



CONTACT: Edwin Schaffler, President

972.661.9792

LOCAL SCHOOLS, CHURCHES AND NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS BENEFIT FROM MORE THAN \$638,000 IN GRANTS FROM THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Foundation Board approves grants to benefit 15 local organizations during fall grant ceremony

DALLAS – The Catholic Foundation awarded 15 Dallas-area organizations with \$638,623 in grants to fund various projects ranging from upgrading textbooks and free meals for children to new church construction and renovation. The grants were distributed to selected schools, churches and nonprofit organizations within the Catholic Diocese of Dallas during a public granting ceremony at Mary Immaculate Catholic Church in Farmers Branch. The grants are given twice a year to support religious and educational programs and associations serving the Dallas-area Catholic community.

The grants were made from the unrestricted endowment of The Catholic Foundation (\$589,932) and the restricted funds of the Foundation (\$48,691). The grants are given twice a year to organizations that demonstrate their ability to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the Catholic community and those served by the Catholic community. Recipients will use the grants to assist with a variety of needs including school arts programs, church construction, roof repairs and Spanish-language ministry.

“As the year comes to a close and we look forward to the holidays, we must not forget the vast amount of needs that must be met right here in our own community,” said Edwin M. Schaffler, president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “The Catholic Foundation is grateful that, thanks to such generous donors, we can help resolve some of those needs. We are dedicated to growing our resources so that we may continue to support our local organizations that do so much for so many.”

The Catholic Foundation manages an unrestricted fund for grant requests, but the Foundation also works with families and individuals interested in starting donor-advised funds, named or otherwise, to benefit their communities today and for future generations. Many of the restricted funds utilized during the fall grant process were applied to specific programs or organizations aligned with the philanthropic focus of a specific donor. The Catholic Foundation granted a total of \$2.5 million to over 275 different organizations in 2009 through donor-advised restricted funds.

All 15 grant recipients of The Catholic Foundation’s 2010 fall grants cycle are listed below, and restricted funds are listed when applicable. An additional \$103,000 was approved by the Trustees of The Catholic Foundation for the various grants in 2010 and 2011, including the Work of Heart Award program and scholarships.

BIG THOUGHT - \$30,000

Artistic enrichment programming in five Diocesan schools

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - \$59,309

Support of elderly services program

Partial funding from Louise Burhrer Endowment Fund and Olga Faye Harper Senior Citizens Fund

CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE - \$15,000

Support and expansion of Spanish-language ministry

CHILDREN'S EDUCATION FUND - \$75,000

Catholic School Tuition Assistance Fund

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ACTION - \$9,240

"Kids Eat Free" lunch program for summer 2011

DIOCESE OF DALLAS MINISTRIES OFFICE - \$12,400

"Catholics Come Home for Christmas" initiative

HEROIC MEDIA - \$15,000

Support of Spring 2011 Call for Help Campaign in Dallas/Fort Worth

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$25,000

Roof repairs in gym and Las Mercedes Meeting Room

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH - \$100,000

Construction of new church – Phase III

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$38,824

New math and religion textbooks

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH (Waxahachie) - \$16,698

Computer infrastructure

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL (Plano) - \$65,000

Mold remediation in preschool building

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH (Garland) – \$42,152

Renovations of Curran Hall

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC CHURCH (Grand Prairie) - \$22,000

Replace pews and kneelers in sanctuary

UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS - \$10,000

Marketing materials for Seminarian Scholarship Fund

Chartered in 1955 by a group of dedicated Catholic laymen, The Catholic Foundation is a donor-focused community foundation that guides benefactors in compassionate charitable giving endeavors, utilizing extensive expertise to carry out the various philanthropic goals of its donors. The Foundation's planned giving programs connects donors directly with organizations they wish to support within the Diocese of Dallas and elsewhere, whether that is a home parish, Catholic school or a community-based charity. Thanks to the generosity of donors both past and present, The Foundation has provided approximately \$25 million from its Unrestricted Endowment Fund to local organizations through hundreds of grants over the past 54 years, and Donor Advised Funds maintained at the Foundation have accounted for even more grants amounting to millions of dollars.

###