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The Catholic Foundation Presents Nearly \$850,000 in Grants at Fall Ceremony
Funding for scholarships, new buildings, education programs and more awarded to local schools, parishes and organizations



Above: Representatives from 15 local schools, parishes and nonprofit organizations accepted nearly \$850,000 total in grants from The Catholic Foundation.

DALLAS – (Nov. 29, 2016) Nearly \$850,000 was awarded to 15 recipients at the 2016 Catholic Foundation Fall Grant Ceremony, held at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Dallas. The grants will fund various projects including building and playground construction, Catholic high school scholarships, computers and software upgrades, and program and curriculum development.

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 2015, The Catholic Foundation gave more than \$15 million through nearly 1,300 grants to 505 unique organizations in Dallas and across the country, with almost \$1.1 million granted through the spring and fall community grants. In 2016, through the end of September, the Foundation has made 1,000 grants totaling \$11 million.

"It is an honor to support the work these schools, parishes and organizations are doing in North Texas," said Matt Kramer, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. "Our ability to address the ever-changing needs of the community would not be possible without our donors who create a legacy of

giving through The Catholic Foundation. That legacy is what makes these grants and their incredible impact a reality.”

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 2016 fall grant recipients and their projects are as follows:

All Saints Catholic School: Pre-K Playground

Big Thought: Enrichment Programming in Six Diocesan Schools

Heroic Media: Expansion of Google & Bing Pay-Per-Click Advertising Program with Birth Choice

The Highlands School: Construction of Multi-Purpose Athletic Building

Holy Trinity Catholic School: Immaculate Heart Program for Children with Dyslexia

Mary Immaculate Catholic School: Renovation of Junior High Building

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church: HVAC in Main Chapel/Renovation of Main Entrance Doors

Perot Museum Of Nature And Science: STEM Programs in 15 Diocesan Schools

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Commerce): New Rectory

St. Mary Of Carmel Catholic School: Improve Security System/Replace Exterior Awning/Renovate Exterior Bathrooms

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store: Purchase 24' Box Truck

Sisters of Our Lady of Charity: Renovation of Christ the King Chapel

Society of St. Vincent de Paul – Dallas Council: Computers & Software for Study-Time Tutoring in five Diocesan Locations

Theology of the Body Evangelization Team, Inc.: Development of “The Body Matters” Curriculum for Pre-K-8th Graders

University of Dallas: Support of the construction of Student Services/Administration Building

In addition, a matching grant was awarded to St. Patrick Catholic Church in Denison following its recent establishment of a Parish Endowment Program (PEP) with the Foundation. This type of grant is offered to all Diocesan parishes that establish and fund a permanent endowment for the benefit of the parish at The Catholic Foundation.

Grants will also be awarded to support Catholic High School Scholarships (with partial Funding provided by The Catherine O'connell-Charles Schultz Endowment Fund & The Gene & Rita Cronin Scholarship Fund), and the Foundation's Work of Heart Award program, which honors local Catholic School employees.

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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 \$223 million in assets and houses more than 400 charitable funds and trusts.

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