

Dear Faith- Based Partners,

It is my hope and prayer this note finds you in excellent spiritual and emotional health. I pray that you along with your families, colleagues and communities are continuing to stay safe and well during this challenging period as we continue the battle against COVID-19.

For this week's Faith-Based Outreach Nugget, I'd like to share the following items with you:

1. Expungement and Reentry efforts:

- On Tuesday, March 24, Seton Hall University Provost, Dr. Karen Boroff held a conference call with Former New Jersey Governor Jim McGreevy, National Action Network Northeast Regional Director, Reverend Dr. Steffie Bartley, NJ Coalition of Latino Pastors and Ministers Vice President Reverend Bolivar Flores, NJ State Employment & Homeless Chairman/Sansone Auto Group Chief Administrative Officer, Mr. Rich Liebler and Seton Hall University senior staff members to explore avenues to support their initiatives. We would like to applaud Rev. Bartley and Rev. Flores to bring all parties together.
- The principal objective is to make available information on the current scope of the expungement and reentry program and be able to assess services we can provide for the initiative. We recognized a few areas that we can provide broad support that are well-within the university's capabilities.

2. Great Minds Forward Committee:

- In an overarching way, the Great Minds Forward committee is centered on recommending the celebratory and the connectedness and communal events that Seton Hall University will undertake as we return to our regular operations.
- The charge of this committee is to develop a post COVID-19 strategy to welcome every member of the Seton Hall community once the university returns full operation. Under this comprehensive charge, committee members will propose a wide-ranging array of initiatives and a timeline for their implementation to university's Executive Cabinet.

3. Census 2020 – Get Counted:

- Here's a friendly reminder that March 27-29 is Faith Communities Census Weekend in Action. Virtual services are being offered to share information with congregations about the importance of self-responding to 2020 Census by telephone, online or mail. Information and materials can be accessed by clicking the following link: <https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/press-releases/interfaith-summit-2020.html>.
- Please watch and share this video: Faith Leaders Ask Their Communities to Respond to the 2020 Census
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8hFCRsBP78k&feature=youtu.be>.

4. Devotional Thoughts and Meditation:

- In these critical periods of crisis and high anxiety, we would truly appreciate it if you could find a moment to share a devotional thought that we can share with students, staff and faculty. During these challenging times, we must rely on our Faith and trust in God to carry us through and your words would help greatly.

5. Free SAT / College Essay/College App Courses

- Just a friendly reminder, the Office of the Provost will be offering Free SAT / College Essay/College App courses this summer. This will be the second time we are offering classes because of our commitment to the educational needs of our community. There will be three sessions starting from July 6th to July 31st. The flyer will be available shortly.

In closing, I leave you with the words of our patroness saint, Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton, "We know certainly that our God calls us to a holy life. We know that he gives us every grace, every abundant grace; and though we are so weak of ourselves, this grace is able to carry us through every obstacle and difficulty."

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