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**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION HONORS MARIANNE STAUBACH
WITH 2009 CATHOLIC FOUNDATION AWARD FOR CHARITABLE ACTS**

Recipient recognized at the Foundation's annual award dinner on Feb. 12, 2009

DALLAS – Marianne Staubach's commitment to serving others through a number of charitable causes and her countless hours of hands-on community service are just a few reasons why Mrs. Staubach is the 27th recipient to be honored with the 2009 Catholic Foundation Award.

Mrs. Staubach will be acknowledged at the annual Catholic Foundation Award Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 at the Hilton Anatole.

"Marianne Staubach is a true and humble servant and an example to us all," said Edwin M. Schaffer, Foundation president and CEO. "While she is often recognized in her role as wife to football legend Roger Staubach, Mrs. Staubach's selfless acts of charity have benefited the whole Catholic community and for that we would like to recognize her."

In addition to Mrs. Staubach's award, The Catholic Foundation will present an annual scholarship award to Victoria Ehlinger of Bishop Lynch High School and bestow a grant to Catholic Charities during the dinner.

"I am humbled by receiving this recognition from The Catholic Foundation, I know so many wonderful people who do so much for our community," said Mrs. Staubach. "I am honored to be in the company of those who have gone before me."

Mrs. Staubach became a member of the Board of Trustees for The Catholic Foundation in 1996 where, for nine years, she helped facilitate change and growth in the life of the Foundation during a pivotal time for both the Foundation and the Diocese. While serving on the Distribution Committee, Mrs. Staubach was actively involved in all aspects of the granting process. Attending site visits introduced her to the real needs of the community. Other notable accomplishments during Mrs. Staubach's term as a board member include the first-ever \$1 million grants given to Bishop Lynch High School and John Paul II High School.

As a registered nurse, Mrs. Staubach presently utilizes her nursing background and the Christian values instilled in her by her family and her Catholic education to significantly impact her community and parish. Mrs. Staubach joined the board of the Visiting Nurses Association in 2004 after volunteering with her son on a Meals on Wheels route. Mrs. Staubach has personally delivered meals to her clients on that same route every week for the past 11 years.

Mrs. Staubach has served in volunteer leadership positions for a variety of local organizations including Jesuit College Preparatory School, Ursuline Academy, St. Rita Catholic School, St. Paul the Apostle School and the Bishop's Educational Trust Fund. She is a Trustee of the Staubach Family Foundation, a family foundation focused on athletics, children/youth services, education, military/veterans organizations and Roman Catholic causes.

Chartered in 1955 by a group of dedicated Catholic laymen, The Catholic Foundation is a donor-focused community foundation that guides benefactors in compassionate charitable giving endeavors, utilizing extensive expertise to carry out the various philanthropic goals of its donors. The Foundation's planned giving programs connects donors directly with organizations they wish to support within the Diocese of Dallas and elsewhere, whether that is a home parish, Catholic school or a community-based charity. Thanks to the generosity of donors both past and present, The Foundation has provided approximately \$22 million to local organizations through hundreds of grants over the past 53 years, and donor-advised funds maintained at the Foundation have accounted for even more grants amounting to millions of dollars. **For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, call 972.661.9792.**

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