Good afternoon SHSST campus community,

After much consideration including the review of local, state, and nationwide trends as well as consulting faculty, staff, and administrators, it is clear that, as I indicated in my March 16 email, we are ready to move forward into Phase 4 of the SHSST COVID-19 Response Levels Operations Plan. This will go into effect on **Monday, April 12, 2021**. I continue to thank and applaud each one of you for your continued flexibility and understanding of the constantly changing situation of the past year; this has been a great, dedicated effort by all.

Please review <u>Phase 4 of the SHSST COVID-19 Response Levels Operations Plan</u> as found on the SHSST website. Additionally I would like to draw your attention to some items to note that will be important going forward:

- All mask wearing, social distancing, and sanitizing methods will continue to be followed
- Courses will continue to be delivered in a hybrid modality on the SHSST campus through the remainder of the semester
- Staff will be expected to return to regular, on campus work hours, however specific accommodations should be discussed directly with one's supervisor
- Large meetings will continue to take place via Zoom while ones of a smaller size can be done in person at the discretion of those involved
- While regular sanitizing of the chapel will continue, use of sticky notes will no longer be necessary. Faculty and staff are invited to sit anywhere in the chapel where there is an open blue x on the seat.
- We will be joined by our colleagues at the SCJ development and provincial offices during lunchtime, though the 3 to a table restrictions will still apply. Lunch will be plated; also staff and faculty should try to eat after 12:30 if possible in order to maintain social distancing and spacing.

Keep in mind that the SHSST Commencement will take place on campus on Friday, May 7, 2021 with a limited, controlled number of outside visitors in attendance. As such, we must maintain our diligence in preserving the health and safety of our campus community for all, so your help and support in maintaining the practices outlined above and in the COVID Response Levels Operation Plan will be necessary.

Specific questions or concerns should be directed to your supervisor. Otherwise, I look forward to seeing your increased presence and energy on campus!

In the Heart of Christ, Fr. Raúl

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