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Dear Chairpersons of Parent Teacher Associations of Lasallian Schools,

I am sure you are all happy and relieved to learn that schools would reopen by phases from 27 May 2020. I can assure you that the teachers are all eagerly looking forward to receiving your children and resuming normal teaching and learning after such a long period of interruption.

The interruption has indeed caused serious problems with normal school life and activities. One of the casualties is the Hong Kong Lasallian Mission Fund Annual Raffle for 2020.

We started the first annual raffle within the Lasallian Family in 2014 to support the various educational and formation programmes run by the De La Salle Brothers. Through the strong support of the eight schools, the annual raffle is now an established activity of the Family. It is the primary source of finance for the Mission Fund and generates about \$700,000 every year in the past three years.

The funds raised are used to support Lasallian formation activities and projects such as:

- The Asia Pacific Lasallian Educators Congress (for administrators and teachers)
- The Asia Pacific Lasallian Youth Congress (for young Lasallians)
- The Lasallian Women's Symposium
- Support of New Brothers coming to Hong Kong
- China Outreach Project run by Brother David Liao
- Religious statues in the schools, especially of St. John Baptist de La Salle
- Publication of Hong Kong Lasallian Family Bulletin, the Gateway.
- Occasional sponsoring of needy Lasallian schools outside Hong Kong, such as the Bamboo School in Thailand



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I attach a link to a video which will enable you to have a better understanding of the work done by the De La Salle Brothers in Hong Kong and the use of the Mission Fund :https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICSWfJL0B4A&feature=emb_title

The annual raffle is usually run around Easter. We had plans to organize the 2020 Raffle along the usual pattern. The school closure due to the corona virus problem has made this impossible. Given that schools will now reopen later than we envisaged and schools will be very busy with a lot of outstanding priority tasks before the end of the school year, we have accepted that we would not be able to run the raffle for 2019-20. The annual raffle would resume next year, around Easter 2021.

Cancellation of this year's raffle will have serious consequences for our finances. The Family needs the proceeds generated by the annual raffle to maintain the numerous programmes that we are running. To try to make up for some of the loss from the raffle income, we would like to appeal for voluntary contributions from the five Lasallian Alumni Associations and the Parent Teacher Associations of our eight schools. We are confident that the generous support from the Alumni Associations and the Parent Teacher Associations would help us greatly and enable the Family to continue with the work that we have been doing.

Any donation over \$100 made to the Hong Kong Lasallian Mission Fund is tax deductible. Please send donations by crossed cheques, payable to The Hong Kong Lasallian Mission Fund, and addressed to The Hong Kong Lasallian Education Council, 18 La Salle Road, Kowloon, Hong Kong. You can also deposit your donation direct into the Mission Fund Account (Hang Seng Bank (Bank Code 024), Account number 294-266200-001) and send us a copy of the bank receipt. Official receipts will be issued.

With special thanks and best wishes for a happy Feast of Saint La Salle,

Bro Patrick Tierney



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香港喇沙會學校家教會主席們:

得悉學校將會由 5 月 27 日起有序地復課, 我相信你們都會感到歡欣及釋懷。我確信我們的老師都期望能早日和你們的子女重享正常的課堂學習及會努力追回受影響的課程。停課確實對學校的運作帶來種種困難, 香港喇沙會教育慈善基金的獎券籌款也因此未能進行。

從 2014 年起, 我們每年都舉辦喇沙會教育慈善基金獎券籌款, 用作推廣由喇沙會修士主辦的教育, 培訓及靈修項目。很感恩的是每次籌款活動都得到大家的支持。獎券籌款現已成為喇沙會教育慈善基金的主要收入來源, 過去三年, 我們每年都籌得約七十萬元, 主要用作支援本地及國際喇沙會的教育, 培訓及靈修項目, 如:

- 亞洲太平洋區喇沙教育工作者會議 (資助各校校長及老師參加)
- 亞洲太平洋區喇沙青年議會 (資助各校中學同學參加)
- 國際喇沙會婦女研討會
- 中國喇沙會長教學習中心 (廖樂年修士於廣東梅州創辦)
- 支援新來港修士
- 資助各校設置聖像及相關宗教設施
- 資助承印香港喇沙會期刊 (The Gateway)
- 支援國際喇沙會有急切需要的人道教育項目 (如泰緬邊境教導緬甸難民子女的 Bamboo School) 等

(請點擊以下連結, 閱覽我們的願景及喇沙會慈善基金協助下推展的項目:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ICSWfJL0B4A&feature=emb_title)

喇沙會教育慈善基金獎券籌款通常在復活節時舉行。今年學校因疫情停課多時, 而今復課在即, 學校故然要忙於作出各種準備及安排, 同學及家長亦要時間作適當的配合。我們為了不影響學校復課及同學的學習, 決定取消今年的獎券籌款, 轉而直接向各家教會及舊生會籌募捐款。這決定可能會嚴重影響慈善基金的財政狀況, 但我們充滿信心, 在家長及舊生們慷慨支持下, 我們仍能如願繼續推展各種有意義的工作。

香港喇沙會教育慈善基金是法定慈善團體, 一百元或以上之捐款可以免稅。捐款請以劃綫支票 (抬頭為 The Hong Kong Lasallian Mission Fund) 寄往: 九龍喇沙利道十八號, 香港喇沙教育議會。捐款亦可直接存入基金於恆生銀行戶口 (294-266200-001)。銀行收據請郵寄上址, 以便我們發出正式收據。家教會亦可和學校商討, 統籌收集捐款。

適逢今天是聖若翰喇沙紀念日, 在此祝願各位身心康泰, 事事順意!

百德修士

香港喇沙會會長

2020 年 5 月 15 日