



SMV AUCTION FOR EDUCATION

March 30, 2019

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Dear Friends of St. Mary's Visitation:

On Saturday, March 30, 2019, St. Mary's Visitation Parish (SMV) will host its annual Auction for Education. This year's theme, Old Fashioned Supper Club, guarantees to deliver a festive atmosphere as well as unique items in both the live and silent auctions. We are counting on the support of our generous community to make the 2019 Auction for Education a success. Therefore, we are gratefully accepting any donated merchandise, sporting event tickets, gift cards/certificates, airline miles, hotel points, cash gifts and advertising to aid in the effort.

Mobile bidding is back with Gesture so everyone in attendance *as well as those who cannot be physically present* are encouraged to use their smartphones, computers or tablets to log on to our auction website to see and bid on donated items from anywhere at any time. The site will be live for ticket purchases in mid-February and for item bidding around March 15... nearly two weeks prior to the auction itself! This will enable guests to view your name or business online as well as in-person the evening of the auction, thereby doubling your donated item's exposure!

If you are able to help, please complete the attached donation and advertising forms and return them with the item(s) donated. We will be following up this solicitation letter with a personal phone call from one of our committee members. We are also able to pick up donations for your convenience. **Because of our auction format this year, we would appreciate receiving your donation by February 26, 2019.**

New this year! We have created an auction webpage dedicated solely to the event. Check out www.stmaryeg.org/auction.html to download our forms, connect with us via email, and submit your monetary donation to us electronically!

For 160 years, St. Mary's Visitation School has continuously provided its students with a quality, Catholic education, a mission we hope to continue for future generations with the help of generous donors like you. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Gratefully,

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