



September 4, 2019

Dear Members of the Charger Family,

What a summer it has been! Br. Thomas Harding, FSC, our President these past five years, has moved on to his next assignment. He has left us in good working order and poised for a time of robust growth in terms of enrollment and financial stability. In late June our beloved Coach Gene Pingatore passed away, leaving us to understand ever more deeply the legacy he has created for us in the first 59 years of our mission as a Lasallian high school. And now we are celebrating our sixtieth birthday with several observances and celebrations. It is my honor to succeed Brother Thomas as president of St. Joseph High School as we plan for the next chapter in our history. We are laying the groundwork for "Sixty and Beyond."

Please allow me to thank you for the substantial generosity that so many have shared with us for our work of educating the young men and women who choose St. Joe's for their high school education. Without your help, many of these students would not be able to afford our \$10,250 tuition along with the necessary fees we charge.

As you know, we are sponsored by the Christian Brothers of the Midwest. Their generosity these past several years has kept us going. The Brothers have invested over two million dollars in St. Joseph High School, a sign of their commitment and dedication to our mission. But this level of help is no longer sustainable. It is time for us to step up and continue our mission as a school community. Though ready to move into our next sixty years, we must immediately raise nearly half a million dollars in the next several months. We have plans to make this happen, and will be asking you to contribute as you can.

We will be inviting many of our alumni and supporters to a series of conversations beginning in September. These conversations will allow us to create and implement an intentional and purposeful plan to help our stakeholders understand deeply our immediate needs and our plans to ensure and grow our financial stability for the next sixty years.

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The world has changed much in 60 years, and we have adapted to meet the needs of today's students. And yet the core of St. Joe's, our fundamental values, remains the same. Our Lasallian Principles remain:

Concern for the Poor and Social Justice
Faith in the Presence of God
Quality Education for All
Respect for All Persons
Inclusive Community.

We are currently studying our curriculum with an eye to updating it to prepare our students for a world none of us can imagine. The coming generations of Chargers will experience the same community of warmth and support that past generations name as the best gift of St. Joseph High School. Friendships forged here last a lifetime. Faith is sustained, and self-confidence is inculcated through the daily work of classroom, athletics, and co-curriculars. This is what St. Joseph High School has imparted to several generations of Chargers. Please God, and with your help, we will continue to do so.

St. John Baptist de La Salle, pray for us!
St. Joseph, pray for us!
Live Jesus in our hearts, forever!

Most gratefully,



Ronald Hoover, Ed.D.
President/Principal