



DOMINICAN ACADEMY

Catholic College Preparatory School for Girls

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Dear friends,

We know we are not alone when we express how unexpected, surreal, and--at times--frightening this past week has been. We have heard the heartbreaking reports from Italy. We have seen the case numbers double on the news. We have witnessed things we never thought possible in our city and our world. We are all being called upon to do our part to combat the spread of this virus. With a heavy heart, we announce that part of that fight here at Dominican Academy will be to postpone our Auction and Benefit, originally scheduled for April 2nd.

There is a bright spot on the horizon, however! We are happy to announce the new date for our Auction and Benefit: **Friday, September 25, 2020** from 6 to 9 PM at the Metropolitan Club of New York. We are especially grateful that we were able to make this adjustment without incurring any additional cost. We extend a heartfelt thank you to our honorees, Kristin Shea and the Dowicz Family; Auction Committee; auctioneer; Br. Jim Simon and Melissa Wieler; the Metropolitan Club; and all those who have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to make this event a success. We will continue to work and look forward to welcoming you to an even better event this Fall!

More than ever, we thank you--our donors, friends, and sponsors--for your generous and unwavering support of the Auction and Benefit and of our beloved Dominican Academy. Thanks to you, D.A. is secure and well-positioned to tackle even a major disruption like this. We will do our part to support the students and families affected by this tragedy. While our day-to-day will look very different these next few months, our bonds of friendship, sisterhood, and community will comfort us and carry us through. We look forward to seeing you and thanking you in person at the Gala this September. In the meantime, our staff is working remotely and will be able to address any questions or concerns you might have by email.

We can't wait to see you and to come together this Fall for what will be an even sweeter and more meaningful reunion. Until then, let us all do our part by remaining vigilant, prayerful, and mindful of the weakest and most vulnerable in our midst.

Sincerely,

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