



**NOTRE
DAME**
High School
— Fairfield —

always a
LANCER

Dear Lancers,

Notre Dame High School is proud to launch a new initiative called **Always a Lancer**. Given the intense challenges that we are all confronting, the administrative team at Notre Dame believes that we need to engage our community by instilling *hope* and *opportunities for connection and bonding*. Our campaign will offer several different types of programs. We truly hope that you will walk with us in this new initiative and that members of our Lancer family will rise from this hardship stronger than ever. How can we fail with Mother Mary watching out for us!

Always a Lancer started with a community Mass on Sunday, March 29th.

I am pleased to announce our next effort is focused on doing good within our Lancer family and spreading that hope to local neighborhoods. Today, we launch the **Always a Lancer Fund** which will be used to underwrite the following 'good' within our Notre Dame community:

- *Through our Campus Ministry program, donations will be sent on behalf of our Notre Dame family to community groups who are working to serve and care for others during these difficult times.* This would include health care professionals, first responders, shelter staff or store employees. The items we donate would be purchased from ND family-owned businesses as much as possible. For example, this week the ND staff is purchasing food from ND family-owned Jimmy's Apizza in Milford, CT and having it delivered to the Operation Home staff in Fairfield, CT. Even as we experience hurt and worry, there are many individuals putting their families and health at risk by continuing to fight for the greater good. We will do our small part by providing small tokens of appreciation for their efforts.
- *Food delivery e-gift cards will be given to current families who have been hardest hit financially as a result of the pandemic.* The ND Food Pantry would typically be a resource for these families so this would be a welcome alternative.
- *Notre Dame tuition relief will be offered to eligible families who have experienced job loss directly related to COVID-19.* Covering tuition is a sacrifice for many in ordinary times. During these extraordinary times, the Lancer family needs to rally to help its own.

If you are in a position to contribute toward this initiative, [please click here](#). The need is immediate and we can do *such good* so if you are able, we humbly ask you to act now.

Whether you are able to help with a monetary donation or not, we ask everyone to keep in their prayers our families, as well as the broader community, who truly need to feel God's presence as we confront such uncertainty in our lives.

Wishing God's grace, peace and love to each of us. Stay safe!

Sincerely,

Christopher Cipriano
Principal