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Walking Together in Solidarity



## STILL TOGETHER IN SOLIDARITY

**St. John Baptist de La Salle Catholic School, Addis Ababa, Ethiopia**

“The impact of coronavirus helps us to reflect more about the importance of our ministry. Many parents are strongly challenged to handle their children at home.”

— *Brother Kassu Fantaye, FSC, Principal*

### THE IMPACT

Coronavirus is affecting the social and spiritual health of the school's students, teachers and parents/guardians. Some of the parents/guardians could not pay the school fees because their income is impacted. Churches and mosques are still closed, except the Ethiopian Orthodox churches. There is a push to allow worshipping and praying in mosques and churches.

### LOOKING AHEAD

There is no indication of when the academic year will start. The Ministry of Health planned to administer 200,000 tests in August. The results will guide the decision for when to allow schools to open. Brother Kassu fears that if they open before a vaccine is available, students will become infected and the school will have to close. The biggest challenge will be keeping students who have HIV from getting sick.

**Continue to pray for your twinned ministry!**

*\*Update from August 8*