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Office of the President

Memorial of Blessed John Sullivan, S.J., 2018

Dear Friends of Xavier,

Greetings from Mabuchi Hill.

I write with an update on our Easter Appeal for this year.

As you may recall, the aim of this year's appeal [is to secure funding for a third bus](#) for our female students. The cost of one bus—including shipping and all the necessary fees and taxes—is \$72,000.

Through [the generosity of Pat and Aja Stokes](#), we've been able to secure funding for two buses already, as well as several thousand dollars for the third bus. The first two buses are currently under construction in California, and should be in Chuuk by the beginning of the 2018-2019 school year. This is very exciting indeed.

As for the third bus, Matson Ocean Shipping has generously lowered the cost of the shipping for all three buses, thus adjusting the total cost of the project. This brings the cost of each bus—including shipping—to \$67,796.38. Through the kindness of Pat and Aja, as well as the generosity of many people, we've been able to raise \$53,113 for the third bus. **This means we still need \$14,683.38 in order to make the third bus a reality.**

I cannot express adequately how important this bus is for us—especially for our female students. It has been quite a trial for them this year with only one working bus most of the time. At present, most of the young

women are transported by flatbeds and pickup trucks, which in turn means they often show up for school, or arrive home, soaking wet from the rain. Sometimes they're drenched on both trips. While they endure this hardship with almost no complaining, this is no way to commute to and from school. Due to the lack of proper roads here in Chuuk, transportation will be an issue for us for the foreseeable future, but the least our female students should be able to expect is travel without being waterlogged along the way.

While this will be our last communication about the Easter Appeal, we'll remain open to receiving donations for the buses through the summer months, and officially close the campaign on September 1<sup>st</sup>. We hope that will give us enough time to reach our goal and bring a needed third bus to Xavier Circle.

To all of you who have donated to this essential endeavor, we'll never be able to thank you enough. We're hoping and praying that there are some others in the Xavier family who will follow your lead. To make a donation, please go to [www.jesuitseast.org/SupportXavierChuuk](http://www.jesuitseast.org/SupportXavierChuuk). You can also send a check directly to the school.

As always, please know of our prayers for you. They are real and they are sincere.

Thank you.

For Xavier,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dennis M. Baker, S.J." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'D' and a stylized 'B'.

Rev. Dennis M. Baker, S.J.