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**CALL TO ARTISTS: SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL  
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION PLAZA ARTISTS COMPETITION**

*Winner receives \$2,500 stipend and artwork displayed on outdoor wall in Dallas Arts District for one year*

**DALLAS** – The Catholic Foundation announces the Fourth Annual Catholic Foundation Plaza Artists Competition and invites all professional North Texas artists to submit their artwork for consideration. The deadline for entries is 3:00 p.m., Friday, September 4, 2009.

The winning work will be selected by a panel comprised of highly respected members of the local arts community and will be announced and unveiled in October during a dedication ceremony. The winner will receive a \$2,500 stipend and have their artwork displayed on 28-foot-long by 9-foot-wide wall in The Catholic Foundation Plaza. Honorable mentions will receive \$250 each.

“With the Catholic Foundation Plaza located in the heart of the Dallas Arts District, we are delighted to be a part of the excitement and growth in the Dallas arts community this year,” said Edwin M. Schaffler, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “We invite local members of the artist community to be part of the activity by submitting their talents and work to be showcased on the Plaza Art Wall, just steps away from the much anticipated Dallas Center for the Performing Arts and the Winspear Opera.”

The Catholic Foundation Plaza is a 3,900-square-foot public space at the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe and was dedicated in 2006 and was a gift from The Catholic Foundation to the Dallas community to commemorate the Foundation’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The Art Wall currently displays last year’s winning piece entitled “Magic Carpet” by Pamela Nelson.

Professional artists living in the North Texas area are invited to submit proposal designs for consideration to be transferred to a vinyl-type surface which will be installed on the Art Wall. The work must be in keeping with the location of the Plaza on the Cathedral grounds but does not require a religious theme.

For the complete Request for Proposal with all competition details please e-mail [info@catholicfoundation.com](mailto:info@catholicfoundation.com).

This year's Selection Committee includes: Cindy M. Gummer, owner of The Enchanted Galleries; Katherine Wagner, former director of the Dallas Visual Arts Center; Patricia B. Meadows, Art Connections; David C. Hickman, sculptor; Gary Skotnicki of Architexas, the architectural firm and designer of the Plaza; Rev. Eduardo Gonzales, Rector of the Cathedral Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, Christy Frazer, former committee member for the Restoration of the Cathedral; Katherine C. Berg, president, Interprise; and Pamela Nelson, the 2008 competition winner.

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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