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Catholic Foundation Appoints Gerald 'Bud' Laber as President

Denver, CO, December 6, 2007 – The Catholic Foundation for the Roman Catholic Church in Northern Colorado, an independent nonprofit corporation dedicated to helping Catholics serve others locally, regionally and worldwide, has announced today that Gerald "Bud" Laber has been appointed president of the organization.

"Bud Laber is an extraordinary addition to the Catholic Foundation," said Mark G. Bauman, chairman of the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Bud's passion for the work of the Church, coupled with his extensive business and non-profit experience, combine to make him the ideal person to lead the Foundation."

Laber retired as an audit partner with Arthur Andersen in 2000 after nearly 33 years. In addition to his career, Laber has been on the board of trustees of Regis Jesuit High School since 1990 and was Chair from 1998 to 2006. Additionally, he is a member of the board of directors of Catholic Charities and is chair of the finance council of the Church of the Risen Christ parish. Laber is a member of the Knights of Columbus and of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchere, is on the board of trustees of the University of South Dakota Foundation and is a member of the University Hills Rotary club. He is a past member and chair of the Finance Council of the Archdiocese of Denver.

A graduate of the University of South Dakota, Laber has been married to his wife Alice for 42 years and is the proud father of five and grandfather of eight.

"I am honored to join the Catholic Foundation and further its mission to serve the Catholic community," Laber said. "This organization has made a significant difference in the Church in northern Colorado, and I look forward to contributing to its future success."

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 ensuring a promising financial future for Catholic activities across 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.

The Foundation's primary activities are providing donor and endowment services, and grantmaking in the Catholic community of northern Colorado. The areas served by the Foundation consist of the following Colorado counties: Moffat, Rio Blanco, Garfield, Routt, Eagle, Pitkin, Jackson, Grand, Summit, Larimer, Boulder, Gilpin, Clear Creek, Jefferson, Weld, Morgan, Adams, Denver, Arapahoe, Logan, Washington, Sedgewick, Phillips and Yuma.