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Ms. Anita Poon, President
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Dear Ms. Poon,

Thank you so much for the contribution that the Alumni Association made to assist us in our efforts to serve those most affected by Hurricane Katrina. Your gift, in response to the appeal made to the alumni of Maryknoll Convent School by Ms. Ann Lau is greatly appreciated and will assist us as we serve the 200 or so displaced students.

The students have been adjusting fairly well over the past three and one-half weeks, considering what they have been through. Many are participating with our students in organizations, band, choir, or athletics. Most are from all-boy or all-girl schools, so the idea of coming to a co-ed high school is also new. Our facilities are strained so we have rented two portable classrooms to help. We have ordered desks for the classrooms and they should be in soon, and we have placed orders for textbooks. Five new faculty members are working with the new students each day. I feel we have provided some stability for these students and their families at a time when they need it.

We have been blessed by the generosity of so many people. We provided free of charge school uniforms, school supplies, P.E. uniforms, book bags, school photos, and textbooks to all of the new students. When there was a surplus, we shared items with one of our four Catholic feeder schools, who themselves took in displaced students. Local vendors, our own families, alumni, and good people throughout the country have partnered with us in this work. We thank you for your generosity, and will remember you in our daily Mass celebrated on our campus each morning.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Keife".

David Keife
President