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TO: DLSZ School Community

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President

RE: DLSZ's Continuity of Learning Plan: Update #2

May the month of May shower you all with special blessings of peace and healing from the Blessed Mother whose love and care for God's children overflows! As we celebrate this special month of devotion to Mary, let us also remember the mothers in our community who continue to bring light to this world through their nurturing love and abiding hope for their children.

DLSZ remains hopeful for the future as we move forward with the <u>Continuity of</u> <u>Learning Plan</u>. We wish to update everyone on some important items that we have laid out in the Plan. Kindly see the attached document for your better appreciation. Since this is a work in progress, please expect more details in the next Update.

At this point, we would like to mention that the kind of Online Distance Learning (ODL) that we intend to deliver will definitely include Lasallian formation and leadership activity modules that promote spiritual and moral development of our students. These modules and small reflection packets will be interspersed with their lessons or taken separately as a synchronous session with a formator.

Relative to the recent announcement of Department of Education (DepED) on the August school opening, we would like to inform everyone that DLSZ will start the onboarding of parents and students for the ODL in the third week of June. This is in preparation for the actual roll out of ODL in July. As we have communicated in the past and reiterated in the Continuity of Learning Plan, DLSZ has seven (7) years of head start in the use of Blended Learning and this has given our faculty and students from Grade 5 to Senior High School the advantage of utilizing technology systems and online resources for learning. Even with this solid background, the administration and the teachers are still working hard to make sure that the transition of teaching and learning to pure online mode will be seamless. We also give special attention and care to our preparations for the ODL of the Pre-Kinder to Grade 4 since they have minimal experience in Blended Learning unlike those in the upper levels. The Grade School Principal, together with her academic council and several volunteer teachers, has been trying out Learning Management Systems that would best serve the needs of our young Lasallians.

As we approach the possible lifting of the Enhanced Community Quarantine (ECQ) and the implementation of the General Community Quarantine (GCQ), let us remain steadfast in our faith that God is looking upon us with favor and that a Covid-19 vaccine will soon be made available for everyone especially the children, who are the most vulnerable in our society.