



Dear Friends:

As the fourteenth annual St. Pius X High School Foundation Gala approaches, we write to request your participation in our 2008 annual Gala, *A Grand Safari*, which will be held Saturday, October 11, 2008 at the J.W. Marriott Hotel. Proceeds from this event benefit the St. Pius X Foundation endowment.

St. Pius X Foundation was established to help secure the future of St. Pius X High School, enabling the continued commitment to the development of academically competent and socially responsible young men and women by providing a religious foundation and the best education possible, thus empowering its students to offer both moral and intellectual leadership for tomorrow.

St. Pius X High School opened their doors of educational opportunity to the children of the Northwest side of Houston more than 50 years ago. Five decades later its 707 students hail from more than 117 zip codes throughout the city and the surrounding counties and reflect the racial, socio-economic, and cultural diversity of modern Houston. Approximately 15% of the school enrollment receives some amount of financial aid. It is to help provide support for the School that the St. Pius X Foundation sponsors the annual Gala.

We are looking for fabulous items to auction off the night of the gala. A significant portion of our \$450,000 goal will be achieved through silent and live auctions at the Gala, with donations from the generosity of individuals and businesses in our community such as yours. Donations can be in the form of actual merchandise, certificates or services. If you would prefer, you may make a cash donation directly to the Foundation. Of course, all donations are tax deductible, and you will receive the necessary documentation from us for tax purposes.

We will mail over 5,000 invitations to our current and past parents, alumni, friends and benefactors of St. Pius X High School. As a donor you will be listed in the invitation, auction booklet, and other printed materials and as well on the St. Pius X High School website. We will also have an Online Auction site thereby increasing visibility of your donation to hundreds of families throughout the city. To confirm your donation, please complete the enclosed donation form and return it by Friday, August 1st.

We cannot express how grateful we would be for your participation and support.

Sincerely,

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Jolene Nixon
2008 Gala Co-Chair

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Cindy Elder-Medina".

Cindy Elder-Medina
2008 Gala Co-Chair