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Notre Dame Family,

One of the most challenging stories that the Lord Jesus tells in the Gospels is the story of the rich man and Lazarus (Luke 16:19-31). In the story, Jesus talks about a rich man, dressed in the finest clothes, with plenty to eat. At his door was a poor man named Lazarus, who was covered with sores, waiting to eat the leftovers from the rich man's table. In the end, both died. Lazarus was carried to heaven, while the rich man was sent to the netherworld and tortured. In this story, we do not know anything about the faith of each person, we do not know how dedicated to God they were or if they kept up their prayer life. All we know is there was a person in need (Lazarus) and a person who had the means to help him (the rich man) and didn't. The Lord Jesus is telling us how serious the sin of indifference is; it is such a grave sin, that it can send us to eternal punishment, because we did not help the person in need.

As we celebrate Catholic Schools week, our guest speaker, Fr. Luke Leighton spoke to the Notre Dame students, faculty and staff about the attitude of apathy and indifference. As Christians, the Lord Jesus has called us to help those in need, in distress and who feel lost and abandoned. Which behavior are we modeling for our youth? One in which we do not care about the needs of the person in need? Or one in which we act as the Lord Jesus, in which we are the hands, eyes, mouth and heart of the Lord to those in need? Our salvation depends on our response.

Family, it gives me great joy to announce that we have hired our next football coach, Mr. Chasen Gempeler, who has also been hired as our PE/Weight Training Coach. We have also hired Mr. Evan Palmer to be the Assistant to our Athletic Director, Rory Carlton. We hope to have Coach Gemp and Mr. Palmer on our Podcast soon. On our Podcast, we recently had 2 of our Seniors on our Podcast, talking about their experiences here at Notre Dame, along with their interests and likes, talking about their lives outside of school and their plans for the future.

Recently our Student Ambassadors and staff went to visit and promote Notre Dame at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic School in Alta Loma, as well as St. Francis de Sales Catholic School in Riverside. This year, we have been able to visit every Catholic school from Upland to San Jacinto in Riverside County, along with some schools in San Bernardino County. In addition, we had our Discover ND event, along with ICSL, in which we had



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students from various Catholic Schools participate in sports. From this, we had some families tour the campus and talk to our Student Ambassadors.

Finally, with help from the Shea Foundation, we started the repainting of the outside of our gymnasium. Please be on the lookout on our website and social media pages for updates on the finished gym. We also wish to thank all those who donated to establish a Marian Grotto near the front of the Administrative Offices. If you have not yet donated, please call the main offices to find out how you can donate.

As always, I ask that you continue to pray for Notre Dame, as well as myself. Remember that I pray for the entire Notre Dame Family, daily. As I tell the students, faculty and staff, and all of you, we are made in God's image and likeness and that makes us good, beautiful and holy and the ultimate purpose of our lives in heaven. We walk together on the journey, because "We are ND!" Our Lady of Victory, pray for us.

Manuel Cardoza
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