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The Catholic Foundation Distributes Nearly 1,000 grants in 2015

Grants support various local, national and global nonprofit organizations

DALLAS – (Dec. 16, 2015) -- As 2015 comes to a close, The Catholic Foundation continues to distribute grants to churches, schools and nonprofit organizations in the Dallas Diocese and throughout the country. Total 2015 grants are expected to exceed \$12 million through nearly 1,000 grants.

The Catholic Foundation distributes grants from funds established by donors, as well as discretionary funds like the unrestricted Philanthropy Fund, from which grants are awarded to serve urgent needs of the local Catholic community.

“The Catholic Foundation is grateful to those who entrust us with their philanthropic endeavors. Those who have chosen to give through The Catholic Foundation make a bigger impact to our local Catholic community,” said Matt Kramer, president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “Whether one makes a donation to the Philanthropy Fund or establishes a Donor-Advised Fund targeting their personal charitable passions, we are here to steward those gifts.”

The Distribution Committee of The Catholic Foundation approved the following grants from both the Philanthropy Fund and discretionary restricted funds at its fall meeting, totaling more than \$583,000:

- **CATHEDRAL SHRINE OF THE VIRGIN OF GUADALUPE**
“Pope in the Park” – a simulcast of Pope Francis’ Mass in Klyde Warren Park
- **JAMES L. COLLINS CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
Tuition assistance – funding provided by Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund
- **DALLAS HOLOCAUST MUSEUM/CENTER FOR EDUCATION AND TOLERANCE**
Funding for Catholic School students to attend Anne Frank Exhibit
- **GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
Tuition assistance – funding provided by Louise Buhner Endowment Fund & Dorothy Irving Memorial Fund
- **IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH (Corsicana)**
Upgrade open-air pavilion
- **ST. PAUL THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL**
Update school’s boiler system
- **SISTERS OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH**
Expansion of parking lot at Convent/Retreat Center in Grand Prairie
- **WORK OF HEART PROGRAM (2016-17)**
Awards honoring exemplary Catholic school employees
- **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS (2016-17)**
Partial funding provided by the O’Connell-Schultz Fund and the Gene & Rita Cronin Scholarship Fund
- **ST. JOSEPH’S RESIDENCE (Oak Cliff)**
New roof – funding provided by the Victoria and Leon Gulczynski Memorial Endowment Fund

The Victoria and Leon Gulczynski Memorial Endowment Fund of The Catholic Foundation, which funded a new roof for St. Joseph's Residence in Oak Cliff, was established by Monsignor John Gulczynski in his will to honor his parents. Monsignor hoped that with this permanent fund, he would be able to assist with the construction, expansion or maintenance of new or existing Catholic retirement facilities or nursing homes located within the Diocese of Dallas. Since the inception of the fund in 2005, The Catholic Foundation honored Monsignor Gulczynski's vision with grants funding extensive renovations at Saint Joseph's Residence, with the new roof being the most recent.

In 2015, the spring and fall grants awarded by the Distribution Committee of The Catholic Foundation totaled more than \$1.4 million. However, these distributions reflect only a small percentage of total Foundation grantmaking. The majority of grants distributed by The Catholic Foundation come from Donor Advised funds established to carry out donors' philanthropic visions. These donors entrust the Foundation to carry out their philanthropic legacy, both today and far into the future. From January through October 2015, more than 800 grants totaling over \$10 million have been distributed from these funds.

The Catholic Foundation is a trusted giving vehicle for the Catholic community. Chartered in 1955, the Foundation was created 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 25 years, the Foundation has provided more than \$100 million in grants to religious, charitable and educational organizations. Today, it manages more than \$200 million in assets and houses more than 370 charitable funds and trusts.

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