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Jane and Don Hanratty Named the 2017 Catholic Foundation Award Honorees

Generous community leaders to be recognized for their leadership and impact on Catholic community at the Foundation's annual award dinner on Feb. 11, 2017

DALLAS – Community leaders Jane and Don Hanratty have been selected as the 35th Catholic Foundation Award honorees in recognition of their dedication, generosity and impact on the Catholic community and education in the Diocese of Dallas and beyond. The Hanrattys will be honored during The Catholic Foundation Award Dinner on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017, at the Hilton Anatole.

“The Catholic Foundation Award honors an individual or couple for distinguished service and support to further the religious, charitable and educational needs within our Diocese,” said Matt Kramer, president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “Dedicated philanthropists, volunteers and community leaders, Jane and Don Hanratty exemplify the true intent of this award. Their positive leadership and generosity has strengthened so many of our local Catholic schools and organizations.”

Both raised in Irish Catholic families in Chicago, Jane and Don met at a powderpuff football game raising funds for the March of Dimes at Western Illinois University. Giving back was a part of both of their lives as individuals, and that commitment grew stronger as they became a family.

As Regional Vice President for Performance Dynamics, Don selected Dallas to be the next move for his company and family in 1982. Soon after, Don launched his own management consultant firm, Optimance, which offers career continuation services, executive development and talent management programs. He led the firm for 33 years, growing it to 50 employees to make the Inc. 500 list twice. After selling to colleagues in Houston, Don remains engaged in several private projects.

Jane and Don became very active in Catholic schools when their three children were young. Their support of Catholic schools continued after their daughters Kelly and Meghan graduated from Ursuline Academy and their son Ryan from Jesuit College Preparatory School. Jane and Don now have seven grandchildren.

The Hanrattys' leadership and generosity has impacted Catholic Charities, the American Ireland Fund, Ursuline Academy, Jesuit College Preparatory School and The Catholic Foundation, to name a few. In 2011, they helped establish the Bishop Farrell Invitational, a golf tournament benefitting local Catholic schools. The event has grossed more than \$3.2 million in six years, providing immediate tuition assistance to more than 2,100 students. Don and Jane were also leaders in the record-breaking Our Faith Our Future Capital Campaign for the Diocese.

Members of Prince of Peace Parish in Plano, both Jane and Don are honored and humbled to be named the 2017 Catholic Foundation Award honorees. They accept the honor on behalf of the laity in this Catholic community and

hope to encourage lay leaders and philanthropists to continue to support the growing momentum that is addressing the needs of the community and the Catholic Church.

Table and individual reservations for the 2017 Catholic Foundation Award Dinner can be made at The Catholic Foundation. Visit www.catholicfoundation.com, call 972.661.9792 or email lscheets@catholicfoundation.com for more information.

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 40 years, the Foundation has provided more than \$100 million in grants to religious, charitable and educational organizations. Today, it manages more than \$223 million in assets and houses approximately 390 charitable funds and trusts.

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