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Dear Family and Friends of Maryvale,

In light of the growing concerns and ongoing developments surrounding the coronavirus (COVID-19), I want to reassure you that Maryvale is doing everything in our power to plan and respond to the coronavirus pandemic.

Our leadership is regularly reviewing actions we are currently taking and discussing our next steps, which may or may not be necessary, out of an abundance of caution. During these challenging and unprecedented times, we rely on our Vincentian Core Values of *Respect, Compassionate Service, Simplicity, Advocacy for the Poor and Inventiveness to Infinity*, to guide our decisions. Inspired by our Mission, we take seriously our responsibility of remaining proactive and taking the necessary precautions to protect the well-being of the children and families we serve as well as our staff.

We will continue to closely monitor recommendations from the County Department of Public Health, California Department of Education, Community Care Licensing and others. We are also in constant communication with our sister agencies, as we all work to respond in the most effective and compassionate way possible. As this situation remains fluid, we will be providing you with updates as they become available.

I invite you to please join us in prayer for the health and well-being of each other, our clients, students, families and our global community:

***Our Divine Physician***

*Lord Jesus Christ, our Divine Physician,  
we ask you to guide and protect us  
from Coronavirus COVID-19 and all serious illnesses.  
For all that have died from it, have mercy;  
for those that are ill now, bring healing.  
For those searching for a remedy, enlighten them;  
for medical caregivers helping the sick, strengthen and shield them.  
For those working to contain the spread, grant them success;  
for those afraid, grant peace.  
May your precious blood be our defense and salvation.  
By your grace, may you turn the evil of disease into moments of consolation and hope.  
May we always fear the contagion of sin more than any illness.  
We abandon ourselves to your infinite mercy. Amen.*

- Pedro de la Cruz

Blessings,

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