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**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES  
MORE THAN \$760,000 GRANTS TO METROPLEX SCHOOLS**

DALLAS (January 8, 2007) --- The Catholic Foundation recently announced that \$762,415 in grants were awarded at the Fall granting ceremony held at St. Thomas Aquinas Lower School. The grants were made from the unrestricted endowment of the Foundation (\$716,236), the Louise Emma Buhner Endowment Fund (\$29,666) and the Jane and Henry Neuhoff Fund for the Poor and Needy (\$16,513).

“The Catholic Foundation is pleased to be able to provide more than \$760,000 in grants that will be used to provide support to worthy religious, charitable and educational causes. Each grant will help meet important necessities for each recipient,” said Edwin M. Schaffler, president and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation. “Our goal is to enhance the long-term well being of every institution serving our Diocese.”

The following are recipients of The Catholic Foundation’s 2006 Fall Grants:

**BISHOP DUNNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$25,000**

Construction of a Community Center/Athletic Field House

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES/MARILLAC SOCIAL CENTER - \$13,407**

Computer Technology Update

**CHILDREN’S EDUCATION FUND - \$50,000**

Catholic School Tuition Assistance Fund

**DIVINE MERCY OF OUR LORD CHURCH - \$60,000**

Parish Construction Assistance

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION SCHOOL (Grand Prairie) - \$48,508**

Replace Roof on the School Building

**LOW BIRTH WEIGHT DEVELOPMENT CENTER - \$15,000**

Funding to Complete New Building

**MONTserrat JESUIT RETREAT HOUSE - \$50,000**

Interior Furnishings for Edmund Campion Hall

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**NOTRE DAME SCHOOL - \$3,000**

Purchase of New Freezer

**NUESTRA SENORA DEL PILAR CHURCH - \$50,000**

Pews for New Church

**OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH - \$3,000**

New Roof for Rectory

**SACRED HEART CHURCH (Rowlett) - \$30,000**

Assistance to Purchase 25-Passenger Bus

**ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH - \$80,000**

New Rectory

**ST. CECILIA PARISH - \$20,000**

Repair & Restore Gymnasium Floor

**ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CHURCH (Lancaster) - \$50,000**

Expansion of Entry Area of Church

**ST. MARY OF CARMEL SCHOOL - \$61,000**

Air Conditioning & Heating Repairs, Salary Assistance and Reading Program

**ST. PHILIP SCHOOL - \$25,000**

Computer Lab Hardware and Software

**UNIVERSITY OF DALLAS - \$60,000/Matching**

Energy Conservation Project – Phase I

**WHITE ROSE WOMEN'S CENTER - \$35,000**

Salary Assistance for Executive Director

The Foundation also awarded \$73,500 for high school scholarships to be awarded by the diocesan high schools and \$10,000 for a recipient to be selected by the 2007 Catholic Foundation Award honoree and presented at the Foundation's annual award dinner on February 13, 2007.

Chartered in 1955, The Catholic Foundation was founded by a group of dedicated Catholic laymen with a vision that extended far beyond the charitable needs of the moment. During the past 50 years, this independent, nonprofit corporation has dedicated its resources to compassionate charitable giving through grants provided by benefactors through its many planned giving programs. Thanks to its benefactors, the Foundation has been able to provide more than \$20 million through hundreds of grants to various religious, educational and charitable organizations within the Diocese of Dallas during its more than 50 years of existence. In addition, donor-advised funds maintained at the Foundation have accounted for many more grants amounting to millions of dollars over the years.

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