Many of you are asking, how are the children and their families?

Holy Family Ministries is complying with all CDC guidelines and State of Illinois mandates, and as a result, closed all of our programs including Holy Family School, Adventures in Learning and Little Learners Academy at the end of the school day on Monday, March 16th. At this time, all public and private schools in Illinois are closed through Tuesday, April 7th.

We are reaching out to families to be sure they participate in the CPS food box distribution, containing three days of breakfast and lunch for each student, at no charge to the family. Families in our service area are some of the hardest hit economically by the current business shut-down and lack of daytime child care. We are in close touch with our parents, many who have been laid off or given reduced hours of work.

We continue to provide academic opportunities for our children on a remote basis, and mitigate any negative impact on our students caused by these extraordinary circumstances. Students went home with learning packets from their teachers, who are assisting them remotely. Teachers and faculty are working tirelessly to help Holy Family students continue to excel academically, and stay on track for the school year. The Board of Directors created an “immediate need” initiative to purchase 100 Chrome books, to promote online learning at home for children who currently do not have access to a computer.

Continued support at this time means so much for our children and families, as they face great uncertainty ahead, and heightened risk and vulnerability. Thank you for helping us be there for our children. Holy Family is needed now, more than ever, to help close the gap for our community.

If you have questions or need information about a donation that you would like to make, or one you have made recently, please contact Cynthia Schmidt, Chief Development Officer at cschmidt@hfm.org or feel free to call her on cell at 630-306-3157.

Please feel free to contact me at ccollins@hfm.org for any program related questions.

We will be sharing updates as we can in the weeks ahead. We are truly blessed to have your continued prayers, compassion and support.

As we "shelter at home", the Psalmist reminds us that we reside in the Shelter of the Most High - HE is our refuge and our strength.

With appreciation,

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