



Dear St. Paul Friends and Family,

We are so privileged and delighted to serve as this year's Honorary Auction Chairs for the St. Paul Catholic School 2023-24 Auction. The auction is scheduled for February 3, 2024 at the Grosse Pointe Yacht Club and is the largest fundraiser during the school year. The goal of this year's *Enchanted Evening* Auction is to raise funds for the enrichment and benefit of the students at St. Paul School and Parish and it can only come true with your support.

St. Paul has been an integral part of my family's life and legacy for five generations. My family's connection to St. Paul began more than 125 years ago starting with my great-grandmother, who was one of the first to be married at the present location of St. Paul Church circa 1898. My grandfather attended St. Paul at the "little red school house" presently located on Grosse Pointe Academy grounds. My mom, Rose Ann English (née Blondell-Krumholz), attended St. Paul School through high school, graduating in 1953 and married my dad, John E. "Jack" English, at St. Paul Church in 1960. I graduated from St. Paul in 1983 and my sons, Ryan and Alex, graduated in 2017 and 2019, respectfully.

Psalm 133:1 says "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity". For our family, St. Paul School and Parish is a perfect example of this unity - represented by its strong Catholic faith, service to God & fellow parishioners, deep family values, and sense of belonging & community. The school exemplifies a strong academic and faith-based curriculum guided by caring and amazing teachers, administrators, and pastoral staff led by Fr. Jim Bilot and Mrs. Tina Forsythe. As a former coach at St. Paul for over 20 years, it is also important to recognize the exceptional CYO sports programs and extracurricular activities.

The mission of this year's Auction is to elevate the Canfield Education Center to new heights, transforming it into a state-of-the-art hub that will cater to both the school and parish for meetings, events, and activities. The Canfield Center holds a storied history at St. Paul, named after the late pastor, Monsignor Francis X. Canfield, who was fondly known to bring his Saint Bernard dog, Humphrey, to visit the classrooms. When I attended St. Paul, the space was called the "All Purpose Room" and used as an extra recreational room and storage. When my mom attended, it served as the main (and only) gym where she played high school basketball. In those days each team had 6 players on the court per game: 3 played only defense, 3 played only offense, and neither were allowed to cross half court.

As we strive to enhance this historical gem, your financial support can make this mission a reality. Your generosity will help the school and parish grow, prosper, and attract new families for current and future generations. We encourage you to visit the website, supportstpaul.com, for information about sponsorships, donations, and tickets. Or contact Sean Schotthoefer at 810.499.8637 for any questions.

Together, let's build a foundation that stands as a testament to our shared commitment and passion for the continued success of St. Paul Catholic School and Parish.

We thank you for your support and look forward to an *Enchanted Evening* with all of you in February.

Sincerely Yours,

Kevin + Kelly English

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