

Dear Friends,

Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Educational Trust Fund Benefit! Tonight, you join family and friends to uphold and celebrate Catholic education and St. Francis of Assisi School. Thank you for your presence and for your commitment to God's children.

In Matthew 19:14, Jesus said, "*Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.*" Through your support of the Educational Trust Fund, you follow Jesus' message and help our students embrace their Catholic faith. Our event tonight, "*Come Fly with Me,*" provides us all with an opportunity to care for our children, allowing the light of Jesus to shine through them.

We hope you enjoy this festive evening and all that it entails! We're grateful to the team of volunteers who sacrificed so much to create a wonderful celebration for you. We extend our sincere appreciation to Debra Hermann for her leadership and vision, as well as the other members of the benefit committee. They have all exemplified enthusiasm, dedication, and faithful stewardship of their time, talent and treasure.

An impressive collection of "One-of-a-Kind Treasures" await your lively bidding. We offer our gratitude to each and every donor who contributed goods or services to the live and silent auctions! The variety and quality of "Treasures" is extraordinary due to your generosity.

The highlight of our evening will be an unforgettable performance by ***Three Men and a Tenor***. They have prepared a delightful musical repertoire just for us. So, sit back, relax, and savor the sounds of their spirited voices.

Through our combined efforts, "*Come Fly with Me*" will surely be a memorable and successful benefit for St. Francis of Assisi Catholic School. God bless you for being a good shepherd for our students.

In Celebration and Thanksgiving,

***Fr. Jim McDougall***

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Pastor

***Ms. Sara Collins***

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Principal