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THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION'S R. MICHAEL GEORGE ELECTED 2011 GREATER DALLAS AFP PRESIDENT

Foundation's senior development officer to head Greater Dallas Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals in 2011

DALLAS -- R. Michael George, CFRE and senior development officer at The Catholic Foundation, has been elected president of the Greater Dallas Chapter of the Association for Fundraising Professionals (Greater Dallas AFP) for 2011. In this capacity, Michael will serve as chief executive of the chapter providing leadership to the Board of Directors and guiding the chapter's organizational priorities and governance.

Mr. George has been a member of Greater Dallas AFP for 14 years and has served on the Board for six. During this time, and in addition to his current position as president of the chapter, he has served as vice-president of governance, treasurer and president-elect.

"I'm truly honored to fill this position of great responsibility and feel humbled to have been selected by my peers from among a group of highly qualified and gifted fundraising professionals," said Michael George. "It is with eager anticipation that I look forward to a year of great success for this Association of Fundraising Professionals chapter and its members."

As senior development officer for The Catholic Foundation, Mr. George is responsible for building and maintaining donor relationships and assisting with planned gifts to the Foundation. He has been with the Foundation for more than 11 years. He has held various management positions in a career spanning more than 18 years, including a previous position as the director of the annual Catholic Community Appeal for the Diocese of Dallas from 1996 to 1999.

Mr. George also participates in the Partnership for Philanthropic Planning; the Dallas Estate Planning Council; and the Estate Planning Council of North Texas. Additionally, he devotes his spare time to organizations like the Serra Club of Dallas, the Down Syndrome Guild and Knights of Columbus. He is an active member of the St. Rita Catholic Community and volunteers with the Parish Vocation Committee, Contemporary Choir and Stewardship Council.

The Association of Fundraising Professionals represents approximately 30,000 members in 165 chapters in the United States, Canada, and Mexico, working to advance philanthropy through advocacy, research, education, networking, and training and certification programs for fundraisers to maintain the highest possible standards for their profession. Greater Dallas AFP has approximately 400 members.

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. This independent, nonprofit corporation dedicates 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 \$25.3 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. **For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, call 972.661.9792.**

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