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**From:** Rector  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 11:15 AM  
**Cc:** @All Faculty & Staff; @All SCJ Monastery; @All Students; @Board of Directors; @All Emeritus Faculty  
**Subject:** Caring for the safety of our most vulnerable

I am aware that the wearing and not wearing of masks is causing discomfort and conflict as we begin the semester. While we are in the current situation of the precipitous rising of Covid cases of in our area as reported these days – mostly attributed to the spread of the delta variant by the unvaccinated according to CDC reports, as is the case in other parts of the country, it is important to note that we have among us students and staff who are immune compromised and therefore, even more vulnerable to being infected.

For that reason we at Sacred Heart must follow safety protocols including the following:

Masks are to be worn in all SHSST public places while on campus (lobby, library, hallways, classrooms, chapel, sacristy, meeting rooms, and dining room when not eating).

None of us likes wearing the masks – they are uncomfortable, limit facility of breathing and talking – but they have shown to greatly help in preventing the spread of disease. With you I hope and pray that soon the situation will change and we will be able to forgo the use of masks. Until then, please be patient, cooperate, and take care for the safety of the most vulnerable among us.

Thank you,

Fr. Raúl

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