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**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES MORE THAN \$676,000 GIVEN
TO DALLAS-AREA SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS**

Grants will help fund education, outreach and infrastructure projects

DALLAS -- The Catholic Foundation awarded \$676,365 in grants to Dallas-area schools and organizations serving the local Diocesan community. The numerous initiatives made possible by these grants help serve schoolchildren, the elderly, parishioners, refugees and more. The grants were announced and presented during a spring granting ceremony held at Santa Clara of Assisi Parish on April 23.

The grants were made from the unrestricted endowment of The Catholic Foundation (\$594,925) and the restricted funds of The Catholic Foundation (\$81,440), which included the Emma Louise Buhner Endowment Fund (\$25,000), the Jane and Henry Neuhoff Fund (\$19,400), the Senior Citizens Fund (\$30,000) and the R. Cardis & Grace Delee Stubbs Fund (\$7,040).

“The Catholic Foundation exists to support the important spiritual, educational and charitable efforts of our local Catholic community, and we do so by encouraging compassionate charitable giving to further serve the community’s needs,” said Edwin M. Schaffler, president and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation. “We are thankful to the many contributors who have enabled us to provide these organizations with over \$676,000 in funds to continue their service and outreach.”

The grants are given to organizations that demonstrate their ability to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the Catholic community. Recipients will use the grants to assist with a variety of needs, such as technology updates in schools, refugee outreach, parish construction projects, and ESL programs.

The following are recipients of The Catholic Foundation’s 2008 Spring Grants from unrestricted funds:

BISHOP DUNNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$44,000

Update fire monitoring system

THE HIGHLANDS SCHOOL - \$35,000

Improvement of access road and parking lot

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HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH PARISH - \$45,000
Replace HVAC system and restroom renovations

JOHN PAUL II HIGH SCHOOL - \$25,000
Redesign Web site to include alumni component

LA PROMESA FOUNDATION/GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK - \$20,000
Update broadcasting equipment

LITERACY INSTRUCTION FOR TEXAS (LIFT) - \$10,925
ESL for two parishes

NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - \$10,000
Update computers & software

THE PINES CATHOLIC CAMP - \$25,000
Master plan for campgrounds

SACRED HEART OF JESUS CHINESE PARISH - \$40,000
Construction of multi-purpose building to include a parish hall & rectory

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$60,000
Replace roof and floor in gym

ST. ELIZABETH CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$35,000
Update technology labs

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH (Lancaster) - \$10,000
Assistance with clerestory windows for new chapel

ST. JOHN CATHOLIC SCHOOL (Ennis) - \$20,000
Update computer lab

ST. MARY'S PARISH (Sherman) - \$45,000
Pews for St. Anne's Church

ST. MONICA SCHOOL - \$30,000
Update middle school science labs

ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE SCHOOL - \$30,000
Outdoor pavilion and benches

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL - \$25,000
Renovation of Upper School restrooms

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS - \$25,000
Replacement of laboratory exhaust fans

URSULINE ACADEMY - \$50,000
Construction of Science, Math & Technology Center

VITAE CARING FOUNDATION - \$10,000
Support of pro-life TV ad campaign in DFW Market

The following grants were made possible through restricted funds.

WORK OF HEART PROGRAM - \$25,000

Catholic School Award Program for Fall Semester 2008
Funded through Emma Louisa Buhner Endowment Fund

ST. PATRICK CHURCH - \$16,400

Refugee outreach program
Funded through Jane and Henry Neuhoff Fund

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL THRIFT STORE - \$3,000

Purchase truck
Funded through Jane and Henry Neuhoff Fund

DIOCESAN MINISTRY TO PERSONS W/DISABILITIES - \$30,000

Automatic door openers in selected parishes
Funded through Senior Citizens Fund

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - \$1,422.74

Veterans' assistance
Funded through R. Cardis and Grace Delee Stubbs Foundation

GRAND PRAIRIE WELLNESS CENTER - \$5,617.63

Technology and training plan
Funded through R. Cardis and Grace Delee Stubbs Foundation

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 more than \$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.

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