



IRISH NITE

To all of our Patrons and Friends:

As news continues to develop regarding COVID-19 (the Novel Coronavirus), we are doing our best to be informed. With the recent mandate by Governor Whitmer and the Archdiocese of Detroit regarding the closing of schools through April 5th, **the Irish Nite celebration at Birmingham Country Club is cancelled.**

The good news . . . you can still participate in the auction and support Brother Rice!! I invite you to go online to explore our items, including our incredible Live experiences -- all of which are now open for bidding through 10:00 pm Saturday. Simply visit bidpal.net/irishnite2020 to start bidding. You must register your name and contact info to place bids or watch your favorite items. Items will be available for pickup on Sunday from 12:00pm to 5:00pm. Furthermore, I would prayerfully request that your ticket cost be considered a donation to support our mission and the young men who we serve each day. If you have any questions about Irish Nite, please contact auction@brrice.edu.

For six decades, Brother Rice High School has been the premier Catholic boys' school of excellence in the state of Michigan. For forty-three years at Irish Nite, we have gathered to honor that proud history and celebrate our distinctive heritage as a school inspired by the teachings and charism of Blessed Edmund Rice, founder of the Irish Christian Brothers.

With deep gratitude, we thank our 2020 Irish Nite Chairpersons, Gerry & Patty Phillips, whose leadership and service have made this evening so special. Thank you for all you do for Brother Rice!

Additionally, we celebrate our educational mission and its lifelong impact as we honor the ministry of Albert and Phyllis Fracassa. Both of whom dedicated their lives to Brother Rice for so many years. Coach Fracassa was the visible presence on the sidelines during football games, but it was the quiet moments of support and encouragement that both Albert and Phyllis provided to students, parents, and colleagues that were most impactful – and they continue making an impact today. As our Honorary Chairpersons, we thank them for their dedicated service to our great school.

Many thanks to our advancement team, school staff, event sponsors, advertisers, donors, and all the volunteers for your tireless work. The items for bid are amazing and will help us raise crucial funds in support of our school mission.

Cancelling our celebration is a prudent decision as this is a difficult time for our world, country, and school. Please continue to pray for a cure for this virus and those who are sick.

I look forward to seeing all of you next year as we celebrate Irish Nite during the Brother Rice High School 60th Anniversary. LJIOH, Forever!

In Christ,

Tom Reidy
President