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The Catholic Foundation to Honor Bob Baillargeon

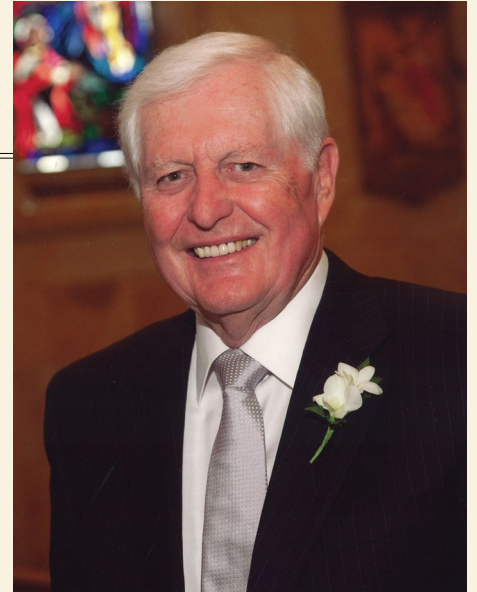
The Catholic Foundation will honor Bob Baillargeon with the 31st Catholic Foundation Award in recognition of his many years of commitment and service to the Catholic community of Dallas at the annual Catholic Foundation Award dinner to be held at the Intercontinental Hotel on January 18, 2013.

Born and raised in Montreal, Canada, Bob and his sister Louise grew up in a devout Catholic environment reflective of the faith of their French ancestors who settled in the Province of Quebec in the 1600s.

Bob received a classical education at the Meilleur School, a French inner-city school run by the Brothers of the Sacred Heart, whom he credits with infusing in him the principles and values he later

carried into his sports and business careers and family life.

Baseball was his passion from his earliest days. His father was always ready to help him practice and by the time Bob graduated from high school, he was approached by several U.S. professional baseball teams, ultimately signing with the Philadelphia Phillies. He traveled extensively with the team, making sure that he never missed Mass. In 1962, Bob married Margaret Berrigan and eventually baseball brought them to Texas where Bob played for the Dallas-Fort Worth Rangers. Two children later, it was time for a career change. Bob entered the automobile industry, first selling Chevrolets and later becoming General Sales Manager for



Rodger Meier Cadillac in Dallas.

In 1980, Bob and Margaret opened Baillargeon Ford in Richardson, a family-oriented business in which they incorporated, both in their sales philosophy and

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER



Here we are again approaching the end of another year. Some things never change especially how time flies. Another thing that does not change is the needs of our Catholic community and the importance of recognizing that we really can help make a difference.

The Catholic Foundation is in a unique position because we are able to see differences being made everyday. We see it each time we make a grant from the Unrestricted Endowment Fund of the Foundation or from a Donor Advised Fund. In this Good Word, you will read about the volunteerism of the St. Vincent DePaul Society at St. Bernard of Clairveaux parish and the new truck the Foundation helped it purchase to keep the parish food pantry supplied. You will also read about the Popolo Family Fund and how it has helped make a difference at St. Augustine Catholic School. These are both

wonderful examples of people seeing a need and making a difference.

I think it is habit that, as the end of a year approaches, many of us begin to think of charitable giving without realizing what a profound difference our contributions will make for a charity. The needs in our Catholic community are many and you can and will make a difference. Be assured that your gift is important.

As always, The Catholic Foundation's mission is to support our Catholic community and to support and encourage your generosity. Please never hesitate to let us help you with your charitable giving.

EDWIN M. SCHAFFLER

A Strong FOUNDATION

IN MEMORIAM: *J.M. Haggar, Jr.*



Joseph M. Haggar, Jr., a past member of The Catholic Foundation board of trustees, passed away in June, leaving a legacy as a city leader, prominent businessman and philanthropist.

Joe Haggar, a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, served in the Navy and in 1946 joined his family's business, the Haggar Clothing Co., in manufacturing operations. After serving as President and CEO, and later chairman, he retired in 1995.

Among his civic contributions, Haggar spearheaded the \$175 million bond campaign in 1967 to create DFW International Airport. He served as vice chairman of the Texas Turnpike Authority, where he was influential in the development of the Dallas North Tollway, and in the 1980s, he served for two terms on the Dallas City Council.

St. Jude's Research Hospital was a special interest for Joe, who served on its board for 35 years and received its Lifetime Champion Award in 2010. He also served on Notre Dame's Board of Trustees and was a past President of the Notre Dame Club of Dallas.

Haggar served on the boards of St. Paul Hospital Foundation, Dallas Summer Musicals, Kidney Foundation of Texas, St. Joseph Residence Retirement Facility and the UT Southwestern Medical Center Board of Visitors. He and his family received

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The Catholic Foundation Award in 2004.

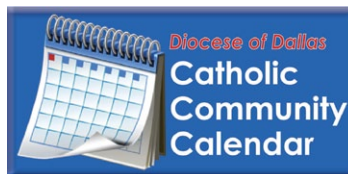
“Mr. Haggar always wanted to make the world better, especially for young people,” said Ed Schaffler, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “His actions and generosity made many lives better and futures brighter.” 🙏

Announcing: *Catholic Community Calendar*

Have you ever planned an event at your parish or school only to learn there is another event in the Diocese the same day? Are you planning to attend an event and need the date, time and place? Catholic parishioners and organizations can now view all scheduled events on one calendar. The Catholic Foundation and the Diocese of Dallas have collaborated on a diocesan-wide calendar that is visible on both the Diocese and Foundation websites.

“We are excited to create this calendar for everyone in our Catholic community to improve communication and encourage involvement in events,” said Michael George, senior development officer, The Catholic Foundation.

Catholic parishes, schools and organizations in the Diocese of Dallas are invited to post events on the calendar and share with the community. If you have questions about how to post an event, contact the Pastoral Center's Office of Communications at 214-379-3173.



New Staff Member: **Loren Carpenter**



The Catholic Foundation welcomes Loren Carpenter as a staff member of the development team. Loren has more than

10 years of professional communication and marketing experience, including work for the Tulsa Chamber of Commerce and the Denver area public school system.

Loren attended Holy Trinity Catholic School and St. Rita, and is a graduate of Ursuline Academy. She earned a bachelor's degree in communications from Loyola University New Orleans.

“With her well-rounded communications experience, Loren will be a great asset to The Catholic Foundation staff,” said Ed Schaffler, President and CEO. “She brings an added layer of expertise to our organization as well as fresh and innovative ideas, and we are excited to have her on our team.”

Giving SPIRIT



Giving 101

by Cheryl Unis Mansour, Vice President of Development

Did you know that more than 50 percent of Americans do not have a will? Many individuals do not realize how important a will is. Some people think they do not have enough assets to need one. Some people think it's sufficient to have retirement plan beneficiary designations, life insurance or joint ownership arrangements. Some think their spouse inherits everything automatically. And there are those who simply procrastinate.

The law allows you to decide how and to whom your assets are distributed when you die by making a will. But if you die intestate (without a valid will), your property passes to your heirs according to state law, which varies from state to state. In Texas, the laws are written to allow the court to decide how your assets are distributed using a legal formula that does not take into account your wishes and unique circumstances. In these situations, the results can

differ dramatically from what the person really would have wanted. Laws are impersonal. Even where it is known what the person would have wanted, no exceptions are made where no valid will exists. Nor are there any exceptions made based on need or special circumstances.

A well-thought-out will can bring you peace of mind knowing your assets will be distributed on your terms in a thoughtful way and provides you with an opportunity to make sure certain critical decisions are made by you – not the state or the courts. If you do not have a will, the first step is to meet with your professional advisor(s) to start the planning process. Once completed, it is critical to review the plan periodically because circumstances in life change over time and it may be necessary to revise the will accordingly.

Please let us know how we can be of assistance. Give us a call at 972-661-9792.

Last fall, The Catholic Foundation contacted Joe about St. Augustine Catholic School and their need to purchase new textbooks to replace outdated ones. His response came without hesitation, "Absolutely!"

The impact the Foundation has on the Catholic community in Dallas would not exist without donors like the Popolos. Chris and Joe established a Donor Advised Fund as a way to support Catholic school education. "I like to focus on assisting Catholic schools because the institutions provide a great education as well as build Catholic faith and values," said Joe. "St. Augustine had an immediate need, and our support could be put directly into the hands of the students...literally. It was a blessing to be able to support the great work of Principal Davis in a school with lots of needs. That is why we were so happy to help."

The Catholic Foundation helps identify opportunities for donors to participate in charitable giving and also identifies organizations within the Catholic community with immediate needs. "The staff at the Foundation is extremely responsive when I am in need of direction, and the user-friendly Donor Link on the website makes it all that much easier to say yes when someone has a need or asks us to give," said Joe.

Donors like Joe and Chris Popolo, through their concerned generosity, affect the lives of so many individuals. "When donors like Joe Popolo respond to the need immediately, it really is a blessing," said Marian Davis, principal of St. Augustine Catholic School, who struggles daily to meet the needs of students with an unstable annual budget. "Sometimes you have to have faith." 🙏

Donor Profile: CHRISTINE & JOE POPOLO

The parable of the faithful servant can be intimidating, but are words to live by for Joe Popolo, a donor at The Catholic Foundation. "We are blessed to be able to give," said Joe. "My faith definitely plays a role in our life of giving. Chris and I both are moved by Luke 12:48, 'From everyone who has been given much, much will be required.'"

Originally from Boston, Joe has lived in Dallas for the last 16 years with his wife, Chris, and three children. He is the CEO of The Freeman Company, which provides trade show and convention services. A member of the American Association of the Knights of

Malta, Popolo serves on the Dallas Diocesan Education Endowment Trust, the board of trustees of St. Joseph's Residence as well as the Advisory Council at St. Augustine Catholic School in Dallas.



A LIGHT On

GRANT HELPS FEED HUNGRY FAMILIES

Hungry families in East Dallas now have access to more food from the Society of St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, with help from a \$35,000 grant from The Catholic Foundation to purchase a new truck. The purchase, made possible through the Osborne Family Fund and the R. Cardis & Grace DeLee Stubbs Foundation Fund at The Catholic Foundation, as well as The Catholic Foundation Unrestricted Fund, has enabled the food pantry in St. Bernard Parish to transport more food to serve over 7,000 families or approximately 28,500 people.



The new SVPD truck, dedicated the evening of July 18, 2012, will allow the St. Bernard food pantry to expand their ministry even further.

According to the North Texas Food Bank, food distributions are up 20 percent from last year. Transporting food for the East Dallas food pantry at St. Bernard became a challenge when borrowing a truck was no longer an option and renting a truck was too expensive. With the new truck, they can now transport double the amount of food, including plenty of fresh



Father Gaston Giacinti of St. Bernard of Clairvaux Parish blesses a new truck for the food pantry run by the St. Bernard Society of St. Vincent de Paul Conference.

produce to ensure healthy options for families in need. Now families are being supplied with 100 to 150 pounds of food, up from 50 to 70 pounds before the truck was purchased.

“As members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, we are charged with the responsibility to go out and find those in need,” said Barry Reno, a parishioner at St. Bernard of Clairvaux Catholic Church who runs the food pantry. “The truck is having a huge impact on our ministry in East Dallas. The volume of food doubled overnight, but there will be no shortage of clients since we are just barely scratching the surface. The Catholic Foundation is providing us a unique opportunity to feed a whole lot of people,” said Reno.

To learn more about the impact of this grant for the East Dallas community, read the new grants stories page on our website www.catholicfoundation.com. We will post current updates on grants being fulfilled and the communities being served. 🙏

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their staff training, the beliefs and values they personally lived by.

Having inner-city roots himself, Bob understands what it's like to be poor. He is grateful for the opportunities to become successful in business that the United States afforded him, enabling him to “give back” in so many ways. Bob became a proud American citizen in 1976.

Bob Baillargeon continues his dedication to the pro-life cause and the Catholic Pro-Life Committee, a dedication that was shared by his late wife, Margaret. Their support for the inner-city schools of the Catholic Diocese of Dallas remains close to Bob's heart, as does Holy Trinity Seminary where he serves on the finance committee. His expertise has enriched the boards of The Catholic Foundation, John Paul II High School and Jesuit College Preparatory School.

As a donor to and member of The Catholic Foundation Legacy Circle, Bob sees it as a way to “help people who want to be generous to funnel their treasure and talent to help others.”

“I am humbled by this Award – I think of all the people in my life – my parents, the Brothers of the Sacred Heart – everyone who helped me along the way.”

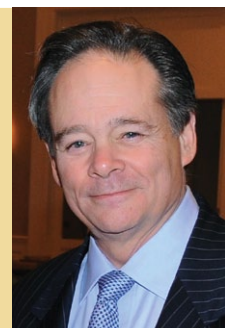
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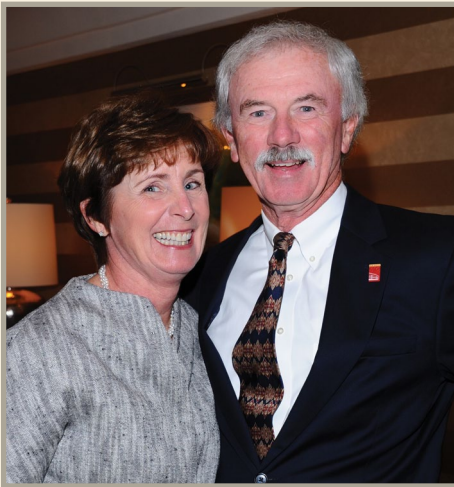
THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION ADVISOR SERIES

The sixth annual Advisor Series for Estate and Wealth Management Professionals will be held on December 12, 2012, at the Belo Mansion in Dallas. Jonathan Blattmachr will present “*Post-Election: My Best Ideas and Other Developments; What to Do Before Year End.*” Breakfast begins at 7:30 a.m. with the program following from 8:00-10:15 a.m. and includes two hours of continuing education credit.

To register for the event and for more information, visit www.catholicfoundation.com or call 972-661-9792.

Jonathan Blattmachr





Hanrattys Head Dinner Committee

2013 ANNUAL AWARD DINNER 🌸 JANUARY 18, 2013

“Each year, The Catholic Foundation Award Dinner is an enjoyable ‘highlight must’ on our calendar,” Don said. “Jane and I are honored with the opportunity to serve as the dinner chairs of this exciting event. We are blessed with a passionate team of fifty-eight to promote The Catholic Foundation Award Dinner. This annual dinner is a positive, enthusiastic and high-energy evening to recognize an outstanding individual and the good works of The Catholic Foundation.”

Jane and Don Hanratty, chairmen of The Catholic Foundation Award Dinner Committee

Advisory Council Annual Meeting

Dr. W. Michael Cox, Director of the O’Neil Center for Global Markets and Freedom at Southern Methodist University’s Cox School of Business, presented “Looking for the ‘New’ New World” to the Advisory Council of The Catholic Foundation during the Council’s annual meeting.

He is formerly Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, where he served for 25 years advising the President on monetary and other economic policies.



Pictured from left: Lydia Novakov, Chairman Advisory Council, The Catholic Foundation; Dr. W. Michael Cox; Ed Schaffler, President & CEO, The Catholic Foundation.

The Advisory Council is a group of individuals recognized for their contributions to the Catholic community and adds to the expertise available to the Foundation.

Do you  Like
The Catholic Foundation?



The Catholic Foundation is turning to the world of social media to share our news, tell success stories and engage people to get involved with the Catholic community. If you are on Facebook and/or Twitter, you can help, too.

The Foundation has a strong pulse on the Catholic community. Twice a year trustees make site visits to many organizations that request grants to improve their facilities or programs. Social media is a perfect place to tell their story. People like to hear about how our efforts impact a community. We encourage you to post your live feedback on our Facebook page to share with others. For example, tell us how a new roof on a school impacts a community or post a picture of progress being made at the site. There are times when the Foundation can’t fulfill the entire need of a community, but when a message resonates with a follower or friend in social media, our mission of stewardship reaches further.

Still not sure how you can make a difference? It’s simple. Just “like” our Facebook page or follow us @CatholicFnd on Twitter as we continue to provide support to organizations working to make a difference. 🐱

CATHOLIC EDUCATORS APPRECIATION DINNER



Pictured from left: Brad Baker of Bishop Dunne Catholic School, Principal Suzanne Bacot of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic School in Plano, and Jodi Sheffield of St. Rita Catholic School, the 2012 recipients of the Teacher and Principal of the Year awards.

Educators in the Diocese of Dallas schools were recognized and honored at the Distinguished Educator Recognition Dinner on May 4. The event recognized extraordinary performance and leadership in the Diocesan schools and presented the Sister Caroleen Hensgen, S.S.N.D. Teacher of the Year and the Monsignor John Meyers Principal of the Year awards. The Catholic Foundation was pleased to underwrite the awards, participate in the selection process and produce the program brochure.

“It was a privilege to be a vital part of this inaugural event honoring our teachers who give so much to the educational efforts in our Catholic schools,” said Ed Schaffler, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation.

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