## 2023 CAR RAFFLE OFFICIAL RULES

By participating, people agree to be bound by these Official Rules and by the decisions of St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Lawrence, acting as the sponsor of the 2023 CAR RAFFLE. The Official rules shall be binding and final as to all matters related to the Raffle. The Raffle is subject to all applicable federal, state and local laws.

**SPONSOR:** St. Mary of the Assumption Parish. 300 Haverhill St. Lawrence, MA 01840

**NET PROCEEDS:** All funds raised to be used to support the Redemptoris Mater Seminary, Chestnut Hill, and several Catholic parishes in the Archdiocese in need, (the "Beneficiaries"), namely: St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Lawrence; Immaculate Conception Parish, Marlborough; Immaculate Conception Parish, Revere; St. Patrick Parish, Brockton; St. Joseph Parish, Lynn; St. Patrick Parish, Lowell; Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, East Boston; St. Rose of Lima, Chelsea; St. Thomas Aquinas Parish, Jamaica Plain; Our Lady of Lourdes, Jamaica Plain, and St. Mary of the Angels, Roxbury, all of them 501(c) non-profit organizations.

THE PRIZES: A total of three cars will be raffled: two 2023 Honda CR-V EX cars and a 2023 Honda Civic Sedan Sport car. There will be three winning tickets, one per each car raffled. The holder of the first winning ticket will be awarded a 2023 Honda Civic Sedan Sport car, which has an approximate retail value of \$26,145. The holder of the second winning ticket will be awarded a 2023 Honda CR-V EX car, which has an approximate retail value of \$33,855. The holder of the third winning ticket will be awarded a 2023 Honda CR-V EX car, which has an approximate retail value of \$\$33,855. The Prize will be available for inspection on a date following the Drawing. The particular date for the inspection will be decided by common agreement between the winner, the Sponsor and the car dealership (Lundgren Honda, located at 163 Washington Street, Auburn, MA 01501).

**TAXES & OTHER:** St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Lawrence, will be responsible for the mandated "back-up withholding" tax as well as Massachusetts sales tax, title, registration, docking fee and license plate of each of the cars. The winners will be responsible for getting car insurance and paying the excise tax.

**ELIGIBILITY TO ENTER:** <u>Raffle tickets may be purchased only by persons 18 years old or older in accordance with these Official Rules. Raffle tickets may NOT be purchased by anyone under the age of 18, regardless of location or method of purchase.</u>

All purchasers of tickets must provide their names, valid phone numbers and the name of the person who sold them the tickets at the time of purchase. The lack of a name or valid telephone number will invalidate the ticket and it will become ineligible to participate in the drawing. If the ticket has the name of the purchaser and his/her telephone number, the lack of the name of the person who sold the ticket will not invalidate it.

The following people and their immediate family members belonging to St. Mary of the Assumption Parish, Lawrence (the "Sponsor") are not allowed to purchase tickets of the raffle or win the car raffle due to their direct involvement in the promotion and operation of the raffle: Fr. Israel J. Rodriguez, Fr. Leonardo Moreira, Fr. Francis Mawn, Nilsa Vega, Ana Cardenas, Claudia Chase and Moraliza Reyna Minaya.

In addition, per the Sponsor's decision, the following individuals belonging to the "Beneficiaries" entities, are not allowed to purchase or win the car raffle: Fr. Steven Clemence, Fr. Kevin Pleitez, Lee Ann Rempelakis, Maria Neurene Ribeiro, Elizabeth Alcantar, Helena Siciliano, Fr. Wellington Oliveira, Fr. Eric J. Velasquez, Gail Hagstrom, Alba Magaly Mazariegos, Laura Reynolds, Fr. Przemyslaw Kasprzak, Fr. Benito Moreno, Nora Colon, Laurie Monahan, Thomas G. Noe, Fr. Pablo Gomis, Fr.

Maciej Araszkiewicz, Carmen Ortiz, Edith Azucena Marian, Filomena Scibelli, Fr. William Acevedo, Fr. Joseph Almeida, Lina Arenas, Norma Diaz, Fr. Ignatius Mushauko, Peter Heidkamp, Lisa Heidkamp, Fr. Hilario Sañez, Fr. Reynaldo Escobar, Yesica Santos, Very Rev. Antonio F. Medeiros, Fr. Francesco Palombi, Fr. Lukasz M. Wisniewski, Fr. Carlos Flor, Fr. Andrea Povero, Rose Gilles and Riqueldys Peña. Any other person may purchase tickets and win the raffle.

**DRAWING:** The drawing will be held at **St. Mary of the Assumption Parish Gym** (301 Haverhill St. Lawrence, MA 01840) on **Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 7:30 pm.** The event will be recorded and made public via the Parish Facebook Page: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/StMaryLawrence">https://www.facebook.com/StMaryLawrence</a>

There will be three separate drawings, one for each car. The first drawing will determine the winner of the 2023 Honda Civic Sedan Sport car. The second drawing will determine the winner of one of the 2023 Honda CR-V EX cars. The third drawing will determine the winner of the other 2023 Honda CR-V EX car. Each eligible ticket has an equal chance to win one of the raffled cars (with the exception of the winning ticket of the first car which will not enter into the second and third raffle drawing; and with the exception of the winning ticket of the second drawing, which will not enter into the third raffle drawing). The winners will be selected in a random drawing from eligible tickets received (the "Drawing").

SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS: On Sunday, September 17, 2023 at 7:30 pm the Sponsor will select the winners by random drawing from all eligible tickets. The owners of eligible tickets need NOT be present in person at the Drawing in order to win. The Sponsor will then contact each of the purchasers-of-record of the winning tickets (the "Winners") using the information provided on the winning tickets promptly after the Drawing, to notify him or her that he or she is the Winner.

## **OTHER GENERAL CONDITIONS:**

- -The Car Raffle to benefit St. Mary of the Assumption Parish follows the General Laws of 'The Commonwealth of Massachusetts,' Part I, Title I, Chapter 271, Section 7A. The Car Raffle is validly authorized by competent authorities, following an application certified in conformity with 940 CMR 12:00, 940 CMR 13:00 & MGL C271 §7A.
- -It is estimated that roughly 70% or more of the percentage amount of the ticket price will go to charitable purposes, depending on total sales.
- -The minimum number of tickets to be sold is 7,700. The maximum number of ticket is 50,000. In the unlikely case that the minimum number of tickets sold is not reached, the car raffle will be postponed to a later date. Participants will be notified through public announcement in the Sponsor's webpage and social media.
- -The prize is considered to be ordinary income by the internal Revenue Service (IRS). However, the Sponsor has decided to pre-pay the "back-up withholding" taxes on behalf of the car raffle winners.
- -The Internal Revenue Service takes the position that no portion of the ticket price will qualify as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes.
- -Depositing the ticket or any other material in connection with the raffle in the federal mails is a violation of federal law and may lead to criminal charges.