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President's Remarks

Rainbow Auction 2017

It was a little over a year ago that I agreed to become the next servant leader and President of Muskegon Catholic Central. As part of our introduction to the Muskegon Catholic Central community, we were asked to attend the 33rd annual Rainbow Auction and agreed – flights were booked and hotel reservations made. Now a much-told story, mechanical problems did not allow us to get any closer to Muskegon than Nashville that afternoon. We headed back to Owensboro, KY with great disappointment and praying for a successful and beneficial event for MCC.

Fast forward a year. Kathy and I experienced live and in person on Saturday night the 34th annual Rainbow Auction. Based on first-hand experience, we now better understand the many stories and testimonials we heard concerning the Rainbow Auction. What an incredible evening of conversation, fellowship, friend-raising, and fundraising! We loved the event and look forward with great eagerness to the 35th Rainbow Auction in April 2018.

At its core, Rainbow Auction is a fundraising event – the main fundraising event of the year. During the Fund-a-Need portion of the evening, those in attendance were asked to support the following needs identified by Mrs. Weber, Ms. Grinnell, and their staffs:

1. Understanding the incredible benefit that technology plays in helping students learn and grow, we want to purchase Chrome books and carts for each classroom at the elementary level. Currently we have enough for two classrooms. Going one-to-one K-6 will allow our teachers to expand and enhance the learning environment for each student.
2. MCC is blessed with incredible teachers who challenge their students utilizing, in some cases, outdated labs and equipment. We shared the desire and need to upgrade the science labs used by our high school and middle school students. Not an inexpensive desire, it is one that is much needed and desired by a faculty wanting to challenge students aided by updated equipment and labs.

The response at the Rainbow Auction was overwhelming. With the help of so many friends in the room, the goal of raising \$135,000 was accomplished. Amazing and outstanding! Thanks to all who saw the need and responded with a gift. The impact of these gifts will have a direct and positive impact on our students' abilities to learn and grow.

Please note that it is not too late for a gift to help us fulfill these needs. I encourage and invite all reading this message to prayerfully consider a Fund-a-Need gift. Please contact Todd Woodard at 231.291-0326 or twoodard@muskegoncatholic.org to discuss your gift. May God continue to bless you and your family.

Parish Vouchers

I have been asked to remind all registered families to turn in their Parish Voucher into their Parish Office. Once completed, the parish will return the Parish Voucher to the MCC Business Office. Without the voucher, you will NOT receive the parish support discount on your tuition invoice for 2017-18. If you have questions, please contact the Business Office at 231.755.2201, ext. 3400. Thank you for your prompt response to this request.

I appreciate all you do to help us fulfill our mission of excellence in Catholic faith formation and academics. Your comments and insights are important to me. I can be reached via phone at 231.291.0324 or via email at krasp@muskegoncatholic.org.

May God's peace be yours!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken R. Rasp". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and "R".

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