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The Catholic Foundation Presents More Than \$1.2 million in Grants at Spring Ceremony

Nineteen local schools, parishes and organizations receive funding for building renovations, technology upgrades, tuition assistance and more

DALLAS – (May 3, 2016) Today more than \$1.2 million was awarded to 19 recipients at the 2016 Catholic Foundation Spring Grant Ceremony, held at Notre Dame School in Dallas, Texas. The grants will fund various projects including roof replacements, construction of new buildings and tuition assistance throughout the local Catholic community.

The Catholic Foundation distributes community grants twice a year to local schools, parishes and nonprofit organizations. The Board of Trustees' Distribution Committee reviews all grant requests, conducts site visits, and prepares reports to determine the recipients and amounts of each grant. In 2015, The Catholic Foundation gave more than \$15 million through nearly 1,300 grants.

"These schools, parishes and organizations are the lifeblood of our Catholic community, and it's an honor to support their work," said Matt Kramer, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. "The grants we presented today wouldn't exist without the donors who compound their charitable gifts by giving through The Catholic Foundation. Because of their generosity, we're able to continue meeting the ever-changing physical and spiritual needs of the Catholic community."

Grants are made from the unrestricted Philanthropy Fund and restricted funds of The Catholic Foundation. Restricted funds are established at the Foundation by individuals or families, named or otherwise, 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 2016 spring grant recipients and their projects are as follows:

Bishop Dunne Catholic School: Renovation of Science Labs
(Partial funding provided by The William & Mary Jane Jaspersen Fund of The Catholic Foundation)

Catholic Charities: Support of Senior Services at Brady Center

(Funding provided by The Louise Buhner Endowment Fund & The Harper Senior Citizen Funds of The Catholic Foundation)

Cristo Rey Dallas: Construction of New School Building

Good Shepherd Catholic Church: Construction of New Church

Holy Cross Church: Replace Roof on Cross Family Center

Holy Family Catholic Academy: Tuition Assistance

(Funding provided by The Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund of The Catholic Foundation)

Immaculate Conception Parish: Update Campus Technology

Montserrat Jesuit Retreat House: Renovation of St. Ignatius Chapel

(Partial funding provided by The Roper Fund of The Catholic Foundation)

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church: Replace Roof, Heating & A/C Systems

(Partial funding provided by The Osborne Family Fund of The Catholic Foundation)

The Pines Catholic Camp: Construction of New Dining Hall

(Partial funding provided by The John Thomas Uhl Fund of The Catholic Foundation)

Santa Clara of Assisi Catholic Academy: Tuition Assistance

(Funding provided by The Louise Buhner Endowment Fund & The Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund of The Catholic Foundation)

St. Elizabeth Of Hungary Catholic Church: Replace Roof on Church & Rectory

St. James Catholic Church: Replace Windows in Faith Formation Building

(Partial funding provided by The Joe & Hazel Fechtel Fund of The Catholic Foundation)

St. Joseph Catholic Church: Pews for New Sanctuary

St. Mary of Carmel Catholic School: Tuition Assistance

(Funding provided by The Louise Buhner Endowment Fund of The Catholic Foundation)

St. Mary's Parish: Replace Roofs

St. Mary's Catholic School: Tuition Assistance

(Funding provided by The Louise Buhner Endowment Fund of The Catholic Foundation)

St. Philip & St. Augustine Catholic Academy: Tuition Assistance

(Funding provided by The Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund of The Catholic Foundation)

St. Pius X Catholic School: Renovation of Men's & Women's Restrooms

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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 40 years, the Foundation has provided more than \$100 million in grants to religious, charitable and educational organizations. Today, it manages more than \$230 million in assets and houses approximately 390 charitable funds and trusts.

For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, call 972.661.9792 or visit www.catholicfoundation.com.