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**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION TO BESTOW ANNUAL AWARD  
TO DALLAS INVESTOR, HUMANITARIAN J. OLIVER MCGONIGLE**

*Award will be presented during the 2008 Catholic Foundation Award Dinner*

**DALLAS** – From a multi-million dollar capital campaign for a Dallas college preparatory school to a foundation set up for a school for the poor in Tijuana, Mexico, Oliver McGonigle is committed to supporting Catholic schools and the children that benefit from a Catholic education. Mr. McGonigle’s outreach both locally and throughout the continent is one of the key reasons he was selected to receive the 2008 Catholic Foundation Award.

Mr. McGonigle will be recognized at The Catholic Foundation Award Dinner at the Hilton Anatole on Wednesday, February 20, 2008. The 26<sup>th</sup> recipient of the award, he is being honored for his dedication, hard work and compassion in serving the greater Dallas/Fort Worth community and the overall Catholic community.

In addition to Mr. McGonigle’s award, The Catholic Foundation will present an annual scholarship award to a student and bestow a grant to a local organization at the dinner.

“It is an honor for the trustees of The Catholic Foundation to present the 2008 Catholic Foundation Award to J. Oliver McGonigle for his unwavering commitment to Catholic education both in our own community and Mexico,” said Edwin, M. Schaffler, Foundation president and CEO. “Mr. McGonigle’s vast accomplishments in the business world have greatly benefited the Catholic schools and universities to which he is dedicated, and we are pleased to honor him and his philanthropic efforts.”

From kindergarten through graduate school, Mr. McGonigle attended Catholic educational institutions, including Saint Mary’s School in his hometown of South Amboy, N.J. and Saint Benedict’s Preparatory School in Newark, N.J. He earned a bachelor’s of business administration degree in accounting from Saint Bonaventure University in Olean, N.Y., in 1967, and a master’s in business administration from Seton Hall University in 1972.

In Dallas, Mr. McGonigle has served on the Catholic Foundation Board of Trustees, the Board of Directors of the local American Red Cross, and as the President of the School Board and Chairman of the first capital campaign at Bishop Lynch High School, which funded the Performing Arts Center, St. Catherine's Chapel and a beautiful gathering space for students and friends.

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Currently, he co-chairs the board at Bishop Dunne and helped found the Bishop Dunne 100 Scholarship Dinner, an annual event raising several hundred thousand dollars for scholarships.

Mr. McGonigle also serves on the Board of Trustees at Saint Bonaventure University and is the founder of Friends of the Missionaries of the Cross Foundation, which supports the Santa Rosa School in the barrio of Tijuana, Mexico. The school, whose site was selected with the guidance of Mother Theresa, serves 500 students considered to be “the poorest of the poor.”

“I am delighted to be nominated for this wonderful award and humbled given its prior recipients,” said Mr. McGonigle.

Mr. McGonigle joins a distinguished group of past individuals who have been awarded this honor for 26 years. These outstanding individuals have made it their life-long priority to serve others in their communities.

Mr. McGonigle, president of the McGonigle Family Foundation and a private investor, has led a successful career in the finance industry. He was the president of private investment firm Edwin L. Cox Company for 13 years, after serving as Chief Financial Officer for Cox Oil & Gas, one of the nation’s largest independent exploration and production companies.

Chartered in 1955, The Catholic Foundation was founded by a group of dedicated Catholic laymen with a vision that extended far beyond the charitable needs of the moment. For over 50 years, this independent, nonprofit corporation has dedicated its resources to compassionate charitable giving through grants provided by benefactors through its many planned giving programs. The Foundation has been able to provide approximately \$21 million through hundreds of grants to various religious, educational and charitable organizations within the Diocese of Dallas during its 50 plus years of existence. In addition, donor-advised funds maintained at the Foundation have accounted for many more grants amounting to millions of dollars over the years.

Tickets are available for purchase through the Catholic Foundation at 972.661.9792 or contact Linda Scheets, [lscheets@catholicfoundation.com](mailto:lscheets@catholicfoundation.com).

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