

## 2020-2021 | Continued Commitment to Community

## Good afternoon,

This is hard. We are living amidst a pandemic and an incredibly divisive time in our nation's history. The hurt experienced by members of our community as a result of Saturday's homily reminds us of the urgency to build each other up. And, we know that our community covers a wide spectrum of perspectives, and that for some of you, your hurt is far deeper than this single event.

We believe that every member of our community is a child of God, born with inherent dignity and purpose, that contributes to our human family and our Falcon Family. As Catholics, we draw upon the words of St. Paul, recognizing that in our diversity, we are members of one body: "But God has so constructed the body as to give greater honor to a part that is without it, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the parts may have the same concern for one another. If [one] part suffers, all the parts suffer with it; if one part is honored, all the parts share its joy. Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it."

As Administrators, we take seriously the care of your child who has been entrusted to us and commit to foster an environment at Divine Child where all students feel supported and are guided on the path to become true disciples of Jesus. We know that the work to grow as a community in love is one that requires constant humility and truly holds no finish line. Guided by the teachings of Christ, we seek to become leaders in these divisive times who look for God's wisdom to unite us.

We also recognize that the call to leadership demands purposeful action on our part. Know that we welcome your voice, as this work toward inclusion requires understanding of, and engagement from, our entire community.

Please continue to pray for us and our parish as we work with one another to strengthen our relationships through meaningful action, grounded in God's compassion, mercy, and love.

In God's Peace,

Divine Child Catholic School's Administration

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