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The Catholic Foundation Awards \$1.16 Million in Grants During Spring Ceremony

Projects support feeding the hungry, facility renovations, digital signage, smart boards, new chapel, relocation of historic church, hearing assistance, safety and security, plus tuition assistance for students

DALLAS – Twenty five North Texas churches, schools and community organizations received \$1.16 million in grants and tuition assistance from The Catholic Foundation during its annual spring grant ceremony today at Holy Trinity Seminary.

The grants help fund projects that will deliver food to the hungry, support various facility renovations, establish digital signage, introduce smart boards into the classroom, build a new chapel, relocate a historic church, offer hearing assistance and bolster safety and security at churches and schools. In addition, the grants provide tuition assistance to families who otherwise would not be able to afford a Catholic education for their children.

“The beneficiaries of these grants will be positively impacted for decades to come,” said Matt Kramer, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “Our donor generosity helps make us a strong foundation and enables us to offer financial support that enhances our community by supporting programs and projects of substance and value.”

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 2018, The Catholic Foundation distributed \$1.54 million during its spring and fall grant cycles plus provided more than \$22 million through more than 2,000 grants to more than 650 organizations.

Last year, The Catholic Foundation, together with its Board of Trustees, awarded a \$1.1 million grant to Holy Trinity Seminary to establish a new student center in honor of Cardinal Kevin Farrell,

who served as the seventh bishop of Dallas until his appointment as the first prefect of the Dicastery for Laity, Family and Life in 2016.

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 2019 spring grant recipients and their projects are as follows.

- **All Saints Catholic Church** - Door/Hardware Replacement
- **Bishop Dunne Catholic School** - Tuition Assistance
- **Catholic Charities Of Dallas** - Purchase of Mobile Food Pantry Trucks
(Partially funded by the R. Cardis & Grace DeLee Stubbs Foundation & The Weinzapfel Endowment Fund)
- **Catholic Charities Of Dallas** - Support of Senior Programs
(Funded by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund and the Olga Fay Harper Senior Citizens Fund)
- **Cistercian Preparatory School** - Replace AV Projectors in Classrooms
- **Good Shepherd Catholic School** - Tuition Assistance
(Funding provided by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund)
- **The Highlands School** - Tuition Assistance
(Funding provided by the Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund)
- **Holy Family Catholic Academy** - Purchase & Installation of SmartBoards
- **Holy Family Catholic Academy** - Tuition Assistance
(Funding provided by the Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund)
- **Holy Trinity Catholic School** - Bathroom Renovations
(Partially funded by the William & Mary Jane Jaspersen Fund)
- **Immaculate Conception Catholic School** - Replace Doors & Windows
- **Immaculate Conception Catholic School** - Tuition Assistance
(Funded by the Louise Buhrer Endowment & Dorothy Irving Memorial Funds)
- **Jesuit College Preparatory School** - Purchase & Installation of Security Cameras
- **Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House** - Repairs to Assumption Hall & Simon Family Dining Hall
(Partially funded by the Osborne Family Endowment Fund)
- **Network Of Community Ministries** - Refrigerated Food Truck
(Partially funded by the Bernard (Brian) Bradley Endowment Fund)
- **Our Lady Of Angels Catholic Church** - Permanent Covering Over Church Entrance
- **Sacred Heart Catholic Church** - Relocation of Original Church
(Partial funding provided by the Thomas John Uhl Fund)

- **St. Bernard Of Clairvaux Catholic School** - Tuition Assistance
(Funding provided by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund)
- **St. Cecilia Catholic School** - Tuition Assistance
(Funding provided by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund)
- **Santa Clara Catholic Academy** - Tuition Assistance
(Funding provided by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund)
- **St. Mark The Evangelist Catholic Church** - Hearing Assist System in Church
- **St. Mary Of Carmel Catholic School** - Tuition Assistance
(Funding provided by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund)
- **St. Michael The Archangel Catholic Church (Garland)** - New Chapel
(Funding provided by the Joe & Hazel Fechtel Fund)
- **St. Philip The Apostle Catholic Church** - Installation of Display Screens in Gym
(Funding provided by the Roper Family Fund)
- **St. Philip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy** - Tuition Assistance
(Funding provided by the Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund)
- **St. Rita Catholic School** - Sound & Lighting Upgrades in Sweeney Hall
- **St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church** - Replace HVAC Systems on Kenwood Campus
- **Sisters Of The Holy Family Of Nazareth** - Replace Fire Alarm System

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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 time, the Foundation has provided more than \$170 million in grants to religious, charitable and educational organizations. Today, it manages approximately \$207 million in assets and houses more than 440 charitable funds and trusts. For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, call 972-661-9792 or visit www.catholicfoundation.com.