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**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION PRESENTS MORE THAN \$665,000
TO DALLAS-AREA RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS**

2009 Spring grants fund programs to support tuition assistance, renovations and curriculum

DALLAS – Eighteen schools and organizations serving nine counties in the Diocese of Dallas received \$666,622 in grants from The Catholic Foundation during a public ceremony at St. Mary of Carmel Catholic School on Mar. 29. The grants are given twice yearly to support religious and educational programs and associations serving the Dallas-area Catholic community.

The grants were made from the unrestricted endowment of The Catholic Foundation (\$577,495) and the restricted funds of the Foundation (\$89,127), which included the Emma Louise Buhner Endowment Fund (\$57,693), the Jane and Henry Neuhoff Fund (\$20,000), and the Catherine O’ Connell and Charles Schulze Endowment Fund (\$11,434).

“For the past 53 years, the Foundation’s grants have continually played an integral part in the Dallas Diocese’s growth. To continue this heritage of meeting the needs of Catholic communities, we have expanded the breadth of our outreach,” said Edwin M. Schaffler, president and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “This spring, thanks to the continued support of our donors, our efforts will extend beyond just the immediate Dallas-area Catholic community to organizations in surrounding counties whose services help meet the spiritual and educational and needs of their communities.”

The grants recognize religious and educational institutions and associations that demonstrate their ability to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the Catholic community. Recipients will use the grants to assist with a variety of needs, such as new art programs, institutional repairs, technology updates and tuition assistance.

The following are recipients of The Catholic Foundation’s 2009 Spring Grants from the unrestricted and restricted funds:

BISHOP DUNNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$20,000

Tuition Assistance

BISHOP LYNCH HIGH SCHOOL - \$25,000

Construction of Three New Science Labs

CATHOLIC SOCIETY OF ST. BASIL - \$7,000

Organizational Funding

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS OFFICE DIOCESE OF DALLAS - \$75,000

Funding for Communications and Marketing Plan

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

Purchase & Installation of Two Portable Buildings

THE HIGHLANDS SCHOOL - \$25,000

Replace Cooling Tower in Central HVAC System

HOLY FAMILY OF NAZARETH SCHOOL - \$20,000

Purchase SMARTboards, MP3 Players & Textbooks

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH (Corsicana) - \$25,000

Construction of Church Annex

LOW BIRTH WEIGHT DEVELOPMENT CENTER - \$20,000

Support of Therapeutic Preschool Program

NORTH DALLAS SHARED MINISTRIES- \$12,000

Replacement of Two Heating Units & Purchase of One Additional Unit

PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$10,000

Technology Infrastructure Upgrade

ST. ANN CATHOLIC CHURCH (Kaufman) - \$28,000

Replace Pews & Chairs in Church

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$20,000

Tuition Assistance

SANTA CLARA OF ASSISI CATHOLIC ACADEMY - \$20,000

Tuition Assistance/Operational Expenses

ST. EDWARD CATHOLIC CHURCH - \$45,495

Replace Church Doors & Stabilize Rose Window

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL (Waxahachie) - \$70,000

Addition of Two New Classrooms

ST. MARY MALANKARA CATHOLIC CHURCH - \$30,000

Exterior Renovation and Interior Remodeling of New Church Building

ST. PHILIP THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Salary Assistance for Development Director for One Year

FALL 2009 WORK OF HEART AWARDS - \$25,000

EMMA LOUISE BUHRER ENDOWMENT FUND

BISHOP DUNNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$8,275

Tuition Assistance

ST. AUGUSTINE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$5,000

Tuition Assistance

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$19,709

Tuition Assistance

ST. MARY'S SCHOOL (Sherman) - \$5,000

Tuition Assistance

SANTA CLARA CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$19,709

Tuition Assistance

JANE & HENRY NEUHOFF FUND FOR THE POOR & NEEDY

ST. JOSEPH'S RESIDENCE - \$20,000

CATHERINE O'CONNELL & CHARLES SCHULZE ENDOWMENT FUND

BISHOP DUNNE CATHOLIC SCHOOL - \$11,434

Tuition Assistance

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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