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To our Grade 6 and Grade 10 students, my warmest congratulations to you on your graduation and completion of your basic education!

As all special occasions that are celebrated in our culture, April 3 would have been a day that was celebrated with merriment and cheer—a day of good food enjoyed in the company of family and close friends. However, that was not the case. We, together with numerous countries around the world, find ourselves in the midst of a global health crisis.

The COVID-19 pandemic is an unprecedented health emergency, affecting people from all walks of life—spanning all ages, socioeconomic status, and backgrounds. It has brought a host of challenges to many aspects of our lives and it has radically changed the way we live. However, I believe that our current situation is not entirely bleak and depressing.

We are witness to the everyday sacrifice and bravery of our frontliners in the medical and uniformed fields. We have seen local and multinational organizations launch campaigns and initiatives to help those who have been unable to provide for themselves and their families at this time. Even more heartwarming are the countless stories of ordinary citizens who have shown an unreserved and ready willingness to help other people in their own, small ways. In these many acts of kindness, we are reminded of the importance of serving selflessly and putting the welfare of others above our own in spite of and especially in adversity.



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I have no doubts that even at an early age, your Lasallian education has instilled in you an indomitable spirit of compassion and service. I hope that this time will give you an opportunity to reflect on the many things that you have been blessed with and the ways that you can use these to help and serve others. Always remember that no good deed is small if it is done in the spirit of concern and kindness.

Again, my congratulations to you and may you continue to make God and our country proud!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bjorn S. Santos".

Dr. Bjorn S. Santos
President