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In Remembrance

Joseph Bielaw
September 10, 1906 ~ June 22, 2000
Willis, Michigan ~ Phoenix, Arizona

Joseph "Joe" Bielaw, a parishioner at St. Louis the King Catholic Church, set up a charitable gift annuity, providing scholarships for children in need. This annuity became "The Mary Ann and Joseph Bielaw Memorial Scholarship Fund" when Joe died on June 22, 2000. The earnings from this permanent endowment will provide tuition assistance scholarships for students of St. Louis the King Grade School in Glendale.

Joe's desire each and every day was to carry out his Catholic faith. He sought to educate and inspire others about charitable giving, and strived to provide a way for underprivileged families to have opportunities that wouldn't normally be available. He

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Grant Recipient Profile

First graders at St. Matthew's learn a song recounting the Gospel. It is very moving for adults to hear.

St Matthew Catholic School, located at 2038 West Van Buren Avenue received a \$12,800 grant from Catholic Community Foundation. A representative of the Catholic Community Foundation board reported the following from a recent site visit.

"This school is an oasis in a dirty, crime ridden section of Phoenix. It is a testament to the teachers and administration that good quality education is possible there. They have an incredibly tight budget, yet are self-sufficient with no parish subsidy. St. Matthew's has 202 Students with nine full-time and one part-time teacher. They are the only Catholic school for miles so they

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Catholic Community Foundation former Board Chairman

Ernest Calderón has been an active member of the Board of Directors for the Catholic Community Foundation since 1992 and served as the Chairman from 1998-2000. When asked why he has given such a substantial amount of himself and made such a tremendous commitment to the foundation he simply states, "It's a win-win organization. Everything we have in life is a gift from God and the Catholic Community Foundation helps share these same gifts to those in need. The foundation has the financial and legal resources available to accomplish this win, to share God's gifts".

When asked what was his greatest accomplishment while he served as Chairman he strongly stated, "It would not be mine, but

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\$ One Million-Dollars Available for Parishes



Beth McDonald from KEZ radio posing with local school children at a recent event promoting the Million Dollar Match Program

In an unprecedented event, the Most Reverend Thomas J. O'Brien, Bishop of Phoenix, President of the Catholic Community Foundation and the Board of Directors approved funding of up to one million dollars

to provide seed money for endowment funds restricted for the use of each parish. There are 86 parishes and 2 Newman centers within the Diocese of Phoenix and only 7 parishes had endowments prior to the launch of this program on July 1, 2000. Funding for the program will continue through December 31, 2000. The Catholic Community Foundation is fully committed to providing an endowment fund for every parish in the Diocese of Phoenix.

An endowment consists primarily of contributed funds that are invested and grown in such a way as to provide a regular income stream. Since the income is from the earnings of the fund, the fund itself remains intact forever.

Beth McDonald, radio personality from KEZ 99.9, the official spokesperson for the Parish Match Program, launched the program at a press conference on Thursday, August 31st surrounded by Catholic school children in the diocese. The "Million Dollar Parish Match" Program will help build and provide opportunities for today's Catholics to invest in the future of the Church. "The children are our future and the program will for many parishes, intro-

duce the concept of perpetual giving to their members," said McDonald.

In July, the Catholic Community Foundation presented a series of 7 workshops in various locations throughout the Diocese of Phoenix. St. Margaret Mary, Bullhead City; St. John Vianney, West Sedona; Blessed Sacrament, Scottsdale; Our Lady of Lourdes, Sun City; Resurrection, Tempe; St. Thomas the Apostle, Phoenix; and St. Mary's Basilica, Phoenix each hosted a seminar. 48 parishes sent representatives to the workshops and there are now 27 parishes that have endowments with the foundation.

This program is only available for parishes in the Diocese of Phoenix. Each parish is entitled to the earnings from an initial amount of \$5,000, provided the pastor signs a traditional endowment agreement. This is the original seed money to help all parishes set up an endowment. In addition, once a parish raises \$5,000 the Catholic Community Foundation matches it, making the total endowment \$15,000. To learn more about the program see our WEB site at www.ccfphx.org. or contact the foundation offices.

4 Year High School Scholarships for Christian Service

The Rev. Philip J. Poirier Scholarship is available to all eighth grade students, regardless of whether they attend a Catholic elementary school. Fr. Poirier served as Executive Director of the Catholic Community Foundation from 1987 to 1990. Until his death in 1996 and throughout his service to the Diocese of Phoenix, he demonstrated an appreciation for and commitment to Catholic education in our schools.

This scholarship serves not only to honor Fr. Poirier, but also to carry on his legacy by providing support for students who wish to attend a Catholic High School in the Diocese of Phoenix. Initially, the annual scholarship amount will be \$32,000. There are four (4) scholarships of \$8,000 each, payable in equal installments over four (4) years.

This grant is possible because of Fr. Poirier's gift to the foundation from his own personal estate plan along with gifts given in his memory. Anyone can add to this endowment fund,

thus enabling additional scholarships in the future. If you would like to be part of this legacy you may make a donation to the Catholic Community Foundation-Diocese of Phoenix, specifying the Fr. Poirier Scholarship Fund.

Faith commitment is the primary criteria for this grant application. Awardees will be students who demonstrate Catholic values in their everyday life, through service to their parish, school and world communities. Their behavior demonstrates a Christ centered love for others.

The application process includes the completion of an application, obtaining 3 recommendations and an essay. Recommendations should be from a pastor, a teacher, and a representative of a program in which they have volunteered for community service. All service hours will be validated. The 500-word essay topic would be "Why I wish to attend a Catholic High School". Deadline: December 31, 2000. Candidates may also be invited to interview with the review committee.



Applications are available at the Catholic Community Foundation offices or can be obtained and printed from the WEB site address. Call, write or visit for an application: www.ccfphx.org or info@ccfphx.org. All completed applications and all attachments to be considered for this scholarship must be post-marked by December 31, 2000 and returned to: Poirier Scholarship Application, c/o Catholic Community Foundation-Diocese of Phoenix, 400 East Monroe, Phoenix, AZ 85004.2336.



2001 Crozier Dinner Slated for April 21, 2001

The Catholic Community Foundation's Crozier Dinner is slated for 6pm, Saturday, April 21, 2001 at the Radisson Resort in Scottsdale. The Most Reverend Thomas J. O'Brien, Bishop of Phoenix has named Claudia Critchfield as the event Chairman.

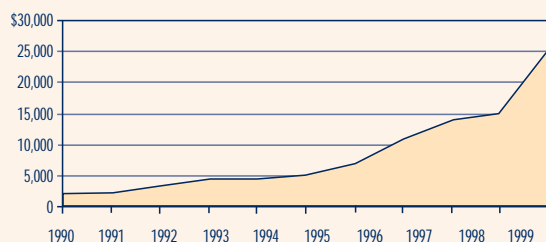
Last year's event raised a record breaking \$170,000 for the Catholic Community Foundation, more than 750 people attended, and nationally renowned political satirist Mark Russell entertained the enthusiastic crowd. As this year's event unfolds, stay tuned for future updates and announcements.

Political satirist Mark Russell shares a laugh with Bishop Thomas J. O'Brien, Catholic Community Foundation Executive Director John Scola and Crozier Dinner emcee Beth McDonald



John A. Scola, CFRE
Executive Director
Catholic Community Foundation

Catholic Community Foundation Funds Under Management



The total funds under management at the Catholic Community Foundation have grown from \$2 Million in 1990 to \$25 Million in 2000!! Since the foundation pools the funds from multiple sources, investment costs are extremely low. Furthermore, the foundation is able to take advantage of the expertise of professional fund managers.

Efforts to build an endowment are principally directed at encouraging members of the Diocese of Phoenix to execute a will and when doing so, to include the Catholic Community Foundation. The foundation also encourages those with large estates to consider instituting an estate plan. This plan would include some form of charitable remainder trust or annuity.

Since 1983, grants from unrestricted assets to schools and ministries throughout the Diocese of Phoenix have totaled \$2,075,000.

β Total grants 1999-2000 were \$275,000;
β Total grants 2000-2001 were \$350,000;
β Total grants 2001-2002 will be \$400,000.

The foundation will distribute its full annual report after November 1, 2000 and will post the report on its web page at the same time. Visit www.ccfphx.org for more information.

What do I enjoy most about my work? All of us hear that question from time to time. In my first year as director of the Catholic Community Foundation, I have discovered my answer.

To be a part of this ministry is a blessing indeed. Each year, the Catholic Community Foundation has increased its grants to a number of vital programs in the Diocese of Phoenix. In most cases, it provides support for programs that would otherwise go unfunded. What if it were no longer possible to broadcast the Mass on television for the many who cannot leave their homes? What would be lost if the Catholic Community Foundation could not grant funds for tuition assistance to the Kino Institute? How many aspiring lay leaders would be discouraged from pursuing their special ministries? How many families would be unable to send their children to our Catholic schools due to a shortage of funds?

Thankfully, the Catholic Community Foundation has been able to provide much needed support for a variety of education and communication programs. I suppose I can say that one of the things I enjoy about my work is that I am a part of making these programs possible.

But that is not what I enjoy most.

In the past few months, I have had the pleasure of working with many benefactors of the Catholic Community Foundation. They came to Arizona from other states and other countries. Some are married, some are widowed and some are single. Some have accumulated a fair amount of assets, and others live a modest life. They are men and women. They are young and they are mature. Each person is a wonderful creation of God and they all share a love for the Lord, and a commitment to the church.

In my work with each of these individuals and families, I have been affected by their deep and emotional experiences. It is a great gift to hear how the Lord is working in the lives of each individual.

Still, this is not what I enjoy most.

No, what I have enjoyed most is the unique way in which the Catholic Community Foundation brings together the donors who wish to ensure the future of diocesan programs and the ministries meeting the needs of our communities. Even more exciting is the fact that in many cases our donors benefit too! In one instance a supporter established a gift annuity paying 11% income for life (compared to the 5% he was receiving on certificates of deposit). Upon his death, his annuity will establish a permanent fund to benefit his parish community. Everyone comes out a winner! The foundation helps an individual receive a better return on his investment. At the same time, he helps his church.

And that is what I love most about my work: doing well while doing good.

Peace,

John Scola

New Chairman Named Catholic Community Foundation-Diocese of Phoenix



Donald Ruff
Chairman
Catholic Community Foundation

Officer for Bank One, Arizona after 36 years of service. He has a long history of professional and community leadership positions such as, the Immediate Past Chairman of the Maricopa County Sports Commission and current President of the Scottsdale Rotary Club. He is a Life Member of the Fiesta Bowl Committee, Scottsdale Charros and serves on the Advisory Board of the Valley and Scottsdale Leadership, Scottsdale Boys & Girls Club. He has held President and Chairman positions with 12 organizations such as Mesa and Scottsdale Chambers of Commerce, Scottsdale Partnership and Valley Leadership.

New officers named to the board are Ernest Calderón, as Immediate Past Chairman; Frank J. Brady, as Vice President; John Reyno, as Treasurer; P. Andrew Groseta, as Secretary; and Phyllis Anderson, as Executive Committee member At-Large. The following will also serve on the board: Dick Bloechl, Tony M. Coury, Jr., Jack Hough, Nancy Knight, Bob Kohlen, Terry Krebsbach, Cindy Minon, Mike Mongini, Pat Nackard, Frank Nageotte, and Carolyn Rock. In addition, the following will serve on the Advisory Board: Jim Bruner, Mike Cronin, Art DeCabooter, Jim Gallagher, Mike Geddes, Mary Anne McKone, and Ted O'Malley.

The Most Reverend Thomas J. O'Brien, Bishop of Phoenix, President of the Catholic Community Foundation-Diocese of Phoenix announced the new Officers and Board of Directors for the coming year.

Donald E. Ruff, resident of Scottsdale and member of St. Patrick's Parish, was named as Chairman. Ruff has been a member of the board of directors since 1994. He most recently retired as Executive

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stated in an interview, "So many Catholic parishioners around the Valley are just not aware of the opportunities that are available to them, such as endowment funds or gift annuity programs through the Catholic Community Foundation". In addition to his gift to St. Louis the King, Joe established a scholarship fund, "In Loving Memory of Mary Bielaw" at St. Simon and Jude. Mary, Joe's wife, passed away in 1995.

Joe began his interest in charitable giving in 1939, when he joined the "Knights of Columbus". He played a significant part in hundreds of fundraisers and charitable events, holding positions as Grand Knight (while living in Michigan) and Honor Guard. He stated that his involvement brought great joy to his life and continued his participation with the Knights, attending weekly meetings until he died.

After living such a long and joyous life, Joe continued to make his existence so very worthwhile, leaving a legacy for generations to experience. Joseph Bielaw is an inspiration to us all.

"We are grateful for Joe and his desire to provide for families in need through his gift annuity. Our hope is to educate, not just our senior adults, but families of all ages. People like Joe see that opportunities are available to them, through the Catholic Community Foundation," said John Scola, Executive Director.

If you would like to hear more about the types of endowments available contact the Catholic Community Foundation offices at the Diocese of Phoenix or see our WEB site at www.ccfphx.org.



New Face of the Foundation

The logo for the Catholic Community Foundation-Diocese of Phoenix now bears the Bishop's Crozier (or shepherd's staff). Building on what Bishop Thomas J. O'Brien envisioned early in 1983 for the foundation, the board of directors approved a new logo. The Bishop's staff is more than sign and symbol. It has practical uses and rescues many a lamb. Staffs, such as this, were in existence in the days of Jesus. It is a powerful symbol about love, unity and authority. In the Catholic Church, the Bishop is seen as the chief shepherd of the Diocese. Pope John Paul II, when he ordained Bishop O'Brien placed a staff, a CROZIER, in his hands. It symbolizes the office and ministry entrusted to him. It challenges him to love and to care for his flock. This new look, designed by Tom Berk of Creative Digital Technologies and a member of the foundation's volunteer marketing committee, will help identify and give a consistent and well-defined image in the community.

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serve several parishes. Mass is a daily activity and they are strong in their faith formation. Their tuition rate is \$1,720 per student, but this does not cover the cost of education. They very much need new textbooks and up-grades to the library."

During the visit, a class of first graders sang a ten-minute rendition of the Gospel. "It was very moving. This is what Catholic education is supposed to be."

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the entire board's accomplishment. The board has accomplished many goals during my term. The Catholic Community Foundation is now considered 'The Option', rather than 'an option'. It is evident by the growth in grants and scholarships that we provide on an annual basis. I've seen the organization grow from a part time to a full time, first choice professional organization, an asset of the diocese."

great success and will help prepare and enable all parishes in the diocese when that unexpected gift is given to a parish."

Ernie is partner at Jennings, Strouss & Salmon, P.L.C. He is a native of Morenci, Arizona. He completed his undergraduate work at Northern Arizona University and earned his law degree from the University of Arizona. Ernie is married to Karen and has four children, Michael age 10, and Mary Margaret, Catherine, and Stephen, triplets age 6. Ernie and his family are members of St. Simon and Jude Parish where his children attend school.

"The Million-Dollar Parish Match Program is another

If you would like to learn each of their individual stories, we invite you to visit our Website at www.ccfphx.org.



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