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**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION GRANTS MORE THAN \$1M TO HOLY TRINITY SEMINARY
IN HONOR OF KEVIN CARDINAL FARRELL**

*Surprise grant presented during 36th Annual Catholic Foundation Award Dinner
honoring Cardinal Farrell for his tremendous impact during time as Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas*



Above: John Landon, Chairman of The Catholic Foundation Board of Trustees, presents the largest single grant in Catholic Foundation history to Holy Trinity Seminary, accepted by Very Reverend James Swift, Rector of the Seminary.

DALLAS – The Catholic Foundation, together with its Board of Trustees, presented a \$1.1 million grant to Holy Trinity Seminary in honor of Kevin Cardinal Farrell during the 36th Annual Catholic Foundation Award Dinner at the Hilton Anatole on Saturday, Feb. 3. The grant, planned as a surprise for Cardinal Farrell and the nearly 1,600 guests in attendance, will benefit construction of the Cardinal Farrell Student Center at the Seminary and is the largest single grant in Catholic Foundation history.

“Gratitude seems almost an inadequate word, but I do want to say how very grateful I am to The Catholic Foundation and of course to the Trustees for this truly extraordinary gift to Holy Trinity Seminary,” said Very Reverend James Swift, Rector of Holy Trinity Seminary. “It’s so fitting on this

evening honoring Cardinal Farrell, who from the very first day to the very last day of his being the Bishop of Dallas made Holy Trinity Seminary a top priority for this Diocese.”

Currently serving as Prefect of the newly established Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life at the Vatican, Cardinal Farrell traveled to Dallas to receive the 36th Annual Catholic Foundation Award, an annual tradition established in 1983 to honor exemplary Catholic leaders in the community for their distinguished service and support in furthering local religious, charitable and educational needs throughout the Diocese.

“There aren’t enough words to encompass the impact Cardinal Farrell has made on this Diocese,” said Matt Kramer, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “We are grateful he returned to Dallas for this special celebration, but we wanted to go a step further to show him how tremendous his legacy is here in Dallas. We couldn’t think of a better way than giving in his honor to the Cardinal Farrell Student Center, which will serve decades of young men on their journey to priesthood.”

In addition to the grant to Holy Trinity Seminary, the Foundation also presented a scholarship to Jonathan Seth De La Cruz, a junior at Cistercian Preparatory School.

About Kevin Cardinal Farrell

Kevin Cardinal Farrell was appointed the seventh Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Dallas by Pope Benedict XVI and was installed at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe in Dallas on May 1, 2007. After serving the Dallas community for nearly a decade, he was appointed by Pope Francis as Prefect of the newly established Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life on Aug. 17, 2016. He was named a cardinal by Pope Francis and elevated during the Consistory in Rome on November 19, 2016. Cardinal Farrell’s titular church is San Guiliano Martire in Rome.

Born in Dublin, Ireland on September 2, 1947, Cardinal Farrell was ordained to the priesthood in Rome on December 24, 1978. He was later incardinated as a diocesan priest in the Archdiocese of Washington where he served in several parishes and assignments. He was named a Prelate of Honor in 1995 by Pope John Paul II and was ordained an auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Washington on February 11, 2002.

During his time as Bishop of Dallas, Cardinal Farrell also served as the Chancellor of the University of Dallas, and on the boards of The Catholic Foundation, The Papal Foundation, Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, The Catholic University of America, and St. Luke Institute in Washington, D.C. He was also elected by his brother bishops to serve as the Treasurer of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops from 2013 until 2016.

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 56 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.

About Holy Trinity Seminary

For more than 50 years, Holy Trinity Seminary has been instrumental in the human, intellectual, spiritual and pastoral formation of young men who are called to serve the church. Hundreds of young men have graduated from Holy Trinity Seminary and followed the voice of the Lord into priesthood, serving more than 40 Dioceses across the country, with 10 ordained as bishops.

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