



Dear Supporters of SPiCE,

Last year's March 7th "Corks for Cause" Winetasting was the last time a large group gathered here for an event at St. Brigid of Kildare. What a blessing that we were able to have this important event before we were forced to close our campus due to the Covid 19 pandemic. What a year it has been.

Thankfully we were able to use the funds we raised from the event to care for our students during quarantine. Our teachers created so many different and unique ways to connect with students during this time because they knew how important it was to deliver more than math and reading content to the children that were in their care. Baking, dancing, crafting, singing together over zoom calls, office hours being offered to touch base with a teacher, driveway visits from a distance just to see a friendly face for a moment, spending countless hours trying to find a child who was not responding to any of our communications are just a few examples of outreach that took place during the stay-at-home order. Our staff had to figure out how to help children socially distance themselves without emotionally distancing themselves. Our teachers had the training and awareness to offer these opportunities. *All of this is a result of your generous support of SPiCE.*

This past fall St. Brigid of Kildare School was blessed to reopen and offer full in-person instruction during the pandemic to serve our students – as well as fully remote instruction for those who chose that option. It was through the hard work and diligence of our administration, teachers, and staff that we were able to provide a safe haven for learning. This included meeting the needs of our SPiCE children, to whom consistency and structure is so important for their learning.

We have worked to bring the excitement and awareness of our flagship event to all of our parish families in this weeklong virtual format. While we look forward to the day we can again host a large in-person gathering, we are excited for the silver linings of this new virtual format. "Corks for a Cause" is now open, and will run through Saturday April 24th. We hope this weeklong virtual fundraiser will allow us to reach all of our parish families while providing education and awareness on the blessings our SPiCE program brings to our parish children.

Even though we cannot physically have our event, the SPiCE program still needs the funds we raise to help our students. We need your support more than ever.

This event would not be possible without the generosity our sponsors, auction item and wine donors. Thank you! You all are changing the lives of the children of this parish. I hope you will participate in our virtual event and support SPiCE with your donations. Thank you all and I look forward to seeing you in person next year.

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Msgr. Joseph M. Hendricks