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**The Catholic Foundation Awards \$850,000 in Grants at Spring Ceremony**

*Community grants for tuition assistance, building renovations and SmartLab development follow \$1.1 million Catholic Foundation grant to Holy Trinity Seminary in honor of Kevin Cardinal Farrell*



**Above:** Representatives from local schools, parishes and nonprofit organizations accepted \$850,000 total in grants from The Catholic Foundation on behalf of their organizations.

**DALLAS** – (April 3, 2018) The Catholic Foundation awarded \$850,000 in grants to North Texas churches, schools and community organizations during the Foundation’s 2018 Spring Grant Ceremony at Cristo Rey Dallas College Preparatory School. In addition to providing tuition assistance to families who otherwise would not be able to afford a Catholic education for their children, the grants will fund a variety of projects ranging from pertinent building renovations to the development of a SmartLab.

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 to Holy Trinity Seminary in honor of Kevin Cardinal Farrell at the 36<sup>th</sup> annual Catholic Foundation Award Dinner. The Foundation is also providing funding for 50 parishes from the Diocese of Dallas to attend the Amazing Parish Conference in Dallas this April.

“With the help of our Board of Trustees, we kicked this year off strong by awarding the \$1.1 million grant to Holy Trinity Seminary,” said Matt Kramer, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we are able to continue spreading support to these ever-important organizations in the community through our spring grants.”

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 spring grant recipients and their projects are as follows.

- **BIG THOUGHT** | Educational Experiences for Catholic Schools in Dallas Diocese
- **BISHOP DUNNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL** | Tuition Assistance  
*(Funding provided by The Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund & The Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **CATHOLIC CHARITIES** | Support of Senior Programs  
*(Funding provided by The Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund, The Harper Senior Citizen Fund & The R. Cardis & Grace DeLee Stubbs Foundation Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL** | Tuition Assistance  
*(Funding provided by The Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **THE HIGHLANDS SCHOOL** | Tuition Assistance  
*(Funding provided by The Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH** | Replace Roof on William Lane Building  
*(Partial funding provided by The Joe & Hazel Fechtel Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL** | Tuition Assistance  
*(Funding provided by The Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **JAMES L. COLLINS CATHOLIC SCHOOL** | Replace Gym Roof & HVAC Systems  
*(Partial funding provided by The Thomas John Uhl Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **LEGIONARIES OF CHRIST PASTORAL SERVICES** | Repair Sewer Line
- **MOUNT ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL** | Replace Boiler System; Tuition Assistance  
*(Funding for tuition assistance provided by The Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH** | Repave Parking Lot; Replace Sewer Lines  
*(Partial funding provided by The Msgr. Thomas W. Weinzapfel Endowment Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*

- **OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CATHOLIC SCHOOL** | Repair Sidewalks & Ramps  
*(Partial funding provided by The Wm. & Mary Jane Jaspersen Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **PEROT MUSEUM OF NATURE AND SCIENCE** | Educational Experiences for Catholic Schools in Dallas Diocese
- **ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL** | Tuition Assistance  
*(Funding provided by The Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL** | Development of a SmartLab  
*(Partial funding provided by The Bernard (Brian) Bradley Endowment Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **ST. GABRIEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC COMMUNITY** | Completion of Loggias & Porte-Caches
- **ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH (Richardson)** | NET Ministries
- **ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL (Waxahachie)** | Replace Roof on School  
*(Partial funding provided by the Osborne Family Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **ST. MARY OF CARMEL CATHOLIC SCHOOL** | Tuition Assistance  
*(Funding provided by The Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **ST. PHILIP & ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC ACADEMY** | Phase II Construction; Tuition Assistance  
*(Funding for tuition assistance provided by The Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*
- **ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC PARISH** | Update HVAC in Church & School  
*(Partial funding provided by the Roper Fund of The Catholic Foundation)*

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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 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. For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, call 972.661.9792 or visit [www.catholicfoundation.com](http://www.catholicfoundation.com).