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NEWS RELEASE

19TH Annual Lumen Christi Gala & Silent Auction

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Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of the Diocese of Palm Beach, will host the 19th annual Lumen Christi Gala for Catholic Education, which will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 1, 2007** at The Breakers, Palm Beach. The theme for this year's black-tie gala is *Catholic Schools Light the Way*.

This most anticipated annual event will draw more than 500 supporters of Catholic Education from throughout the five-county Diocese. Fifty percent of the net proceeds from the charity evening will be distributed to fund scholarships to diocesan schools; 25% to the Education Endowment Fund; and 25% in direct subsidies to schools in need.

Mr. and Mrs. James and Janice Wollam of Jupiter, parishioners at St. Jude Parish in Tequesta, will serve as co-chairs for the evening of dining, dancing and philanthropy.

For the first time, the Lumen Christi spectacular is host to a silent auction, including but not limited to fine jewelry and art; private yacht cruises; and golf packages. Also included as an auction item will be naming rights to the new **Lumen Christi Scholarship**; the successful bidder will have the opportunity to memorialize or honor a loved one with a scholarship in their name.

Bishop Barbarito will present the first annual **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award** to Marie Skaff of West Palm Beach. Ms. Skaff, a parishioner at Mary Immaculate Parish, will accept the award on behalf of the Skaff family, which is being honored for their decades-long support, generosity and commitment to Catholic Education in the Diocese.

Students from John Carroll High School in Ft. Pierce, Holy Name of Jesus School in West Palm Beach, and Sacred Heart School in Lake Worth will provide musical entertainment during the cocktail hour and reception, which begins at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing in the Ponce de Leon ballroom.

Reservations are required and tickets may be purchased by contacting Lauren Linn in the Diocesan Office of Development at (561) 775-9519, or by clicking on Lumen Christi on the home page of the Diocese of Palm Beach website: www.diocesepb.org.

Members of the media with interest in covering this event are asked to make arrangements in advance with the Office of Communications at 561-775-9529 or awalkenstein@diocesepb.org.

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