

October 11, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians,

May Our Lady of Fatima bring PEACE to our hearts, our country, and our world and especially to those suffering from the recent natural disasters and the tragedy in Los Vegas!

Last month, our students were generous beyond words as we celebrated Mary's birthday with a special collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Since then, we have all witnessed more horrible devastation and an avalanche of destruction, especially in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Relief efforts are really slow in coming and it is hard to imagine what it is like to be without even water or electricity for such a long time.

The National Catholic Education Association (NCEA) has launched a "Student to Student" Campaign where students in Catholic Schools across the entire United States will join in a united response to the recent hurricane victims.

As we did before, I would like our donations to be a gift for Mary's suffering children, especially in Puerto Rico. Thus, to honor her on October 13, the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of her final visit to the 3 children at Fatima, we will have a "silent" collection of at least one dollar each child to be joined with the "Student to Student" Campaign across the nation. We have been spared so much suffering during the past few weeks. Let us join in gratitude for our blessings and in prayer for our brothers and sisters enduring incredible pain. May we bring joy and hope to these very broken communities.

Thank you for your generosity and support. God bless you!

In Mary, Gratefully,

Sister Mary Anne Sweeney IHM Principal