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Sarah Gaia, Colleen Gaia (2006 Crozier Dinner Chair), Jeff Gaia, Bishop Olmsted, Annie Gaia, Emily Gaia

WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU!

The Catholic Community Foundation would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Chairman Colleen Gaia and her wonderful committee for their hard work on the 18th Annual Crozier Dinner. It was a huge success!

The 2006 event was held on Saturday, April 29th at the Phoenician Resort in Scottsdale. Bishop Thomas Olmsted celebrated this spectacular evening with nearly 800 guests. Jeff Hornacek served as Master of Ceremonies for the gala which featured entertainment by six time Grammy Award winning artist Jose Feliciano. **It was truly a night to remember!**

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BUILDERS



2006 Christian Service Award Recipients with Bishop at April 4th reception

THIRTEEN EIGHTH GRADERS HONORED AT 6TH ANNUAL CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARD RECEPTION

At a reception held at the Diocesan Pastoral Center on April 4, 2006, the Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, awarded thirteen 8th graders with an \$8,000 Christian Service Award to assist them in attending the Catholic high school of their choice. The awards were based on service to the school, parish and community. The students were nominated by a non-family adult who was aware of their service activities. Once nominated, the students had to submit three letters of reference and write an essay on the scripture, 1 Peter 4:10 "As each one has received gift,

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Donald E. Ruff Will Serve as Interim Executive Director

JOHN A. SCOLA RESIGNS, PAST CHAIRMAN DONALD E. RUFF NAMED INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Phoenix, Arizona – John A. Scola resigned as President of the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) to accept a position as Executive Director of Development at the Catholic Diocese of Orange in California. John served as President for the past 7 years.

Donald E. Ruff has been named CCF Interim Executive Director effective July 18, 2006 until a permanent replacement is found. Don served on the CCF Board for 8 years as well as Chairman from 2000-2002. He is a retired Executive Officer of BankOne (now JP Morgan Chase) and brings

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Established in 1989, the Crozier Dinner is an important annual fundraising vehicle for the Foundation to further its goals of education, communication and faith formation. Your support of these programs is truly appreciated by the Foundation, as well as the entire Catholic community.

Crozier Chairman for 2007, Susie Cole, has announced that the 19th Annual Crozier Dinner will take place on Saturday, April 21, 2007. Detailed information will soon follow.

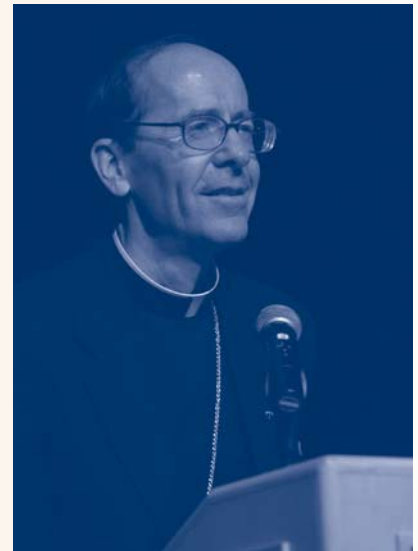
We look forward to seeing everyone there!



Bishop Olmsted Shakes Hands with Ted and Jane Ann O'Malley



John Reyno Honors Colleen Gaia



Bishop Olmsted Speaks



Bishop Olmsted and John Reyno Shake Hands



Applause for Jose



Jose Feliciano



Andy Groseta, Bishop Olmsted and Susie Cole



Christian Service Award Recipients Serving as Hosts and Hostesses



Jose and the Cole's



Cindy Todare, Lynn Donahue, Colleen Gaia and Colleen Will



*Jeff Hornacek and John Scola
(as Johnny Carson's Carnac the Magnificent)*



Jose Feliciano and Band

**SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2007 CROZIER DINNER
APRIL 21, 2007**

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use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace." The award recognizes students for their service and encourages them to continue serving in high school.

The Christian Service Award Program is made possible through the generosity of donors who have established perpetual funds through the Foundation. Four of this year's awards were made possible by the Reverend Philip J. Poirier Memorial Fund, which was established in 1998 to honor the late Reverend's love of education. Phyllis Anderson, Richard and Eileen Bloechl, Doug and Micaela Patterson, Michael and Sheila Geddes, Guy and Pat Labelle, Ted and Jane Anne O'Malley, John and Edie Reyno, and the Wallace-Thomas Foundation also sponsored awards this year.

During the reception, Mr. Bill Marcotte, Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries addressed the audience on the Pope John Paul II's call to young people. He quoted the late pope, saying:

"Young people of every continent do not be afraid to be the saints of the new millennium! Be contemplative, love prayer; be coherent with your faith and generous in the service of your brothers and sisters, be active members of the Church and builders of peace. The Lord wants you to be intrepid apostles of his Gospel and builders of a new humanity."

World Youth Day 2000 – Rome

By demonstrating Catholic values in their everyday lives through service to their parishes, schools, and communities, these young people are answering the call.



ALEJANDRA FONTES
DOUG AND MICAELA PATTERSON AWARD

Alejandra (Hana) is a member of St. Theresa Parish, a student of St. Theresa School and will attend Xavier College Preparatory.

Hana writes in her essay, "The Holy Spirit has bestowed on each of us a special gift. As the receiver of this gift, we can choose to keep it to ourselves, or share it with others. When we help others and participate in selfless acts of service, we have chosen to share our gift. By sharing our gift we are a conduit for God's grace."

Hana is a young lady who has chosen to do something with her gifts. One of her references described how Hana persuaded her girl's scout troop to make blankets for the residents of the Arbors Nursing home in Phoenix. Hana "carefully choose the fleece for this project with the residents in mind. She wanted them to enjoy something unique and special." In the words of her third grade teacher, "Hana's smile will be greatly missed at St. Theresa but I am confident that she will continue to find ways to support and serve others."



ALEXANDRA BRUNO
WALLACE-THOMAS
FOUNDATION AWARD

Alexandra (Alex) is a member of St. Simon and Jude Parish, a student of St. Simon and Jude School and will attend Xavier College Preparatory.

Alex writes, "The Church needs every gift that we have. The more we serve, the stronger our gift becomes. We find and expand our abilities as we serve."

One of her references writes about Alex's specific gift in serving the elderly. She states, Alex's "greatest quality is her gift to be able to uplift the spirits of all around her. Part of Alex's responsibilities as a Girl Scout encompass visiting senior citizens, coaxing life lessons from them and helping to instill the exuberance of youth in the seniors. She is an inspiration to everyone she touches, enriching their difficult lives."



INGRIS CARRANZA
MIKE AND SHEILA GEDDES
AWARD

Ingris is a member of St. John Vianney Parish, a student at St. John Vianney School and will attend Bourgade Catholic High School.

Ingris writes service "has changed who I am and has helped me have a closer relationship to God. After I do service I have a different view of the world. When I see the homeless on the streets, I feel sad for their sufferings. I feel that it is my responsibility to somehow help."

Ingris has taken that responsibility seriously and strives to use her specific gifts to serve others. Her pastor writes, Ingris "seems to seek out opportunities to serve and can be counted on to always say yes when asked to help. She has a very generous and caring spirit which leads her to give of herself to God and other people. I'm confident that this will be a pattern for her life."



ARIANA INIGUEZ
REVEREND PHILIP J. POIRIER
AWARD

Ariana is a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, a student of St. Thomas the Apostle School and will attend Xavier

College Preparatory.

Ariana writes, "It is so easy in our daily lives to be concerned about material possessions and selfish interests but when I focus on giving, an unexpected feeling of joy makes me feel good about what I've done by giving to others. Sometimes loving and helping others may not always be easy to do; but we do it any way with the support and strength that God supplies to us."

One of her references writes, "This young lady's loving spirit and joyful demeanor are morale boosting in any setting. It is truly an inspiration to know our youth are developing in such a positive and Christian-like manner. Ariana's community service and willingness to participate in outreaching to the underserved population is a true inspiration."



KEVIN BURTON
PHYLLIS ANDERSON AWARD

Kevin Burton is a member of Corpus Christi Parish, a student at Horizon Charter School and will attend St. Mary's Catholic High School.

In his essay, Kevin highlighted the tremendous gift of Jesus' sufferings. He wrote, "At anytime [Jesus] could have taken a more powerful form and removed himself from harms way. Out of love for us and belief in his fathers plan he fulfilled the scripture." Kevin sees the Lord's love as the model of how he should live his own life.

Kevin is actively involved as a Squire for the Knights of Columbus at Corpus Christi where he says, I count myself "fortunate to work along side many great men who by example teach me how to serve." His Squire's advisor writes, Kevin "always is the first to volunteer for projects." He "seeks leadership positions within the organization and more importantly eagerly embraces any position he attains or is assigned." "Kevin stands out among his peers for his commitment to his Catholic faith and community."



ALEXANDRIA DOSS
EDWARD V. AND JANE ANNE
O'MALLEY AWARD

Alexandria (Alex) is a member of St. Gregory Parish, a student of St.

Gregory School and will attend Xavier College Preparatory.

Alex quotes Nelson Mandela when she says, "Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, and famous? Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world." We are all brilliant in our own way: we are all gorgeous in God's eyes. We are who we choose to be. It is our gifts and talents that make us who we are, it's our choice to step it up and say, "I'm using my gifts to be who I want to be."

One of her teachers writes, Alex "is an active and visible leader to the younger members of the community. She is a diligent and trustworthy person. Her leadership and generosity of spirit make her a worthy candidate."



KATHRYN MARTINEZ
RICHARD AND EILEEN
BLOECHL AWARD

Kathryn (Katie) is a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, a student of Our Lady of Mount Carmel School and will attend St.

Mary's Catholic High School.

Katie writes, "We all must use our gifts to help others. God gives us a choice, he does not force us to do good things. But it pleases him to see us using our talents to make life better for other people."

Her Girls Scout troop leader writes, "Katie is a person for whom volunteering is an integral part of her life. Reaching out to others comes naturally to her, and she is particularly good with children. Her gentle nature beckons to the little ones, which undoubtedly is why she has been drawn to so many projects with disadvantaged children."



GRACIE MCGILL
GUY AND PAT LABELLE
AWARD

Gracie is a member of St. Bernadette Parish, a student of Pope John XXIII School and will attend Notre Dame College Preparatory.

Gracie writes, "We are called to put our time and talents where they will make the most of a difference to the community. We are not called to use them for ourselves but share them with other people. I like making a difference in people's life. When I am helping others, I feel I am being a steward of the gifts that God has given me."

One of her references writes, "Grace McGill has great potential. Her leadership role was such a natural progression and she embraced it with such joy and enthusiasm that it was contagious. Catholic education with the support of her family has lit embers under Gracie. I hope it can continue to grow into a blazing fire."



HILARY MONTANA
JOHN AND EDIE REYNO
AWARD

Hilary Montana is a member of Christ the King Parish, a student of Christ the King School and will attend Seton Catholic High School.

Hilary writes, "Christian service is not about winning scholarships or earning scout badges or meeting school requirements. It is not about being a hero who swoops in and does a huge favor for some poor soul who is less than me. It is about knowing how I have been blessed in my life, and wanting to share my blessings with someone who I know is my equal – someone who, just like me, is one of God's children."

One of her teachers writes, "Hilary demonstrates her Catholic values on a daily basis. She takes her stewardship seriously. She serves because she feels called, not because it was a class assignment. She is definitely a gift from God."



ALEXIS SALERNO
REVEREND PHILIP J. POIRIER
AWARD

Alexis is a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, a student of St. Thomas the Apostle School and will attend Xavier College Preparatory.

Alexis writes "There is far more to sharing 'God's varied grace' than just volunteering. Each of us needs to set a good example and teach others through our actions and words every day that we are stewards of God's precious gift of his life in us – grace, a gift earned with his Son's precious body and blood."

One of her references writes, "Alexis is a very bright, talented young lady. Her values and commitment to her faith and community are strong. There is always a smile on her face and she is willing to offer her time and talent at any given moment, with a joyful heart. Whatever school Alexis attends, she will take with her all she has to give and then some."



SYDNI TRAN TALLERI
REVEREND PHILIP J. POIRIER
AWARD

Sydni is a member of Most Holy Trinity Parish, a student of Most Holy Trinity School and will attend Xavier

College Preparatory.

Sydni writes, "God blesses everyone with many gifts, but if you do not believe in Him or yourself, you may never discover them. God gives us gifts to help one another, to love, to have a relationship with Him through our talents."

One of her teachers writes, "When it comes to service, a certain sense of selflessness must prevail. Sydni exhibits so well. She is able to cast aside the wants and desires that seem to permeate the being of every teenager, see beyond the veil of peer influence and extend a gentle and loyal hand to her brothers and sisters in need. Her commitment to serving others is unparalleled in its magnitude and tremendous in its sincerity."



MICHAEL WEIKAMP
MIKE AND SHEILA GEDDES
AWARD

Michael is a member of St. Gregory Parish, a student of St. Gregory School and will attend Bourgade Catholic High School.

Michael writes, "Everyone has various God-given abilities and talents. I know that God has given me the ability to work well with people of different age groups and varying interests. I feel that performing service has enriched my life. In the future, I hope to continue to expand my service activities and to continue to grow as an individual."

His pastor describes Michael's "wide-ranging list of service related activities," and states, "Not one of the above activities brings Michael financial rewards yet he does each of them with enthusiasm and spirit... he is a model for other young people especially those who attend parochial schools. Bourgade Catholic High school will be a better place because of his presence on their campus and in their classrooms."



MEGAN WOLF
REVEREND PHILIP J. POIRIER
AWARD

Megan is a member of St. Bernadette Parish, a student of Pope John XXII School and will attend Notre

Dame Preparatory.

Megan writes, "I've come to realize that the greatest gift that God has given me is the capacity of feeling great joy in helping others. With that I will continue to be his steward and use His gifts to help as many people as possible, one smile at a time."

One of her teachers writes, "Megan approaches her service projects, as she seems to do with all her life, with patience and humility. She is an individual who deeply lives her Catholic faith and who clearly demonstrates in every aspect of her life a Christ-like love for her family, friends, church, school and community."



NEED A GRANT?

Since 1985, the Foundation has made grants of \$4,086,000 to support important charitable work primarily in the area served by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix. Last year, the Foundation awarded \$416,000 to worthy communication projects, schools and catechetical programs through its grant review program.

These grants are made possible thanks to the generosity of many benefactors, both living and deceased, who have entrusted the Foundation to

meet many of the needs of the Diocese of Phoenix and its people. Led by a volunteer board of directors composed of clergy and laity, the Foundation carefully reviews each application and attempts to award funds in areas where the greatest need can be met in the most efficient way possible. 2006-2007 Grants Applications are now up on the web.

Go to www.ccfphx.org or call 602-354-2400.

Grants are available for the following ministries: Catholic Schools, Christian Formation Programs, Communications Projects



DO YOU KNOW...

... An 8th Grader who provides service to others?

... Wants to attend a Catholic High School in Diocese of Phoenix?

IF SO...

...Nominate this student for the Catholic Community Foundation's Christian Service Award!

2006-2007 Christian Service Award Nomination Forms are now up on the web.

Go to www.ccfphx.org to nominate an 8th grader today!

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a wealth of experience to the Foundation including a 25 year history of involvement with non-profit organizations throughout the Phoenix community. He has held several board positions with various foundations, 13 in the capacity of president/chair. He and his wife are parishioners at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Scottsdale.

"On behalf of the CCF Board, we are sad that John Scola has left his position at the CCF here in Arizona," said Andy Groseta, CCF Chairman. *"However, we are extremely excited to have Mr. Don Ruff agree to serve as the CCF Interim Executive Director."*

A search committee has been formed by the board and applications for the permanent position of President and CEO may be sent to the Catholic Community Foundation, 400 E. Monroe St, Phoenix, AZ, 85004. To inquire, please call 602-354-2400.



ANDY GROSETA
NAMED CATHOLIC
COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION NEW
CHAIRMAN

Andy Groseta has been named CCF Board Chairman effective July 1, 2006. Andy has been on the Foundation Board for 6 years. He has a long history of community service in Northern Arizona, including past president of Yavapai Cattle Growers Association and past board chairman of Northern Arizona Healthcare.

Andy is a 3rd generation cattle rancher in Cottonwood, AZ. He and his wife Mary Beth are parishioners at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cottonwood.



DEAR CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
FOUNDATION DONORS,
VOLUNTEERS AND FRIENDS,

As you are likely already aware, I have accepted the position of Executive Director of Development for the Diocese of Orange in California. It is with mixed emotions that my family and I begin this new chapter in our lives. We look forward to whatever the Lord has in store for us, but feel great sadness at leaving so

many wonderful family members, friends, and colleagues.

The Catholic Community Foundation will always hold a special place in my heart. In the seven years I have served as director of the Foundation, much has changed. Perhaps the most important change I have been a part of has been the restatement of our mission, "to carry on the work of Christ by fostering philanthropy." What a truly wonderful purpose!

I have pledged my prayers for the continued success of the CCF, and will do whatever else I can to assist my successor in serving the Foundation to the best of his or her ability. In the mean time, I have every confidence in the current Foundation staff team. They are all professional, enthusiastic and willing. Call on them for whatever you may need. I leave, knowing you are in good hands.

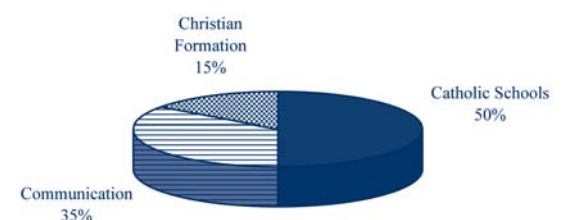
Blessings always,

John A. Scola, CFRE
President

DID YOU KNOW?

Since 1985, the Catholic Community Foundation has made grants of \$4,086,500 to support important charitable work primarily, in the area served by the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix.

Last year alone grants were broken down into the following categories:



SEVEN BENEFITS OF A GIFT ANNUITY

There has rarely been a better time to obtain a charitable gift annuity from the Catholic Community Foundation. A charitable gift annuity is an agreement between the donor and the Catholic Community Foundation. In return for the gift, the Foundation promises to make payments for the life of the donor, or two lives with donor and spouse. The payment rate is based on the age of the annuitant(s) at the time the agreement is created.

Low interest rates and roller-coaster markets are causing people to think twice about their financial decisions, and to consider the seven benefits of the Catholic Community Foundation's gift annuity program.

ATTRACTIVE RATES.

When you compare our gift annuity rates with what you might receive from a savings account or a certificate of deposit, you will likely be pleasantly surprised. For example, the payment rate for a 70-year-old senior is 6.5 percent. At age 80, the rate is 8.0 percent, and if you are 90 or older, you would receive 11.3 percent. In other words, a \$100,000 gift annuity would provide an 80-year old person \$8,000 every year. Rates are slightly lower when the annuity is for two persons.

REGULAR PAYMENTS.

When you establish your gift annuity, you decide how often you want to receive your payments. While most annuitants receive their checks or direct deposits every quarter, some choose semiannual payments and some once-a-year payments. Those who qualify can select monthly payments if they wish. Whatever you choose, receiving your regular payments on a specific, predetermined date is comforting and also helpful for planning purposes.

FIXED INCOME.

Your payment rate will be locked in at the time you obtain your gift annuity. It will not rise or fall with the economy. Instead, it will be the same amount every year, and that can mean a lot in uncertain times. Like most charities, the Catholic Community Foundation uses the rates recommended by the American Council on Gift Annuities.

LIFETIME BENEFIT.

Gift annuities are for life. No matter what your age now or how long you live, your payments will continue right to the very end. And if you have a two-life gift annuity, when one person dies the other can continue to receive the same amount for the rest of his or her life. This benefit of ongoing payments can provide security for each spouse as they enter their older years.

DEPENDABLE SOURCE.

The Catholic Community Foundation stands behind all of our gift annuities.

The annuity payments are a general obligation of the Catholic Community Foundation. We have a reserve fund set aside to meet our obligations and, what's more, we back up our annuity obligations with the full financial assets of the Foundation. On June 30, 2005 the Catholic Community Foundation's total invested funds exceeded \$35,000,000. We want you to feel safe and secure and to have confidence that your payments will continue without fail.

RELIEF FROM TAXES.

Since the IRS considers part of your contribution for a gift annuity a charitable gift, you will receive an income tax charitable deduction to apply on an itemized return. Also, during your life expectancy, you will be able to claim part of the annuity payment as tax-free income.

SIMPLE PROCESS.

Obtaining a gift annuity from the Catholic Community Foundation is much easier than most people think. We provide you with a tailor-made illustration, with your age and contribution amount included, so you can see how it all works. We provide materials you can share with your family and advisor(s).

Another benefit we should note is the satisfaction you will receive for making a charitable gift in this manner. Every time you receive a payment, you will be reminded that your gift annuity will eventually benefit the Catholic Community Foundation. You will have the opportunity, at the time the gift annuity is created, to specify how the remaining annuity funds will be used following your death. You can choose to help your local parish, school, a favorite ministry or a local charity.

Why does the Catholic Community Foundation offer gift annuities? Some of our friends want to give to the Catholic Community Foundation and its work but live on fixed incomes and cannot afford to donate income-producing assets. With the annuity program, they can make a significant gift and retain lifetime payments. In some cases, they can increase their annual cash flow.

For your personalized gift illustration, please call Tom Thielen, director of planned giving for the Catholic Community Foundation at 602-354-2401 or by email at tthielen@ccfphx.org. Additional information is available at our website: www.ccfphx.org.

Please understand that we will not pressure you in any way to proceed with a gift annuity if you ask for further information. Our role is to simply provide clear illustrations and to let the seven benefits speak for themselves.

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