

October 2, 2017



Dear Parents and Friends,

We are all so well aware of the crisis caused by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria. The devastation and need for outreach particularly to Puerto Rico is “very close to home” to me personally, since I am privileged to serve on the Board of Trustees of Academia Maria Reina in San Juan.

This is a high school for girls that is one of the sponsored ministries of the Sisters of St. Joseph. The staff of AMR is approximately 50 lay teachers, plus five sisters who reside in the adjacent convent. There are other Sisters of St. Joseph in other missions on the Island.

Outreach to the community at Academia Maria Reina is in three phases:

1. COLLECTION OF PERSONAL ITEMS TO BE SHIPPED DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL

The faculty of OLH is spearheading outreach to these co-ministers in San Juan and asks your help in gathering some selected items that will be shipped there (through the kindness of an OLH family connection).

The items of need are: AA, AAA, 9-volt C and D batteries, wipes (both personal and cleaning), personal items such as toothpaste, hand soap, deodorant, hairbrushes, combs, shampoo, tee shirts, hand towels, tissues, breakfast bars, baggies, socks, as well as cloth or plastic tote bags. Boxes will be available at OLH for these items between October 4 and 24.

2. OUTRIGHT DONATIONS OF FUNDS

This will be collected and sent through the Sisters of St. Joseph for distribution where it is most needed in San Juan. Checks should be made payable to **OLH-Puerto Rico Fund**.

3. A SPANISH DANCE-A-THON

To be held at the school (OLH), featuring a DJ, Chinese Auction and shout outs. Every penny raised at this event will be included in the special gift to Maria Reina.

We invite OLH families, the extended community and other schools to reach out and join us in reaching across the Caribbean to those who need our help. Sharing with the Maria Reina community will be an investment in the future of the Church and the family of God.

Let us remember each other and those who hope to help with this work! Thanks for your anticipated partnership!

Sister Kathy