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**CISTERCIAN'S RT. REV. DENIS FARKASFALVY TO RECEIVE 2016 CATHOLIC FOUNDATION
AWARD AT 34TH ANNUAL AWARD DINNER**

Jim and Barbara Moroney co-chair the largest Foundation Award Dinner in history

On Friday, Feb. 19, 2016, more than 1,600 guests will gather to honor Abbot Denis Farkasfalvy, O. Cist., Abbot Emeritus, at The Catholic Foundation's 34th Annual Award Dinner at the Hilton Anatole. Co-chairs Jim and Barbara Moroney have led the Foundation's Award Dinner Committee in selling the most tables in the history of the event.

The Foundation's annual dinner is held to honor Catholic philanthropy and to bring the Catholic community together. Fr. Denis was selected as the 2016 award honoree for his impact on the Cistercian Abbey and School in Dallas and the Cistercian Order internationally.

In recognition of Fr. Denis, The Catholic Foundation will provide Valley of Our Lady Monastery with a \$10,000 grant. The Foundation will also present a scholarship to Patrick Andrews, a junior at Cistercian Preparatory High School, at the dinner.

An individual seat at the dinner costs \$200, and the starting price for a table of 10 is \$2,000. Premium tables of 10 are available for \$5,000. Table and individual reservations for the 2016 Catholic Foundation Award Dinner can be made until Feb. 10, 2016. Visit www.catholicfoundation.com, call 972.661.9792 or email lscheets@catholicfoundation.com for more information.

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About Fr. Denis

Born in Székesfehérvár, Hungary in 1936, Fr. Denis grew up in Catholic schools and eventually obtained a doctorate in theology before being directed to move to the United States. After arriving in Irving, Texas, he became a math and theology teacher, a part-time theology professor at the University of Dallas, and was appointed Cistercian's second headmaster at the age of 32. In 1988, he was elected the second Abbot of the Cistercian monastery in Irving and has made significant impacts on both the school and monastery.

In 2003, Pope John Paul II appointed him to the Pontifical Biblical Commission, an international group of 20 biblical scholars that advise the Pope on biblical matters. He served on the Commission until 2013. In 2004, the University of Dallas granted him an honorary doctorate and appointed him as an adjunct professor of theology. Fr. Denis has published scholarly essays, books and commentaries on biblical matters and Cistercian history in English, Hungarian, French and Italian.

About the Catholic Foundation

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