Auction Rules – Part I

Silent Auction

1. Your bid number constitutes a legal contract to buy.

2. Accidental “mis-bids” may be voided by the contracted online bidding platform at your earliest convenience, before the end of the silent auction. Please seek out a representative should you need to make a correction.

3. The highest bid wins, and a summary of all your wins will appear on your device at the conclusion of the silent auction.

4. Upon payment, the winning bidders must claim the item(s) at the check-out table by 11 p.m. on the evening of the auction. Payment may be made by check or credit card: Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. Credit card charges will be processed the week following the event.

Live Auction

1. Bidding for all items is competitive and is accomplished by raising your bid number/paddle. The highest bidder acknowledged by the auctioneer is the winning bidder and purchaser of the item. The winning bidder shall identify him or herself by his or her number.

2. In cases of apparent simultaneous bidding, the auctioneer will determine the winning bid.

3. The highest bidder shall be deemed to have purchased the offered item in accordance with all of the conditions set forth in this program. The winning bidder assumes full risk and responsibility for the item and will pay the winning bid price.

4. Winning bidders in the live auction may pay for the item(s) at check-out at the end of the evening by check or credit card: Visa, MasterCard, or American Express. At the end of the evening, the check-out team will add any amount owed for successful bids in the silent auction.

Auction Rules – Part II

1. Once an item is purchased, the highest bidder/buyer waives any and all claims for liability against The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine, its Board, officers, employees, representatives, and the donor and solicitor of goods and services. Neither The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine nor any family that solicited the donation shall be responsible for any personal injuries, property damage, or loss whatsoever that may result from the utilization of goods or services donated or sold.

2. All sales are final. There will be no refunds or exchanges of items. Merchandise is sold “as is,” and The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine neither represents nor warrants, and shall in no event be responsible for the correctness of description, authorship, provenance, or condition of property.
3. All transportation and vacation items are non-transferable to other carriers or hotels, may not be redeemed for cash, and are not valid for upgrades or substitutions unless otherwise noted. The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine is not responsible for increases in transportation costs, tariffs, rates, or taxes.

4. All vacation homes, condominiums, hotels, resorts, and special tours and visits are subject to availability. Reservations and arrangements must be made with the donor unless otherwise noted. The value of a gift certificate to a restaurant generally excludes sales tax (the same applies to merchandise certificates), service charge, gratuity, wine or beverage unless otherwise noted, and no cash is given back.

5. Prompt removal of all items by successful bidders after payment is required. While as a courtesy, The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine’s officials may assist successful bidders by watching items for a limited time, the school is not responsible for such items. Those items may not be left on the auction premises after 11 p.m. The Absalom Jones Benefit Committee apologizes for any errors, omissions, changes, or substitutions. Auction volunteers reserve the right to package, arrange, and display merchandise at their discretion.

**Auction Rules – Part III**

The items listed on the online bidding platform are offered by The Cathedral School of St. John the Divine for the purpose of raising money for the school’s financial aid fund. A sincere effort has been made to provide an accurate description of every item. However, the school assumes neither risk nor liability for any items or errors in this preview catalog. All items are to be auctioned “as is” at the Absalom Jones Benefit, and all auction sales are final. Please note that addendums may be made to the site.

Please pay attention to any limitations or expiration dates listed for the items that interest you. The school cannot negotiate beyond the bounds of a donor’s generosity.

The silent auction will be all electronic via your smartphone or tablets. You will receive a text message prior to the event. Simply click on the enclosed personal link and you are ready to bid. Don’t forget to bring your favorite accessory — your smartphone — fully charged.

Group bidding is allowed on both silent and live auction items. When a group jointly bids on an item, it is the lead bidder’s responsibility to provide a list of each participating member of the group (along with the amount each person will be contributing toward the overall price) and guarantee payment and deliver funds to the Office of Institutional Advancement. In order to receive documentation that can be used for tax purposes, each member of the group must provide his/her own check or credit card number.

Winning bidders are expected to pay for and pick up their live and silent auction items before leaving the venue (by 11 p.m.). Cash, checks, and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, or American Express) will be accepted. After the Absalom Jones Benefit, the Office of Institutional Advancement will provide each donor with a summary of donations and payments. It is up to the donor to review this statement with a tax advisor.