

Dear Friend of Joplin Area Catholic Schools:

We are writing to you on behalf of St. Mary's Catholic Elementary School, St. Peter's Catholic Middle School and McAuley Catholic High School, which make up Joplin Area Catholic Schools, to request a donation of an item or service for our annual auction "A Roaring '20s Affair" fundraiser on Saturday, April 25 at the I Do Event Center located at 7300 E. 20<sup>th</sup> Street.

For more than 130 years Joplin Area Catholic Schools, a non-profit 501c(3) organization serving children ages 2 through 12th grade, has positively impacted the community and the lives of its students. Our school system has hosted the annual auction for many years, and it directly funds our school budget. Our students contribute to the community as the future business leaders, scholars and professionals of tomorrow. With your support, we can continue in our vital role of providing quality education for every child.

Each year auction proceeds fund items needed for our system and in each of our schools. Last year we were able to purchase a bus for athletics, provide Booster Club with \$10,000 for uniforms and supplies, add LED lighting to all three buildings and implement a new phone system to connect our schools.

The **JACS Auction Fund-a-Need** will be to purchase resources from Lego Education & Robotics that will provide our students hands-on, cross-curricular learning opportunities that inspire enhanced interest in Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM). By utilizing Lego Education Resources, we will be able to address the Missouri State standards that require students to approach complex problems, break down challenges into small pieces, and resolve the challenges in a logical manner---critical skill in all industries and walks of life. We are seeking to raise **\$30,000+** to purchase 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade resources for both co-curricular as well as robotics clubs.

We ask that you consider donating to our auction. All donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law, and you will receive the necessary documentation from us for tax purposes. A donation form is enclosed. On behalf of our students, parents and staff we thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to your participation.

Thank you for your continued support of Joplin Area Catholic Schools!

Yours in Christ,

Lindsey Bourne Green and Marjorie Comer  
Silent Auction committee

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