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**March 19, 2020 Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Dear St. Charles Parish and School Families,

We recently learned that a guest at our First Reconciliation at St. Charles Borromeo on March 11<sup>th</sup> has tested positive for COVID-19. Although the guest that tested positive did not exhibit symptoms on the day of the event, the guest tested positive the following day. We have been advised that the guest is doing well and has only minor symptoms.

We are grateful to the family for alerting us, particularly given that the individual was not experiencing symptoms during the event. While we know there are many places people could have been exposed before and after the event, we wanted to make sure you have this information as soon as possible.

The health and safety of everyone who is a part of our faith community is of great importance to us. That is why, out of an abundance of caution, we have arranged for a deep cleaning of our school and church, both of which will remain closed until the cleaning has been completed.

While we have no indication of a risk of infection at our school or church, we are taking these precautionary measures as part of our ongoing efforts to ensure the wellbeing of our entire faith community. We have been advised that this matter was reported to the LA County Department of Public Health. We are in communication with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and the Public Health Department to ensure that we are taking all the appropriate steps to address this situation.

The following are some helpful resources from the LA County Department of Health regarding COVID-19:

What you need to know:

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/CoronavirusInfographicEnglish.pdf>

FAQs: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/FAQ.pdf>

COVID-19 preparedness resources for faith-based organizations:

<http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/GuidanceFaithBasedOrgsEnglish.pdf>

What if I'm exposed: <http://www.publichealth.lacounty.gov/media/Coronavirus/FAQ-Exposure.pdf>

We are respecting the privacy of the guest involved and will not be releasing the guest's name. If you feel any of the symptoms associated with the COVID-19, please contact your doctor for further instructions.

We will keep everyone impacted by these events in our prayers.

During this journey of Lent, may we continue trusting in our Lord Jesus who is our hope in the midst of these trying times. Please be assured that we will continue to inform you if anything changes.

The disinfecting of our Church, school, offices, and service center has been added as an abundance of caution for the well-being of our parish family.

St. Joseph Pray for Us.

Gratefully,



Fr. Jose Magana  
Pastor



Mr. John Genova  
Principal

Be at peace, God will Provide.