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**WINNING ART FROM THE 2016 'A YEAR ON THE PLAZA' ART COMPETITION
NOW ON DISPLAY IN THE DALLAS ARTS DISTRICT**



*Completed by artist Tanya Joiner Slate, "Trinity River Origami" will adorn the 28-by-9-foot wall
in The Catholic Foundation Plaza for one year*

DALLAS (Oct. 17, 2016) – The Catholic Foundation has announced local artist Tanya Joiner Slate as the winner of the 2016 'A Year on the Plaza' Art Competition. Her artwork, "Trinity River Origami," was unveiled on the 28-by-9-foot public art wall in The Catholic Foundation Plaza during a ceremony on Oct. 12 and will remain on display for one year.

"Tanya Joiner Slate's captivating mural portrays an inspiring message both to and about the city of Dallas," said J. Matthew Kramer, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. "The heart of the Dallas Arts District is a perfect fit for the piece, and we congratulate Tanya for her talent and ability to create meaningful artwork for visitors of The Catholic Foundation Plaza to enjoy."

Located on the grounds of the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe across from the Meyerson Symphony Center, The Catholic Foundation Plaza was dedicated in 2006 as a gift from The Catholic Foundation to the Dallas community to commemorate the Foundation's 50th anniversary. The 3,900-square-foot public space is an oasis for Dallas citizens and visitors to enjoy at no cost.

"In celebration of one of the world's most recognizable skylines and the river on which it sits, I created this piece to honor Dallas' resilience and strength in the face of whatever storms may come its way," said Slate. "I am thrilled to be chosen as this year's winner of 'A Year on the Plaza' Art Competition. What an honor it is to have my artwork showcased in the dynamic city of Dallas."

Tanya's artwork, along with submissions by other Texas professional artists, was reviewed by a panel of highly respected members of the local arts community before being selected. This year's selection committee included: Father Rudy Garcia, rector of the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe; Cindy M. Gummer, owner of The Enchanted Galleries; Jim Keyes, 2013 'A Year on the Plaza' Art Competition winner; Patricia B. Meadows, Art Connections; Katherine Wagner, CEO of the Business Council for the Arts; and architect Gary Skotnicki. A piece by Ben Woitena entitled "Migration" was selected as an honorable mention in this year's competition.

Winners of the 'A Year on the Plaza' Art Competition receive a \$2,500 award in addition to the year-long public display. Former winners include Marty Ray's "Celebrate Life, Celebrate Art" in 2006, Ann Cushing Gantz's "Trumpeting Angels" in 2007, Pamela Nelson's "Magic Carpet" in 2008; David Zvanut's "Music on Parade" in 2009; J. Lynn Kelly's "Downtown Playground" in 2010; Rebecca Guy's "Dallas in Wonderland" in 2011; Cornelius Brackens Jr. "When the Troops Come Marching Home" in 2012; Jim Keyes' "Homage to The Concertgebouw" in 2013; Barbara Dybala's "The Dallas Arts District Word Search," in 2014; and Stuart Hausmann's "Paint the Town" in 2015.

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 390 charitable funds and trusts.

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Above (L-R): Vicky Lattner, Chairman of The Catholic Foundation Board of Trustees; Tanya Joiner Slate, winning artist of the 2016 Year on the Plaza Art Competition; and Matt Kramer, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation at the art dedication ceremony on Oct. 12 in the Dallas Arts District.



Above: 2016 Year on the Plaza Art Competition winner Tanya Joiner Slate (center) with art competition judges (L-R) Cindy Gummer, owner of The Enchanted Galleries; Patricia Meadows, Art Connections; Katherine Wagner, CEO of the Business Council for the Arts; and architect Gary Skotnicki.



Above (L-R): Bill Keffler, COO of Catholic Diocese of Dallas; Councilmember Jennifer Staubach Gates, City Council District 13; Matt Kramer, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation; and Vicky Lattner, Chairman of The Catholic Foundation Board of Trustees at the art dedication ceremony on Oct. 12 in the Dallas Arts District.



Above: 2016 Year on the Plaza Art Competition winner Tanya Joiner Slate and her two granddaughters admire her piece, "Trinity River Origami," which will be on display in The Catholic Foundation Plaza for one year.