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**NORTH TEXAS PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN FIFTH ANNUAL
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION PLAZA ARTISTS COMPETITION**

Winner to receive \$2,500 stipend with artwork displayed on outdoor wall in Dallas Arts District for one year

DALLAS – The Catholic Foundation is pleased to announce the Fifth Annual Catholic Foundation Plaza Artists Competition and invites all professional North Texas artists to submit their artwork for consideration. The deadline for entries is 3:00 p.m., Thursday, September 2, 2010.

The winning work will be selected by a panel comprised of highly respected members of the local arts community and will be announced and publicly unveiled in October. The winner will receive a \$2,500 stipend and have their artwork displayed on a 28-foot-long by 9-foot-wide wall in The Catholic Foundation Plaza, located in the heart of the Dallas Arts District. Honorable mentions will receive \$250 each.

“The Dallas Arts District has grown immensely in size and reach over the past year. We recognize the worth in The Catholic Foundation Plaza’s bold presence and ability to impact the Dallas arts community,” said Edwin M. Schaffler, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “In this competition’s fifth year, we are more excited than ever to invite local members of the arts community to submit their work to be showcased on the Plaza Art Wall, which is such a wonderful, public showcase of our local talent.”

The Catholic Foundation Plaza is a 3,900-square-foot public space on the grounds of the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, directly across from the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center. Dedicated in 2006, the Plaza was a gift from The Catholic Foundation to the Dallas community to commemorate the Foundation’s 50th anniversary. The Art Wall currently displays last year’s winning piece entitled “Music on Parade” by David Zvanut.

Professional artists living in the North Texas area are invited to submit one original work of art. The winning work will be photographed and installed on the wall and displayed there for one year. The work must be in keeping with the location of the Plaza on the Cathedral grounds but does not require a religious theme.

This year's Selection Committee includes one representative from The Catholic Foundation and one representative from the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe; Cindy M. Gummer, owner of The Enchanted Galleries; Katherine Wagner, CEO of the Business Council for the Arts; Patricia B. Meadows, Art Connections; David C. Hickman, sculptor; Pamela Nelson, Dallas artist; Gary Skotnicki of Architexas, the architectural firm and designer of the Plaza; and David Zvanut, the 2009 competition winner.

For the complete Request for Proposal with all competition details please contact Linda Scheets at 972.661.9792 or lscheets@catholicfoundation.com. For additional information please visit www.catholicfoundation.com.

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 \$24 million 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. **For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, call 972.661.9792.**

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