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**The Catholic Foundation Awards \$692,000 in Grants at Fall Ceremony**

*Community grants for building renovations, technology upgrades and more follow \$1.1 million Catholic Foundation grant presented in February to Holy Trinity Seminary*



**Above:** Representatives from local schools, parishes and nonprofit organizations accepted \$692,000 total in grants from The Catholic Foundation on behalf of their organizations.

**DALLAS** – (Nov. 28, 2018) The Catholic Foundation awarded \$692,000 in grants to North Texas churches, schools and community organizations during the Foundation’s 2018 Fall Grant Ceremony at Sisters of Our Lady of Charity, who received a Foundation grant to renovate a chapel in 2016. In addition to funding major building renovations and technology upgrades for churches and schools, the grants will finance a branding project and the expansion of a community program that assists expectant mothers.

Twice per year, The Catholic Foundation distributes community grants to local schools, parishes and nonprofit organizations. Grant requests are reviewed by the Board of Trustees’ Distribution Committee, followed by documented site visits through which the recipients and funding amounts are determined.

In 2017, The Catholic Foundation distributed approximately \$1.8 million through the spring and fall community grants.

In addition, The Catholic Foundation and its Board of Trustees awarded a \$1.1 million grant in February to Holy Trinity Seminary at the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Catholic Foundation Award Dinner.

“With the guidance of our Board of Trustees and the kind-hearted giving of our donors, we are able to continue making a difference in North Texas this fall,” said Matt Kramer, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “After careful consideration, we are honored to devote these funds to strengthen and improve the communities that these organizations serve.”

Grants are made from the unrestricted Philanthropy Fund and restricted funds of The Catholic Foundation. Individuals or families, named or otherwise, establish restricted funds at the Foundation to benefit their communities today and for future generations. While impacting lives through the organizations they wish to support, donors benefit from the knowledge and expertise of professional Foundation staff, the maximum in tax benefits, and the assurance that the earnings from their investments will be utilized to further help their local Catholic community through the Philanthropy Fund.

The 2018 fall grant recipients and their projects are as follows.

- **CATHOLIC PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE** | Branding Project
- **CRISTO REY DALLAS HIGH SCHOOL** | New Chapel
- **THE HIGHLANDS SCHOOL** | Repair High School Elevator
- **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH - CORSICANA** | Complete the Renovation of Open-Air Pavilion
- **THE PINES CATHOLIC CAMP** | Construction of Housing for Missionary Leadership
- **ST. BERNARD OF CLAIRVAUX CATHOLIC SCHOOL** | Update HVAC Systems  
*(Partial funding provided by The Joe & Hazel Fechtel Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH - FRISCO** | Installation of Interactive Displays & Digital Signage in Parish Center
- **ST. JUDE, INC.** | Partial Roof Replacement on St. Jude Center
- **ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH - DENISON** | Replace Stained Glass Windows
- **ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH** | Discernment House Renovations
- **WHITE ROSE WOMEN’S CENTER** | Expansion of Magdalene Program

In addition, grants will be awarded to support Catholic High School Scholarships and the Foundation’s Work of Heart Award program, which honors local Catholic School employees.

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### **About the Catholic Foundation**

The Catholic Foundation is a trusted giving vehicle for the Catholic community. Chartered in 1955, the Foundation was founded by a group of dedicated Catholic laymen with a vision that extended far beyond the charitable needs of the moment. The Foundation has spent decades building a strong

community, helping donors fulfill their charitable goals, and preserving the founders' vision and philanthropic legacy. Over the past 63 years, the Foundation has provided more than \$148 million in grants to religious, charitable and educational organizations. Today, it manages more than \$225 million in assets and houses more than 430 charitable funds and trusts. For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, call 972.661.9792 or visit [www.catholicfoundation.com](http://www.catholicfoundation.com).