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Dear St. Mary's Academy Community,

Like all of you, we have been carefully watching the evolving situation related to the COVID-19 virus. Just yesterday, we announced to our faculty, staff, students and parents that we will be moving to Advanced Digital Learning starting Monday, March 16. The health and welfare of our entire community is paramount at this time. We hope that all of you continue to stay well and that together we will be able to support each other through this challenging time.

Over the course of the last week, we have been discussing how to handle the St. Mary's Academy Annual Auction, our biggest fundraising event and a wonderful gathering that our community looks forward to each year in light of this evolving situation. As much as we'd love to see you on April 4<sup>th</sup> in person, we are committing today to transform this year's **The Roaring Twenties Auction into a Virtual Event.**

We are excited to **invite you to this special opportunity** to partner with us in supporting the young women at St. Mary's Academy. We will be sending out communications over the coming week regarding the launch of our online auction, opportunities for you to engage in our virtual event from the comfort of your own homes, and ways you can continue to support our Raffle, purchase Golden Tickets, give to the Bids for Kids program and bid on hundreds of fabulous auction items.

We are especially grateful to our sponsors, underwriters, donors, and ticket purchasers who have already generously given to the auction. In these uncertain times, we need your support more than ever. Your registration fees will be transferred to a 100% tax-deductible donation and you will receive updated receipts in the near future. We are also deeply grateful to our co-chairs, leadership and volunteers who have dedicated countless hours to support this event. **We are confident that when we come together as a community, we can still raise the much needed funds that the auction revenue provides to the amazing young women of St. Mary's Academy.**

We appreciate your continued support and pray for the health of everyone in our community.

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