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NEWS RELEASE

20TH Annual Lumen Christi Gala & Silent Auction

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Most Reverend Gerald M. Barbarito, Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Palm Beach, will host the 20th annual Lumen Christi Gala in support of Catholic Schools, which will be held on **Saturday, Dec. 6, 2008** at The Kravis Center of Performing Arts in West Palm Beach. The theme for this year's black-tie gala is ***Catholic Schools Build the Church***. This most anticipated annual event will draw hundreds of supporters of Catholic Schools from throughout the five-county Diocese.

Catholic Schools provide for the education and formation of more than 800 students across the Diocese of Palm Beach. Those who support the annual Lumen Christi help supply student scholarships and subsidies to needy schools. 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.

Grateful for the participation of the many parishes and individuals who support of Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Palm Beach, Bishop Barbarito commented, *"The quality and availability of Catholic schools in this five-county region is integral to the formation of our young people as men and women of faith and knowledge. With your continued support we will together answer the call to keep the light of faith alive now and for many years to come."*

Mr. and Mrs. Paul and Lynn Lawless of Boca Raton, parishioners at St. Joan of Arc in Boca Raton, will serve as co-chairs for the evening of dining, dancing and philanthropy.

Bishop Barbarito will present the second annual **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Award** to Connie Frankino of West Palm Beach. Ms. Frankino will be honored for her outstanding dedication in support of Catholic Schools and the many young people she has helped to attain a Catholic education enriched with Gospel values and love of Christ.

Students from Saint Juliana School and Holy Name School in West Palm Beach will provide musical entertainment during the pre-dinner reception. In addition, the first prize winner of the student art contest for the evening program will be seated at the Bishop's table for dinner. Ms. Stephanie Perret-Gentil, from St. Jude School in Boca Raton, created the winning image for the Lumen Christi "Catholic Schools Build the Church" 2nd annual artwork contest. Visit www.diocesepb.org to see the winning entries.

In addition, this is the second year that the Lumen Christi spectacular is host to a silent auction, including but not limited to:

- Greg Norman Complete Package which includes an autographed picture of Greg Norman, a autographed bottle of estate wine and a round of golf for 4 on the unique 18 hole championship golf course designed by Greg Norman, Parkland Golf and Country Club, in Parkland , FL.
- A 2 night 3 day Holiday package for two at The Breakers which includes a golf twosome at the Ocean Club golf course.
- A one night stay at Jupiter Beach Resort and Spa including breakfast for two and two 50 minute spa treatments.
- A 30 x 24 prestige canvas portrait including an in studio session for up to 4 people, offered by Moya Photography, Inc.

The reception and silent auction begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. in the Gimelstob Ballroom. Reservations are required and tickets may be purchased by contacting Lynn Wells 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. This is an evening you will not want to miss!

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