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Dear Families and Friends of St. Joseph School:

St. Joseph School will host its 31st annual benefit auction on Saturday, April 30, 2016. We are contacting you for your help and support. St. Joseph School has been deeply rooted in the Downtown Salem community since 1941. Funds raised through the auction help offset tuition costs, allowing us to make an outstanding Catholic education affordable to a diverse student body.

Our goal is to raise enough funds to keep our tuition affordable for families while providing an excellent Catholic education to the children of the Salem community.

St. Joseph is not only a school community but also a parish community, totaling over 1,400 members. The support from people and businesses in our community is essential to the success of this event. It allows us to retain the integrity of programs and personnel – really helping the school to thrive – during times when many schools and districts are facing numerous uncertainties.

Please consider supporting our school through this worthy fundraiser in one of the following ways:

- **Donate products, services or gift certificates, or consider making a cash donation for the auction** – All donations are tax-deductible.
- **Be an auction sponsor** – There are various levels of sponsorship available, including advertisement in our catalog and other printed materials. See the attached brochure or visit www.stjosephchurch.com/school/annual-auction for more information.
- **Come to the auction and have fun!**

Thank you for your consideration and support of St. Joseph School! We look forward to your participation in our benefit auction.

With Sincere Gratitude,

Teri Martinez
Auction chair

St. Joseph School is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization (Tax ID #93-0399053). All contributions to the auction are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law. No goods or services were received in exchange for this donation.

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About St. Joseph School

- ❖ Funds raised at the auction help stabilize tuition rates keeping it affordable to many families in our community. Approximately 30% of families receive financial assistance of some form. St. Joseph School (SJS) costs approximately \$6,000 per student per year to operate. This compares favorably with local public education, where costs are over \$8,000 per student per year.
- ❖ Generations of children have been educated over the years at SJS. This tradition began in 1863 with Sacred Heart Academy. In 1941, St. Joseph School was established as the elementary school extension of Sacred Heart and has operated in its current location since.
- ❖ Over the many years of its existence, St. Joseph has graduated more than 10,000 students into further levels of education, and has contributed to the cultural, social, and economic life of the Salem community as well as surrounding areas.
- ❖ Graduates have gone on to become valedictorians and salutatorians at local area high schools, and with many having launched successful careers in college, business, and the military.
- ❖ Currently SJS serves Preschool-8th Grade, with approximately 200 students.
- ❖ Core subjects include: Religion, Language Arts, Math, Science, Health, Social Studies, Spanish, Physical Education, Music, Art, and Computer Education. Various after school clubs are available to the students throughout the year.
- ❖ SJS offers a small class size, with attention paid to the needs of each child. Our student/teacher ratio is approximately 19:1. Our teachers are highly experienced, with low staff turnover.
- ❖ All full time teachers are licensed by the State of Oregon, and many hold Masters Degrees.
- ❖ SJS is accredited by the Northwest Association of Accredited Schools and the Western Catholic Education Association.

