



## St. Theresa Green & Gold Gala 2020

March 25, 2020

Dear Friends,

Yesterday, I made the difficult and painful decision to cancel Green & Gold at the Stonegate on April 25<sup>th</sup>. I just didn't see any other option as we have no way to get the event ready on time with the stay-at-home mandate of the Governor and I would be very surprised if the Stonegate will be up and running by then as well. Just by way of comparison, the Little Sisters of the Poor cancelled their gala last week for April 26<sup>th</sup>, the day after ours.

I had wrestled with the idea of hosting the gala at a future date at the Stonegate, but given the lead time necessary to put the event together, and the small planning team we have, I didn't think it was realistic to organize two galas in one year.

Having said all this, **we still plan on having Green & Gold!!!** ... just not at the Stonegate or any other venue hosting big crowds. We are looking at many creative ideas right now to make this event still happen, including using our online auction service, Give Smart, to host the entire event with online bidding and more! We will look into hosting the online bidding on an alternate day in May or June, if they'll let us, if not, we'll stick with the original day of April 25<sup>th</sup>. Whatever the future holds for Green & Gold, we will be sure to keep you informed.

I would very humbly ask the following:

- If you have already purchased a ticket or more for Green & Gold, please consider not asking for a refund and using that as a donation "to the cause."
- If you haven't purchased a ticket but planned on budgeting a certain amount of money for the gala, please consider donating that to Green & Gold as well.
- If you were going to donate an item for the auction it may not be too late to do so. We'll still need to figure out how we will be able to receive items given the current conditions, but we are working on that.
- Please continue to pray for an end to this pandemic.

I am certainly aware of the stress these times are putting on everyone's finances, so whatever you are able to offer by way of a donation would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you very much and may God bless you all.

Gratefully,

*Fr. Tim Fairman*

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