

# St. Aloysius Happy House Learning Center

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Dear Parents:

February 2<sup>nd</sup> is observed as World Day for Consecrated Life. This celebration is “intended to help the entire Church to esteem ever more greatly the witness of those persons who have chosen to follow Christ by means of the practice of the evangelical counsels and, at the same time, is intended to be a suitable occasion for consecrated persons to renew their commitment and rekindle the fervor which should inspire their offering of themselves to the Lord”. (St. John Paul II) Please pray for your Sisters at St. Aloysius! We ask you also to pray intensely for the increase of vocations to the priesthood and religious life, in the Church, and especially in our Congregation, Oblates to the Blessed Trinity. That day the children will leave at 11:30 a.m.

Since this year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14, we will be celebrating Sr. Valentine’s Day on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. This is a day to celebrate love and friendship. The children can bring Valentine cards to exchange with their friends during the Valentine’s Day Party.

This year for Lent, our School will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, a faith-in-action program that invites us to reflect on the challenges of global hunger and our responsibility to respond to the needs of our global human family. Through our Lenten prayers, fasting and almsgiving, we can respond to the call to ensure that all our brothers and sisters are fed good, nutritious food, that gives them what they need to fulfill their God-given potential.

### **WHAT IS CRS RICE BOWL?**

CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services’ Lenten program for families and faith communities in the United States who want to put their faith into action. Through CRS Rice Bowl, participants are invited to hear stories about their brothers and sisters in need around the world, and devote their Lenten prayers, fasting and alms to change the lives of those who suffer in poverty.

On Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, the beginning of Lent, the children will take home a cardboard CRS Rice Bowl for collecting their Lenten alms. We will collect your CRS Rice Bowls at the end of Lent.

***Registration for the year 2024-25 is now open. Spread the word!***

**Parents from the 2- and 3-year-old classes, if you are planning to leave your child/children in our School for the year 2024-25 and have not requested the registration forms yet, please do so as soon as possible. Registration for new students has already started and classes are filling up quickly. Remember that to assure your child's spot for next year, you need to pay, along with the registration fee (\$60.00), books and supplies and June 2025 tuition.**

Our School will be closed on Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in observance of Presidents' Day.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sr. Marta Gonzalez, OBT  
Principal



**God is LOVE, and whoever remains in love remains in God  
and God in him. 1 Jn. 4:16**

**HAPPY SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY!**