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JOE DINGMAN NAMED 2020 CATHOLIC FOUNDATION AWARD HONOREE

Joe Dingman, a successful Dallas-based real estate investment manager, has been named the recipient of the 38th Catholic Foundation Award. On February 1st, Joe will be recognized for his Christian example and significant impact made during the past three decades to provide affordable housing in the Dallas area.

Sister Mary Anne Owens, School Sisters of Notre Dame, is serving as the 2020 Dinner Chair and has known Joe for many years.

"Joe continues to make tremendous contributions throughout our Catholic community in so many ways and we should be most grateful for his service over the years," said Sister Mary Anne. "Joe is most deserving of the

2020 Catholic Foundation Award."

Sister Mary Anne previously served as executive director of Catholic Charities Dallas, and currently serves on the board of directors for the Catholic Housing Initiative and Cristo Rey Dallas College Prep.

Lifelong Servant To Less Fortunate

A CPA, Joe earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Benedictine College in Kansas and a Master of Business Administration degree from Marquette University in Wisconsin.

After college graduation, he worked in Milwaukee where he met the love of his life, Carol. The two married in 1968 and moved to



New Jersey before relocating to Dallas in 1970 where they raised two daughters, Chris and Ann.

"I'm humbled and honored to be selected as The Catholic Foundation Award honoree," said Joe. "I hope this recognition shines a light on

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THE PRESIDENT'S LETTER

As 2019 comes to a close, I'm pleased to report that this is turning out to be a record year for The Catholic Foundation.

As of mid-November, we anticipate we will exceed \$20 million in contributions this year, up from nearly \$12 million last year.

As to grants, I'm pleased that we've been able to distribute more than \$25 million through the first 10 months of the year, up from \$22 million granted throughout all of 2018.

The Foundation continues to increase in numbers of donors, yet even more importantly, we're growing in the impact we are making in the community.

The positive path reflects the tremendous work being done by our team to connect our generous donors with their charitable passions, and the collective work of our Trustees to recognize well-deserved non-profits with grants.

Over the years, we have seen a tremendous amount of charitable giving take place in the final weeks of the year.

As we greet the New Year, please be thoughtful about your year-end giving plans. For the benefit of all, we've placed important year-end

giving deadlines on our website, www.catholicfoundation.com, and encourage you to read them in the *End of Year Giving* tab.

There, you'll find details about specific suggested deadlines involving IRA gifts, marketable securities, stock certificates, grant recommendations, credit card contributions, wire transfers and checks.

Each form of charitable giving has a unique deadline that will impact how you may choose to carry out your charitable passion before the start of 2020.

Keep in mind that as you make decisions near the end of the year, a Donor Advised Fund is a simple and valuable tool you may wish to consider.

Donor Advised Funds allow you to contribute at year-end and receive tax advantages right away without feeling pressured to give out the entire amount to specific charities immediately, enabling you to give strategically throughout the year.

As you work through your plan of action involving year-end giving amid the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, we are here to help with any issues. I hope the holiday season, and the New Year, are full of many blessings for you and your loved ones. 🙏

J. MATTHEW KRAMER

A Strong FOUNDATION

14TH ANNUAL A Year On The Plaza ART COMPETITION

Texas Artist's "St. Peter's Fish" Earns Top Honors

Kimberley Peterson with her winning entry that will be on display for one year at The Catholic Foundation Plaza in downtown Dallas.



We celebrated our "A Year On The Plaza" art dedication and unveiling Oct. 16 in the heart of the Dallas Arts District.

North Texas artist Kimberley Peterson claimed first place, and a \$2,500 prize, as the 2019 art competition winner for her piece "St. Peter's Fish." Her work will remain on display for one year at The Catholic Foundation Plaza in the Dallas Arts District.

Kimberley described her artwork that showcases a colorful underwater scene of the Sea of Galilee teeming with fish, plus a chalice and small human footprints, as a scene designed to remind people that they can be both physically present, as well as spiritually present, which is "where the miracles happen."

The 28 x 9 foot public wall featuring the winning entry and renderings of the past 13 winners is located between the Morton H. Meyerson Symphony Center and the Cathedral Santuario de Guadalupe in downtown Dallas.

Watch Award Ceremony and Dedication on Facebook

"As artists we think a lot about how we can best express an idea," said Kimberley. "Sometimes you feel like you need a bigger and more public space and it's not always easy to find such an opportunity. The idea of St. Peter's Fish felt like it needed such a space, and I just had to paint it and enter the competition."

Honorable mention status, and a prize of \$500, were awarded to Zahra Jahanyfard for "Dreams Without Borders," Kay Wyne for "Imagine," and Kathy Elliott for "Embracing Differences."

You can watch the Foundation's Facebook Live dedication and blessing, which involved Father Stephen Bierschenk, rector and senior pastor at the Cathedral, on our Facebook page at The Catholic Foundation, @CatholicFnd.

The Catholic Foundation Plaza was dedicated in 2006 and was a gift from The Catholic Foundation to the Dallas community to commemorate the Foundation's 50th anniversary. 🐟



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ELIZABETH MURRAY JOINS DEVELOPMENT TEAM



Elizabeth Murray has joined The Catholic Foundation in the role of Senior Development Officer, replacing Mike Murray who moved into the role of Chief Development Officer at Catholic Charities Dallas.

Elizabeth has a great deal of experience in the area of development and is a Chartered Advisor in Philanthropy.

She was most recently Assistant Vice President for Advancement at the University of Dallas for two years, and served as Director of Planned Giving for two additional years. Elizabeth previously served as Director of Major and Planned Gifts at The Senior Source.

Her background includes work as a senior trader, global long short equity with Highside Capital Management; VP Institutional Equity Sales at Fidelity Capital Markets and Citi Group; and additional experience at Westwood Holdings Group, Inc. and other firms.

Elizabeth and her husband, Jim Meara, who works in real estate, live in Dallas and have two grown children. She can be reached at emurray@catholicfoundation.com and 972-331-1638. 🐟

Giving SPIRIT



Giving 101

by Cheryl Unis Mansour, Vice President of Development

What is Philanthropy?

At this time of year, it is sometimes helpful to draw a distinction between *Charity* and *Philanthropy*.

While they both involve financial resources, generosity, and the will to do good, *Charity* is most often a single, simple *act of giving* in response to someone's request, whereas *Philanthropy* is a *way of giving* in response to your intended place and role in the community.

Thus *Charity* is at work when you respond to the myriad seasonal invitations to donate to countless causes. And *Philanthropy* is at work when you have thought through a sustainable program of giving to the cause or causes you truly believe in.

Philanthropy may seem more complicated. But it doesn't have to be. Nor does it have to involve more money. It is simply a more thoughtful commitment of your charitable resources, a more focused way of making a difference. And The Catholic Foundation is in the business of making your personal *Philanthropy* easy, effective, and deeply satisfying.

We at The Catholic Foundation can translate virtually any legitimate vision into a philanthropic opportunity. Any charitable (501(c)(3) organization providing health care, social services, arts and culture, and civic and religious services qualifies. We can turn your simple charitable gift into a durable philanthropic fund.

We can compound your lone charitable act by joining the resources of other like-minded donors in the Foundation's unrestricted Philanthropy Fund, or in a new or existing Donor Advised

or Designated Fund established to meet the specifically-defined philanthropic need you wish to address.

We empower you to enhance your gifts by giving them focus. In addition, because the Foundation takes on all the administrative tasks – investing, administering, researching charitable needs, awarding grants, record-keeping, and reporting – you, too, can better focus on your unique philanthropic vision or legacy.

With the holiday season upon us, we are all generally inclined to offset the rampant materialism with charitable largesse.

This year, however, the officers and staff of The Catholic Foundation would like you to consider working with us to develop a longer-term, more comprehensive plan for your charitable giving. We invite you to practice *Philanthropy* with us. Call us today. 🙌

TOGETHER,
WE ARE
THE FOUNDATION.

Launched this summer, "We Are The Foundation" continues to evolve.

We endeavor to showcase how generations of generosity have established a framework on which many individuals, who themselves are the Foundation, have helped make our community a better place.

Over the years, the Foundation has grown and continuously raised its abilities to meet the needs of our Catholic community and beyond, building churches, strengthening schools, feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, helping the poor and supporting worthy causes. 🙌



"We Are The Foundation" ambassadors can be seen on signs at various Foundation events. Pictured L to R: Brad Camp, Vicky Lattner and Matt Kramer.

A LIGHT *On*

SAY HEY, CRISTO REY *High School Students Embrace Work Study Program*

Located in southeast Dallas, Cristo Rey Dallas College Preparatory School is part of a 35-campus network of high schools around the nation that establishes schools in challenged neighborhoods with an innovative work-study approach to education.

The school's Corporate Work Study Program, a key component of the fiscal sustainability of the Cristo Rey model, matches students with more than 150 job partners from corporations and non-profits. Each week, students work one day at a sponsor company to help pay for their tuition.

This school year, The Catholic Foundation is hosting junior Lisandro Ramirez, 18, and freshman Desiree Martinez, 14



Cristo Rey Work Study students Desiree Martinez and Lisandro Ramirez.

Through real-world work experience, Cristo Rey students like Lisandro and Desiree learn the relevance of their rigorous academic work and open their imaginations to a career that requires a college degree.

"We're very proud to be hosting Cristo Rey Dallas students in our office this school season," said Foundation chief financial officer Carol McDonald. "Lisandro and Desiree are rock stars. As their mascot name (FIRE) suggests, they are on fire and doing great things for us."

Real World Experience

Since the start of the school year, both students have embraced real world opportunities and worked on projects involving accounting, marketing, social media, research and administration.

"My experience at The Catholic Foundation has been very enlightening," said Desiree, the oldest of three sisters whose family attends Santa Clara of Assisi Catholic Parish in southwest Dallas. "Everyone here is so friendly and polite and it really feels like a team. My supervisors and co-workers are all very open to each other, and because of that, I don't ever feel awkward or tense around them."

The Work Study program helps students learn critical skills that will help them in life and allows them to work to earn part of their tuition.

Lisandro, whose family attends St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church in southeast Dallas, aspires to attend Texas Tech University upon graduation to study architecture and business with the goal of opening his own company.

He attributes much of his passion to his father who graduated from a university in Mexico as a civil engineer.

"I love everything about Cristo Rey including how everyone works together as a community and how they help students," he said. "I've had three different fascinating job partners that have opened doors for me in the future. Each internship has been unique, and I love being at The Catholic Foundation because I can express my thoughts based on my religion with no judgment."

Given his mantra, "The bigger the goals, the bigger the obstacles, but in the end there is a bright future," he's well on his way to great success. 🌟



Lisandro Ramirez, Cristo Rey Dallas junior, takes a break from working on a social media audit.

Tax Developments Showcased At Professional Advisors Series

Attendees at the 13th Annual Advisors Series for Wealth and Estate Management Professionals in mid-November heard fresh perspectives from guest speaker Howard M. Zaritsky.

During his presentation, *The Year in Review: An Estate Planner's Perspective on Recent Tax Developments*, Howard covered the substantial changes in the estate, gift and generation-skipping transfer (GST) taxes and in the income tax laws relating to estate planning.



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GRANTS IN ACTION

Collaborative Programs Serve North Texas' Hungry



Mary Lynn and Fred Bangs and Lucy and Nick Panza help christen one of two Catholic Charities Dallas mobile community pantry trucks with CEO Dave Woodyard (far right).



L to R: The Catholic Foundation staff members Linda Scheets, Ann Letteer, Cheryl Mansour, Carol McDonald, Mary Galvin and Sylvia Windham with the new Network refrigerated food truck.

When people are in search of food, but have little or no access, hope looks for a hero to emerge.

With the support of several organizations and two substantial grants from The Catholic Foundation, Network of Community Ministries (Network) and Catholic Charities Dallas have raced to the rescue in the form of a modern day cavalry on wheels to serve the poor and alleviate hunger.

In late summer, Network's new refrigerated food truck hit the streets as the faith-based, non-denominational nonprofit launched its mobile food pantry program in partnership with the Richardson Independent School District. As part of the initiative, Network provides food on a monthly basis for qualifying students and their families.

"Without the tremendous support we received for this project, our mobile pantry program would not be possible," said Cindy Shafer, president and CEO of Network, which provides food, clothing, utilities, rent and income support to nearly 9,000 individuals annually.

As part of its mobile food pantry program, Network will pick up donations of meat, produce, frozen foods and dry goods that would otherwise go unclaimed from selected retail partners, then transport them to campuses where students can shop in a farmer's market type atmosphere.

Reaching Food Deserts

With a similar goal of heading off hunger, Catholic Charities Dallas will use its two new mobile food pantry vehicles - two former beer trucks retrofitted to deliver meat, milk, produce, rice, pasta and other necessities to people in need.

The trucks, named Miss Lucy and Mary Lynn in recognition of two major fundraisers, work closely with the North Texas Food Bank to transport fresh meat, dairy, fruits and vegetables into the food deserts of nine North Texas counties served by Catholic Charities Dallas.

"The issue of hunger and lack of access to healthy foods is a significant public health issue, particularly in 'food deserts,' and outlying communities within the Dallas Catholic Diocese," said Jari Mema, Catholic Charities Dallas' chief services officer.

These mobile pantries will enable Catholic Charities Dallas to visit areas where healthy, nutritious and fresh foods are needed most, at a fraction of the cost to build/rent and open a food pantry and warehouse food and supplies.

In the first year of the program, Catholic Charities Dallas anticipates that each mobile pantry will reach more than 4,600 families, distributing 480,000 pounds of food and serving 400,000 meals to those in need. 🐟

Honoree Joe Dingman

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the importance of helping those around you, especially those less fortunate."

From college to 1982, Joe worked in a series of progressively responsible corporate finance and planning roles and took a position with a real estate investment management firm that year.

Tireless Advocate for Affordable Housing

Joe founded Orion Realty Advisors in 1998, providing advisory and property management services to German commercial real estate investors to this day. He co-founded the Catholic Housing Initiative in 1991, and currently serves as treasurer with responsibility for development, refinancing and acquisitions.

Joe's commitment, vision and hard work in this purely volunteer capacity has created affordable housing for seniors and families at six sites in the Dallas community with 768 apartment units, the 104-unit St. Jude Center for persons experiencing homelessness and another new project in the works to benefit the homeless. Joe was also an instrumental force in the creation of St. Joseph Village in Coppell (now CHRISTUS St. Joseph Village).

In addition to his work with the Catholic Housing Initiative, he has served as a board member for Catholic Charities Dallas, a budget committee member of the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas, director of Uptown, Inc. and past finance committee chair for St. Rita Catholic Community. He and his wife are members of Mary Immaculate Catholic Church.

"Most people have no idea about the tremendous impact Joe has made through many housing initiatives. Joe's faith and diligence have provided homes for so many of our families, senior citizens, and homeless," said Matt Kramer, president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. "Joe is a man of humility, strength, vision and service, and we are proud to recognize him with The Catholic Foundation Award." 🐟

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