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Dear Officials, Staff (Teaching, Non-Teaching, Administrative, Technical, Supportive), Parents, Alumni, and Students,

Joyful wishes for the Tamil New Year. As we celebrate the birthday of Dr Ambedkar, let us imbibe his spirit of commitment for equality and dignity of all, especially the people at the margin.

The Second Wave of Corona has begun its onslaught. Very often, we find, that the aftershock of an earthquake would be more devastating; and we have experienced that the second child would be more assertive.

We hear of sad news of dear and near ones of our staff falling victims to Corona attack. Let us continue to take all precautions (mask, physical distance, sanitizer, frequent washing of hands with soap etc). It might be good to take the vaccine recommended based on family or personal doctor's advice. Taking vaccine does not guarantee total freedom from corona virus – We need to continue with all precautions.

More than precaution, it is important to build up our immune system. Our age-old practice of using pepper, turmeric, garlic, lemon, ginger etc seem to be effective – The pepper water would be much recommended after meals. Also, taking Nilavembu or Kabasuraneer would also help us at this point of time.

A joyful heart is the best medicine – This could be created by our solidarity with our friends and dear ones. Let us keep in touch with each other to express our accompanying them. When someone feels lonely or afraid of corona attack, just a phone-call would put in strength and confidence to meet the crisis. All the members of the Jesuit Community keep you all in our prayers for your health and happiness.

As we wait for the election-results, let us plan for the next academic year. We have been so far sailing on the threatening surf of corona pandemic, let us face the future with courage and hope. Have a restful summer and all the best to get ready for the next academic year.

With kind regards,

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