



## **Saint Theresa School**

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Dear Friends, Supporters, Alumni and Families of St. Theresa School,

As COVID-19 continues to spread, the future has never felt so unpredictable. These are challenging times for us all, and we hope you're in good spirits and health! Right now, we're doing everything possible to sustain daily operations and provide services to St. Theresa School families. Our school doors will open on August 17. While there's much uncertainty, we know that we need to adapt fast to our changing reality. Now, more than ever, our parents and students need us, and we need you.

The faculty, staff and administration are working hard planning and preparing an exciting and engaging school year for our students under the "new normalcy" of school. We are following the guidelines of the CDC and collaborating with Hawaii Catholic Schools (HCS), Hawaii Association of Independent Schools (HAIS), and the Hawaii Department of Education (HDOE). Although we are opening our doors in August, we must be ready for the uncertainty to teach distance learning. Going through the 4th quarter this past spring revealed that there are other ways of instructing our students and still engage them in quality learning. With the financial means, we can implement online learning platforms for our students if they are made available to our families. The school is grateful to the many vendors that gave us the opportunity to have their platforms be used as a complimentary service: ZOOM, ABC Mouse for parents, Generation Genius, Spelling City and Brain POP Jr.

Several of our parents are still without jobs but are holding on to their child's seat at STS, hoping they can pull through this crisis and have their child(ren) remain. These parents yearn for a quality Catholic education. The rise in the STS scholarship Fund applications has reached its peak since the start of this fund several years ago.

The sanitation and janitorial supplies, including a full-time janitorial staff, have put significant pressure on the budget. In keeping with the necessary health and safety requirements, the school structured the janitorial staff's time during the school's operational day to full-time status. This includes cleaning the areas of the aftercare and bathrooms used by the students.

This year's budget includes a GALA (social banquet) to raise funds to precisely support the scholarship fund and the school's COVID-19 related needs. As you know, these uncertain times does not guarantee that the function of a social banquet can be secured. Our pastor, Fr. Manny Hewe, and I are reaching out to all our supporters to help us with this urgent need.

We would like you to please participate in our STS URGENT FUND PLEDGE or make a one-time donation. If you are unable to donate at this time, there are many other ways you can support us! 1) Forward this letter to your friends and families or explain to them about this urgency. 2) Pledge an amount monthly according to your financial circumstance. 3) Posting the information on your social media would mean the world to us. 4) Ask your employer to post this information at your worksites, such as the employee's respite room or other areas where the employees can read this urgency.

With the closing of several of our Catholic Schools, STS is evolving, and there will be no closing of our doors. It continues to keep the tuition affordable, so implementing fundraisers such as this is extremely important. The goal is to raise \$250,000.00.

You may freely call the office (536-4703) or email me ([cgora@rcchawaii.org](mailto:cgora@rcchawaii.org)) if you have any questions.

Thank you for being part of our STS community. Without you, none of it is possible. God blesses us to continue our mission to provide a good Catholic education through your generosity.

As we continue to turn to God in times of fear and uncertainty as we do in times of joy and celebration, let us entrust ourselves to the grace of God's enduring love, mercy, and truth to lead us to face the challenges posed by the horror of this coronavirus pandemic.

Sincerely,



Mrs. Bernie Gora  
Principal



Fr. Manny Hewe  
Pastor

# STS URGENT FUND PLEDGE

*The mission of Saint Theresa School is to provide a quality Catholic Education rooted in the teachings of Jesus and the education of the whole child: spirit, mind and body.*

## Choose your gift:

One-Time gift:

\$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_ \$500 \_\_\_\_\_ \$250 \_\_\_\_\_ \$100 \_\_\_\_\_

\$50 \_\_\_\_\_ \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Monthly Gift:

\$25 per month \_\_\_\_\_ \$10 per month \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ per month

## Choose your payment method:

Online: [sts-hi.org](http://sts-hi.org)

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## Thank you for your contribution and kindness to this urgent need.

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STS hours of operation 8:00 – 4:00 Monday – Friday

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