



January 16, 2017

Dear Alumni, Friends and Supporters,

The Alumni Association of Thomas More Prep-Marian is proud to sponsor the 43rd Annual Auction for Christian Education (ACE) on Saturday, April 29, 2017, beginning at 4:30 p.m. in the Al Billinger Fieldhouse. From the first auction in 1975 to 2016, ACE has raised over 7.3 million dollars for TMP-Marian.

The Hays business community, TMP-Marian parents, alumni, and friends have worked many years together with the Capuchin priests and Agnesian sisters and now the Diocese of Salina to keep the dream of a Catholic educational option alive for Hays, Ellis County and western Kansas. Thanks to you, our alumni, and many others in the business and professional community, ACE is a continuing testimony to your support of, and belief in, our mission. A western theme "ACE on the Prairie" will be hosted by ACE co-chairs Greg & Shannon Werth and Kent & Shawnda Werth.

We invite all previous donors to favor us again with a quality item(s) for the auction, and ask new donors to be as generous as your situation permits. It takes a large variety of items to make this event a success. We are counting on your support to help the school.

ACE 2017 will feature a buffet with all seats reserved. Tickets for the buffet and auction are \$100 per person for regular seating or \$200 per person for VIP seating. Seating at the prestigious Auctioneer's table is also available at the cost of \$300 per person. Tickets can be ordered and gifts can be donated by completing the enclosed form titled "ACE 2017 DONATIONS" and returning it to the Alumni Office. **Tickets are available on a first come first serve basis after you receive this mailing.** Table seating is available for groups of eight or sixteen, but small groups or individual reservations are welcome too. Please submit reservations and payment for confirmed guests only. If you purchase tickets to attend and cannot use them, please do not give them to someone else. **Auction tickets are transferrable only through the alumni office.** Each guest is assigned an individual bid number and is responsible for any charges made.

Please use the enclosed return envelope to inform us of your donation. We also have a number of volunteers ready to call on members of the business and professional community to visit with you regarding a donation. An early response will allow quick progress towards the success of our auction, as well as assure that your gift will be published in the ACE catalog. **Donation deadline to be included in the ACE Catalog is 3/1/2017.** Those who contribute a gift or cash, purchase an auction ticket or purchase advertising space in the catalog are invited to attend the Preview Party from 8:00-10:00 p.m. on Friday, April 28, 2017 in the fieldhouse. Preview guests can enjoy refreshments and buy a chance to win one of two \$500 cash prizes.

Enclosed you will find four different raffle tickets for our **four \$1,000 Cash Prizes, one \$2,000 Cash Prize, one \$5,000 Cash Prize and a 2016 Ford Focus SE Hatchback.** Purchase two tickets for any of the above raffle drawings and receive the third ticket free. **Please note that each ticket has a different price...**

- 1) **2016 Ford Focus SE Hatchback Raffle Prize (valued at \$16,175.00) is \$100/ticket or 3/\$200;**
- 2) **\$5,000 Cash Raffle Prize is \$25/ticket or 3/\$50;**
- 3) **\$2,000 Cash Raffle Prize is \$15/ticket or 3/\$30;**
- 4) **\$1,000 Cash Raffle Prize is \$10/ticket or 3/\$20; FOUR chances to win!**

Everyone can donate to oral auction item #60 even if you do not plan to attend the auction or you can become a "Pennies for ACE" donor. See the enclosed form for more details!

Thank you for your support of Thomas More Prep-Marian in its endeavor to educate the Catholic leaders of tomorrow, and we ask your continuing prayers for religious vocations.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Shanda Billinger

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