

# STILL TOGETHER IN SOLIDARITY

## UPDATES FROM ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL, ADDIS ABABA



### STATUS

After being closed for seven months, St. Joseph's is open on a shift system. Half of the school's 1,797 students attend on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, while the other half attends on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Only academic instruction is permitted due to tight restrictions, which means sports, clubs and other activities are not allowed. Students, teachers and staff are required to wear masks at all times. Sanitizing stations are available. Every morning the health precautions are broadcast throughout the school.



### IMPACT



Some students, particularly in grades 11 and 12, returned to school showing signs of depression as a result of the prolonged isolation. The school has appointed a counselor to help them. The teachers are teaching six days a week and are becoming exhausted. They do not get prolonged breaks. For example, the Ethiopian academic year only allows two days for Christmas break.



### DONATIONS

St. Joseph's most urgent need is funding to support scholarship students. Generous alumni provided scholarships for economically needy students to attend school. However, many of them live on the verge of starvation, and the school has to feed them. Recent twinning donations have been used to buy food for scholarship students. Another need is a multi-purpose hall so larger events, including organizing the state exams, are not impacted by weather since they are currently held outdoors. The school is also in need of computers for teachers and students so they can develop e-learning and teach students when they are not in school.

**"Although we are separated by thousands of miles of land and ocean and by differences in culture and even language, we are one family in Saint John Baptist de La Salle. His vision and his charism unite us. For us in St. Joseph's Addis Ababa, the knowledge that we have partners, friends, brothers and sisters in RELAN gives us hope and strength. God Bless you all. Live Jesus in our hearts ... Forever!"**

*-Brother Daniel Carlin, FSC, Principal*

**Brother Daniel and his students are able to connect by video, subject to the internet connection. Contact Brother Daniel at [brdpcarlin@gmail.com](mailto:brdpcarlin@gmail.com) to schedule a time and platform.**

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