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ST. ANNE SCHOOL FOUNDATION SELECTS ST. ANNE'S GUILD AS 17TH ANNUAL GALA HONOREE

Houston, Texas – The Board of Trustees of the St. Anne School Foundation unanimously selected the St. Anne's Guild as the 2015 Honoree for the 17th Annual Gala. The black-tie event is February 7, 2015 at River Oaks Country Club.

"The Guild positively impacts so many ministries of St. Anne Parish, while providing support to its members through fellowship, prayer and the joy of good works," Foundation President Matthew Veech said. "The Guild is a wonderful example of an organization that wholeheartedly places its focus on serving God and others."

St. Anne's Guild was founded in 1984 and currently has a membership of more than 200 women in the St. Anne Catholic Parish. The goals of the organization are prayer, service, grace and growth. The members are dedicated to serving the parish through ministry to others, fellowship to one another, spiritual enrichment, and both in-kind and fundraising support. The 2014-15 officers are Betty Boatman, president; Michele Yanta, vice president; Valerie Sheppard, recording secretary; Mary Ward, corresponding secretary; Gretchen Penny, treasurer; and Connie Hamlin, parliamentarian.

"Speaking on behalf of all the Guild members, we are absolutely thrilled to be the honoree of the 2015 Gala. Over the years, we have worked beside the Foundation to help make St. Anne an outstanding parish," Boatman said. "It is such an honor to be recognized for doing what we love to do."

The Foundation works with the Guild to grow and enhance the *St. Anne's Guild Scholarship for Service* to support students at St. Anne Catholic School. For the 2014-15 school year, the Guild designated a \$2500 scholarship for an eighth grade student, who was recognized for her service to the church and school.

2015 Gala Chairs Sybil & Terrence Starling expressed their enthusiasm for the selection of the Guild as honoree: "We are thrilled to honor a group that represents the true fiber of what St. Anne's represents: faith, service, compassion, and community. We thank the Guild for blessing our community with their talents and joy."

Adding their words of praise, 2015 Gala Chairs Ginnie and Tim McConn said: "We are so thankful to recognize an organization that not only provides an opportunity for spiritual growth for its members, but also enriches the parish in so many ways. We are honored to share their contributions at Gala!"

The theme for the 2015 Gala is *Lunar New Year: Celebrating the East Asian Dynasties*. Signature Sponsor is **Grant Thornton**; Gala Sponsors are **Frost Bank**, and **Kathleen Kopp and Alfredo Perez**. Gala Partner is the **Asia Society Texas Center**. Proceeds support the Foundation's work and mission to benefit St. Anne Catholic School. More information at www.saintannegala.org.

In addition to the Gala Chairs, the Gala Leadership Team includes Acquisition Chairs Laura and Rich Wolfe, Logistics Chairs Cathy and Ken Brown, Underwriting Chairs Nancy and Jose Almodovar, and Steering Chairs Alicia and Juan Hartsfield, and Jacqueline and Michael Kenneally – all parents of students at St. Anne Catholic School.

In addition to Veech, Foundation officers for 2014-15 are David Holt, vice president; Kurth Dohmann, treasurer; and Avalyn Langemeier, secretary. Other trustees are Tammy Casey, Mary Frances DuMay, Mike Garner, Daniel Kopfensteiner, Sean Maher, Crystal Maxwell, Bob Merrill, Michael Scheurich, Brian Welch, and Fr. Al Sinasac, C.S.B.

About the Foundation

The St. Anne School Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization established in 1982. Governed by a Board of Trustees, the Foundation manages assets exceeding \$3 million annually. The mission of the Foundation is to solicit, receive and administer funds to maintain and strengthen the learning environment of St. Anne Catholic School – a preK-3 through 8th grade school serving 500 students from more than 60 zip codes across the greater Houston area. More information at www.saintannefoundation.org.