African American students, families, alumni, and friends.

We are reminded of our tumultuous path to salvation in these difficult times. Brother Luke Salm, FSC, Lasallian scholar, theologian, and teacher wrote:

Every human being needs to be saved from failure and disintegration of every kind...by ignorance and error, through betrayal of others and ourselves, by resistance and outrage against God...If failure in its various forms is the negative side of salvation, surely the positive side comes through fulfillment and reconciliation – knowledge instead of ignorance, happiness instead of grief, relationship instead of loneliness, wholeness in place of fragmentation, justice instead of injustice...love instead of hate, and life instead of death; then the ultimate fulfillment of eternal life with God.

As Lasallians, we strive to weave hope and love through acceptance, inclusivity, and an understanding of justice's explicit recognition for all people. We will continue to value our diversity and model justice for the St. John's community to embody.

Our students must know that we are with them, to help them with questions, anxiety, and uncertainty. Our counselors and administrators are available now and throughout the summer.

Please reach out to your child's grade-level counselor or a member of the administration if you need support. We hope your children find comfort in knowing that as always, we are here for them. I will continue to pray for your family and our community. Live Jesus in our hearts...

Sincerely,

Christopher Themistos
Principal