



March 4, 2021

Dear Students,

I hope this note finds you enjoying a meaningful Lent. During this season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, we continually have the opportunity to grow in God's enormous compassion as witnessed in the life, death, and resurrection of Christ. My hope is that you find FST to be a witness to that compassion and an aid on your journey to grow in compassion.

As you all know from managing your household, expenses are increasing. We have access to many wonderful resources here at USD, but that also requires the need to pay for the most helpful technology that we have become so dependent upon during COVID. We will be raising our tuition from \$800 to \$832 as well as our Student Services fee from \$110 to \$125 beginning Fall 2021 semester. We have worked hard to keep this increase to a minimum of \$32 per unit. We have not increased our tuition for two years, but it has now become a necessity as operational expenses increase.

I would like to remind you that we make every effort to support you each as best we can. We have recently hired both a new Director of Development and Development Coordinator to enhance our efforts to obtain more student scholarships.

If you have any difficulties or concerns about this, please make an appointment with me or our Vice President of Finance and Business Operations, Kimberly Renna or if you would find it easier, Br. Bill Short, OFM, our Vice President for Academic Affairs. We are all here to help support you during your time here at FST.

Peace and all good,

Garrett Galvin, OFM