



CANISIUS HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Canisius Parents and Guardians,

Greetings and peace.

You and your family have been very much in my thoughts and prayer these days as we find a new way of being and learning together in these challenging days. I hope your sons are engaging well with the eLearning Plans. I have been encouraged by the level of thoughtful learning taking place this week. There has been very positive feedback.

I write to you now about finances. While I am confident the economy will recover in time, we know that many are now experiencing financial hardship. Others may experience challenges in the months ahead. Our Canisius families will not be spared from this hardship. So, with the support of the Chairman of our Board of Trustees, Mr. Robert J. Reger, Jr.'66, I share the following information with you:

- No current Canisius student will be asked to leave Canisius for financial reasons related to COVID-19. Whether your son is a freshman, sophomore, junior or senior, we will work with you to get him through to graduation. We entered into a partnership when you entrusted the education and care of your son to Canisius. Canisius has, for 150 years now, honored this commitment to generations of students and their families. This time will be no different.
- If you are presently experiencing financial difficulty that makes it impossible for you to make your final tuition payment at this time, please email Matthew Carver '94, VP of Finance at carver@canisiushigh.org and please copy me at ciancimino@canisiushigh.org. You may also call me at 200.0201. As always, communication regarding finances will be held in confidence. Depending on your situation, you may be able to defer payments or receive emergency financial aid which will help meet tuition obligations for the year.

- If your financial situation is such that you lack the resources for adequate food for you and your family, please reach out to me immediately. We have resources to assist you.

I cannot emphasize more strongly the need for honest, clear and timely information related to financial issues caused by COVID-19. We want to help Canisius families who need assistance.

Please do not hesitate to reach out to Mr. Carver or me to discuss your concerns. Some families may need to file adjusted financial aid applications for next year. Mr. Carver stands ready to assist you if you need to do so. Again, he may be reached at carver@canisiushigh.org or 200.0256.

This could very well be a significant commitment on Canisius's part. I am confident that working together we can meet this need. We will do what needs to be done to provide ongoing support for affected families. For those not experiencing financial difficulty, your timely payments and ongoing support for Canisius are essential to maintaining health and strength. Thank you for doing your part to keep Canisius strong and healthy.

Rest assured that the faculty, staff, administration and trustees at Canisius High School continue to work diligently to ensure we deliver a high-quality Jesuit education to your sons. An education of which we may all be justly proud. We look forward to seeing your sons back in the halls of Canisius, but until then we remain committed to our mission and delivering on our promise to each and every student.

With continued prayers and gratitude,

Fr. David Ciancimino, S.J.
President