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THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES NEW BOARD TRUSTEES AND OFFICERS

DALLAS (February 1, 2007) --- The Catholic Foundation recently announced five, new Board Trustees with two consecutive, three-year terms beginning January 2007 as well as its new slate of officers.

“The Catholic Foundation is pleased to add these outstanding citizens to the Catholic Foundation’s Board,” said Len C. Ruby, Chairman of the Board of The Catholic Foundation. “They bring a variety of experience to the table, and together with their commitment to the Foundation’s goal and mission, will assist us in our growth for years to come.”

The following are the five, new Board of Trustees of The Catholic Foundation:

Tom Lazo, President and CEO of Lazo Technologies, Ltd.; **Nancy McLochlin**, a community volunteer; **Kathy Muldoon**, a financial planner with Carter Financial Management; **David Small**, an attorney; and **Mike Thompson**, a First Vice President and Managing Director of The Private Client Group for Merrill Lynch. They are all members of different parishes, and they have all contributed heavily through the Diocese of Dallas community in a variety of ways, most notably in service with the Knights of Malta, the University of Dallas, Jesuit College Preparatory School, Catholic Charities, Cistercian Preparatory School and Bishop Dunne Catholic School.

The 2007 officers are as follows: **Len C. Ruby**, chairman, Robin P. Hartmann, vice-chair, **Donald J. Hanratty** Secretary and chair of Distribution Committee, **Joseph M. Coleman**, Chair of Development Committee, **Alan D. Bell** Chair of Audit and Administration and **Thomas E. Merkel** Chair of the Investment Committee.

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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