Who IS this guy?

We call him HIPOW man! He's meant to resemble our dear Fr. Francis McGuigan, SJ, who organized the very first (and many after) HIPOW auction.

Dear Parents & Friends of the Schools,

August, September, and October are active, joyful months in the Catholic Schools of Fairbanks and Monroe Foundation offices. New families come to school and meet returning families. Students ages 4 to 18 years get to know one another through school-wide events. Junior and senior high school students become teammates when they represent CSF in a multitude of sports and activities. Teachers get to know their students and families, the front office bustles with energy, and the Foundation office is as busy as ever tucked away on the backside of the school. Here we are processing raffle and dinner tickets, entering auction items, creating packages, meeting with the generous people donating items to the annual **HIPOW Auction & Dinner**, acquiring sponsorships to underwrite the event, coordinating volunteers and greeting people who stop by to check-in for any number of reasons. We also house the CSF/MF Business office where all things financial, for both the Foundation and School, are processed. It's a happening place.

BUT WHAT THE HECK IS HIPOW?

Ooh, that's a good one! Skipping back to 1970 in the school archives...our then bishop, Robert Whelan, SJ, wisely realized the need to increase financial security and support for the schools. He asked Fr. Francis McGuigan, SJ, to organize the first ever **HIPOW** event. **HIPOW stands for *H*appiness *I*s *P*aying *O*ur *W*ay**. Through these many years, the annual auction and dinner have succeeded in helping us do just that—pay our way. Monroe Foundation, Inc.'s primary mission is raising funds to support the school. By hosting this annual event—and with the help of hundreds of generous volunteers, sponsors, benefactors, and the entire community—we can provide that security. We can fund financial aid grant opportunities for families and assist with operational costs when necessary.

With **HIPOW** upon us, I want to take a moment on behalf of our President, Amanda Angaiak, (Ms. Angaiak is also the Director of Schools) and the entire Foundation staff to *thank our wonderful community here in the interior of Alaska—we sincerely could not make this happen without you.*

This will be our **57th HIPOW Auction & Dinner**. The items provided to the Auction come in large part from locally-owned businesses, realtors, car dealers, construction companies, furniture and carpet stores, coffee shops, restaurants, sporting goods and clothing stores, gardening and recreational vehicle stores, hardware and plumbing stores, jewelry stores, local utilities, airlines, heating companies, dirt, concrete and gravel companies, vehicle repair businesses, plumbing, hardware, lumber and gift stores.

The success of the Auction depends upon the generosity of these local businesses. Not only do the owners donate to the Auction, but they are in the crowd raising their bid cards and donating via **Fund-The-Vision**. Please consider joining us on **October 10th for RUN for the ROSES: HIPOW for the WIN!** it is truly a fun evening. Dinner tickets are available at **HIPOW Auction and Dinner website—hipowauction.com** as well as raffle tickets for Alaska Airline Mileage and our 50/50 Raffle! On that link you can also register to bid in the auction. You need not attend the dinner to bid—you can do that from the comfort of your couch! The auction catalog will become available for viewing a week or two before the dinner. When that happens, you will receive a bidding number text or email, and you can start marking your favorite packages!

We need volunteers to serve in a variety of roles that evening and to help with clean-up on Sunday. Please look for the sign-up in HAPPENINGS and on the website. We also still need items! It takes about one thousand packages to raise the amount needed annually. Donations of new items like toys, tools, furniture, clothing, handbags, and jewelry are greatly appreciated. Also greatly appreciated are trips, dinner experiences, maintenance or cleaning packages, certificates, vintage items, and party experiences.

HIPOW is indeed a community event connecting families, students, alum, local and state-wide businesses. It's historical, meaningful, and necessary. Please stop by the Foundation office if you have any questions. We love visitors and we always have coffee!

Sincerely,

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