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**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION'S FIRST QUARTER GRANTS TOTAL \$1.85M**

*Foundation grants provide for everything from catholic school education to earthquake relief*

DENVER – Grants totaling \$1,854,201.12 were approved by the trustees of The Catholic Foundation. Grant awards are from endowments, donor advised funds and other funds of the Foundation and will benefit various religious, educational and charitable Catholic organizations in greater Colorado, nationally and internationally. A list of grants is shown below.

\$328,867.12 from donor advised funds and scholarship funds were awarded in support of Catholic School Education. Some recipients are:

- ❖ **Bishop Machebeuf High School** - \$60,793 for first semester scholarships of the FY07-08 school year;
- ❖ **Office of Catholic Schools** - \$70,000 to fund services to be provided through the "Contract for Services Fund" from 09/07 – 06/08;
- ❖ **FOCUS** (Fellowship of Catholic University Students) - \$89,925 to fund FY07-08 programs;
- ❖ **McKaila Steffes Memorial Scholarship Fund** - \$6,000;
- ❖ **Sr. Rosemary Wilcox Scholarship Fund** - \$2,149.12
- ❖ **St. Louis Parish** - \$100,000 in scholarships for low-income families.

\$947,552 was awarded from various endowments in support of **St. John Vianney Theological Seminary** and **Archbishop Vehr Theological Library**.

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\$137,500 to Social Service and Humanitarian support was awarded to:

- ❖ **Boys Hope Girls Hope, Colorado** - \$2,500 toward general operating support;
- ❖ **Couple to Couple League, Denver** - \$25,000 to purchase equipment used in Natural Family Planning Classes;
- ❖ **Catholic Marriage Prep., Inc.** - \$10,000 for curriculum translation and scholarships;
- ❖ **Christian Life Movement** - \$100,000 to support victims of the August 2007 Lima, Peru earthquake.

\$110,000 for Special Project and Program Development will be awarded to:

- ❖ **Wyoming Catholic College** - \$10,000 toward first year operating expenses;
- ❖ **Franciscan University** - \$30,000 to support development, operating and capital expenses;
- ❖ **Office of Liturgy** - \$40,000 to microfilm parish Sacramental registers and \$5,000 matching grant in support of the Study Week of the Southwest Liturgical Conference.
- ❖ **Office of the Archbishop** - \$25,000 toward the cost of a demographic study to archdiocesan trends.

The Catholic Foundation will also provide \$298,282 to support the capital needs of northern Colorado parishes.

### **ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**

The Catholic Foundation helps Catholics live a life of service to others and fulfill the universal mission of the Catholic Church locally, regionally, and internationally. By providing philanthropic services customized to each donor's needs, the Foundation assists donors in advancing the priorities of the Roman Catholic Church in northern Colorado. The Foundation has provided assistance for almost a decade. Foundation donors provide long-term financial support to parishes, schools and various charitable entities. Since its inception in 1998, the Foundation has provided more than \$40 million to charitable, religious, and educational institutions. Contact The Catholic Foundation to find out how individuals and families can ensure a promising financial future for Catholic activities across northern Colorado.

The Foundation's primary activities are providing donor and endowment services, and grant making in the Catholic community of northern Colorado. Information about The Catholic Foundation can be found at <http://www.thecatholicfoundation.com>