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**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION AWARDS
MORE THAN \$695,000 IN GRANTS TO DALLAS AREA ORGANIZATIONS**

DALLAS -- The Catholic Foundation announced that \$695,322 in grants were awarded to Diocesan schools and organizations. The grants will be publicly presented at the spring granting ceremony to be held at St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store on April 10. The grants were made from the unrestricted endowment of the Foundation (\$644,630), the Emma Louise Buhrer Endowment Fund (\$20,000) and the Jane and Henry Neuhoff Fund for the Poor and Needy (\$30,692).

"The Catholic Foundation is pleased to provide \$695,322 in funds that support religious, charitable and educational outreach," said Edwin M. Schaffler, president and chief executive officer of The Catholic Foundation. "We applaud the efforts of these organizations serving in our Diocese, and we hope our grants enhance the important programs and services they provide the community."

The following are recipients of The Catholic Foundation's 2007 Spring Grants:

DIVINE MERCY OF OUR LORD PARISH - \$75,000

Parking lot expansion

THE PINES CATHOLIC CAMP - \$60,000

Purchase two passenger buses

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS SCHOOL - \$50,000

Renovation of upper school restrooms

ST. ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY SCHOOL - \$40,000

SMARTBoards, laptops and projectors

THE HIGHLANDS SCHOOL - \$36,730

Campus security improvements

LA PROMESA FOUNDATION/GUADALUPE RADIO NETWORK - \$30,000

Operating expenses for start-up

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PRINCE OF PEACE COMMUNITY SCHOOL - \$20,000

Update Montessori lab/replace stage curtain

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP SCHOOL - \$1,900

Repair drainage system/portable building

ST. MONICA SCHOOL - \$36,000

Two mobile computer labs/new server

Through the Emma Louise Buhner Endowment Fund, the Foundation also awarded \$10,000 for scholarship programs at inner city schools and \$10,000 for tuition assistance at St. Augustine Catholic School. The Foundation was also able to give an additional \$15,346 to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and another \$15,346 to the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store through the Jane and Henry Neuhoff Fund for the Poor and Needy.

In addition to the Spring Awards, the Foundation also completed funding on the John Paul II High School (Plano) Cornerstone Grant with a \$200,000 payment and also awarded Bishop Charles V. Grahmann \$35,000 to be used at his discretion. These two awards brought the grant total to \$695,322.

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. For over 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. The Foundation has been able to provide approximately \$20 million through hundreds of grants to various religious, educational and charitable organizations within the Diocese of Dallas during its 50 plus 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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