

Winter/Spring 2009

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The Christian Service Awards: *Growing the Faith*

The Catholic Community Foundation mission comes alive with the Christian Service Awards as exceptional young students receive scholarships to help defray Catholic highschool tuition.

2009 Christian Service Award Winners

Shane Cahill

Ss. Simon and Jude School
F. Richard and Eileen Bloechl Award

Teddy Enright

St. Daniel the Prophet School
Edward V. & Jane Anne O'Malley Award

Jacqueline Frere

Pope John XXIII School
Reverend Philip J. Poirier Award

David Gesicki

St. John Bosco Interparish School
Reverend Philip J. Poirier Award

Joseph Kimbuende, Jr.

St. Gregory School
The Helffrich Family Award

Alex Valles

St. Jerome School
F. Michael and Sheila Geddes Award

Brooke Kramer

Most Holy Trinity Catholic School
Guy and Pat Labelle Award

Caty Kuzma

St. Theresa Catholic School
Order of Malta, Phoenix Chapter Award

Bailey Murray

St. Timothy Catholic School
Reverend Philip J. Poirier Award

Victor Ribakare

Our Lady of Perpetual Help School, Glendale
Reverend Philip J. Poirier Award

Timmy Shimon

Oakwood Elementary School
Phyllis Anderson Award

Jeremy Smith

St. Mary-Basha School
Doug and Micaela Patterson Award

Matthew Tucker

Our Lady of Mount Carmel School
Our Lady of Mount Carmel Gary E. Bird Award

Jennifer Valdez

St. John Vianney School
De Francesco Family Fund Award

Brianna Vidales

St. John Vianney School
F. Michael and Sheila Geddes Award

Mary Kate Wahlers

Ss. Simon and Jude School
John and Edie Reyno Award

Maggie Wyse

Ss. Simon and Jude School
Wallace Thompson Foundation Award

2009 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY 25

Crozier Gala Invitation Stuffing Party
9 am to 3 pm
Volunteer's Private Residence

MARCH 4

Christian Service Awards Reception
4 pm to 6 pm
Diocesan Pastoral Center

MARCH 10

Crozier Gala Committee Meeting
9 am
Mount Claret Retreat Center

MARCH 18

Marketing Committee Meeting
7:30 am

Board of Directors Meeting

11:30 am to 2 pm
Bishop's Board Room
Diocesan Pastoral Center

APRIL 14

Crozier Gala Committee Meeting
9 am
Mount Claret Retreat Center

APRIL 15

Marketing Committee Meeting
7:30 am

APRIL 16

Executive Committee Meeting
8:30 am to 9:30 am
Diocesan Pastoral Center

APRIL 23

Crozier Gala Committee Meeting
9 am
Mount Claret Retreat Center

APRIL 30

Audit Committee Meeting
8 am to 11 am
Diocesan Pastoral Center

MAY 2

21st Annual Crozier Gala
6 pm
Arizona Biltmore Resort & Spa

MAY 6

Estate Planning Committee Meeting
11 am to 2 pm
Diocesan Pastoral Center

MAY 12

Finance & Investment Committee Meeting
10 am to 1 pm
Diocesan Pastoral Center

MAY 20

Marketing Committee Meeting
7:30 am

MAY 21

Executive Committee Meeting
8:30 am to 9:30 am
Diocesan Pastoral Center

JUNE 10

Board of Directors Meeting & Annual Committee Recognition
3 pm to 5 pm
St. Patrick's Parish, Scottsdale

Board of Directors & Advisory Board Mass and Dinner

5:30 pm Mass
6:30 pm Dinner
St. Patrick's Parish, Scottsdale

JUNE 17

Marketing Committee Meeting
7:30 am

JUNE 24

Advisory Board Committee Meeting
Noon to 1:30 pm
Priests' Dining Room
Diocesan Pastoral Center

OCTOBER 7

Annual Grants Luncheon
11 am to 1 pm
Diocesan Pastoral Center

THIRD ANNUAL
GRANTS LUNCHEON



A SPIRITED SUCCESS!

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Dear Friends:

In the months since the last Foundation newsletter reached you, sobering economic news has dominated headlines, changing many perspectives. What remains unchanged is the vital importance of our Grants and Unrestricted Gifts programs. Today, grant monies play even greater roles in sustaining essential Catholic institutions and services.

With the flexibility of unrestricted funds, we can nimbly provide help where it is needed most. Now more than ever, we are sincerely grateful to you for your generosity in helping us meet critical needs.

A prime example of that generosity is the Foundation's only fund-raising event, the upcoming 21st Annual Crozier Gala, held May 2, 2009, at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa. Chaired by Cindy Todare and her volunteer committee, the gala celebrates our Catholic faith and stewardship. Honoring Mrs. Lorry DeMuro, noted local philanthropist, it promises to be a splendid evening. I hope you will join us.

Volunteer support is essential to the Foundation—from the Crozier Gala to the Board of Directors. One such volunteer, Patrick Nackard, is profiled in this issue and embodies the spirit of Foundation volunteerism.

In closing, thank you again for your support; without question, your generosity enables us to "carry on the work of Christ by fostering philanthropy."

Sincerely,

Donna J. Marino

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President and CEO



THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE AWARDS *continued from cover*

This year, 17 students will receive awards, each of which contributes \$2,000 per year for four years of Catholic high school. Each \$8,000 award is made possible by Foundation donors, whose deep commitment to Catholic education is actively supporting new generations of faithful leaders. And donors don't just give on a one-time basis to fund a single award; these gifts are funded year after year, student by student.

Chosen from nearly 100 applicants, who each completed the multifaceted application process, these students exemplify a true spirit of service. Every student submitted a 500-word essay; service records from their parish, school, and community for the last two years; and three letters of reference. The Awards Committee invited all 96 applicants for interviews at the Diocesan Pastoral Center in early December.

It was an extraordinary opportunity: each student experienced the interview process, and Committee members were inspired by the students' great depth of character and faith.

Upon careful consideration and based on specific criteria, the Committee selected these 17 recipients, whose positive attitude, demonstrated leadership, and above all, cheerful commitment to Catholic stewardship made them outstanding candidates.

We congratulate all award winners and salute every applicant—the Diocese of Phoenix is privileged to count such wonderful young people as part of the wider Catholic community.

The Christian Service Awards Reception will be held March 4, 2009, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center. Students will receive their awards, greet Bishop Olmsted and donors, and celebrate their excellent achievement in exemplifying out the Award motto of "Learn to Serve, Serve to Learn."



If you are interested in learning more, visit www.christianserviceawards.org or please call Pam Hammond, Program Coordinator, at 602-354-2407

2010 CSA Application Deadline is: October 15, 2009

Open a Window on our Faith: Join the CCF Patron Saint Campaign!

We invite you to join the Foundation in supporting the completion of St. Katharine Drexel's Chapel Window with a suggested gift of \$90.

The spiritual heart of the Diocesan Pastoral Center, the Virginia G. Piper Chapel seems to radiate dual forms of light—both natural and divine. Curving behind the altar used during the 1987 Papal visit and fanning out to the North and South sides of the chapel are precisely ordered stained-glass windows, each depicting saints and other venerable individuals whose lives exemplify the Faith.

All were canonized or beatified by His Holiness, the late John Paul II. For those honored on the North side, each bears a particular connection to the Diocese of Phoenix.

The niche reserved for St. Katharine's window has special significance as she was recently chosen as the patroness of the Catholic Community Foundation. Considered the patron saint of all philanthropists, she improved the lives of Native and African American youth by spending her life

and fortune to serve them, establishing numerous schools and missions. In Arizona, 'Mother Drexel' founded St. Michael's Indian School on the Navajo

Reservation, which operates today, as well as Blessed Sacrament Monastery in Tucson. As Bishop Olmsted recounts, "I most admire St. Katharine for her devotion to Christ in the Blessed Sacrament and her service to the most overlooked among us... service that was always marked by loving collaboration with others; as our community supports this effort, we exemplify her spirit of Catholic stewardship."

With 100 individual gifts of \$90, we can commission famed Daprato-Rigali Studios to create and install the glass art.

To paraphrase St. Katharine, each of our individual steps will combine in a unified, greater stride—

please share this special journey to commemorate her selfless example.



TO SUPPORT THE ST. KATHARINE DREXEL WINDOW, PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING OPTIONS:

1. EASY

Mail your donation to:
Catholic Community Foundation
400 East Monroe Street
Phoenix, AZ 85004
(Check memo: "Window")

2. EASIER

Call the Foundation:
Patricia Philbrick can take your donation by phone at 602-354-2406

3. EASIEST

Donate online:
www.ccfphx.org/donate.php
(Complete donor information and select **St. Katharine Drexel Fund** from the Designation/Field of Interest drop-down menu.)

"We are told to walk in His footsteps... I love to think how small the little foot of Our Lord was on that first Christmas. A little foot does not make big strides; it can only take little steps... we shall, with God's grace, grow into the bigger footsteps and make greater strides."

— St. Katharine Drexel

Third Annual Grants Luncheon— A Spirited Success!

The Catholic Community Foundation awarded \$381,000 to 62 organizations at its third Annual Grants Luncheon on October 9, 2008, at the Diocesan Pastoral Center.

The Foundation awarded grants in the categories of Catholic Education, Christian Formation, Communications, and Work Among the Poor. Attended by more than 150 people and presided over by the Most Reverend Thomas J. Olmsted, Bishop of Phoenix, the occasion was one of celebration and thanksgiving.

The program began with St. Louis the King students singing the *Star-Spangled Banner*, followed by Christian Service Award recipients who attend St. Mary's High School leading guests in the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Mrs. Maureen Adams, Chairwoman of the Grants Committee addressed the group. In her remarks, she outlined the grants program and shared an impressive number: since its inception the grants program has awarded more than \$3.7 million. Bishop Olmsted thanked the committee and spoke on how the Foundation supports a diverse range of ministry needs throughout the Diocese.

Foundation President and CEO Donna Marino, accompanied by MaryBeth Mueller, Executive Director of the Division of Education and Evangelization and Superintendent of Schools, announced each grant recipient as the Bishop and committee members presented checks and certificates.

Award winners applied for monies through the Foundation's annual competitive grants process, meeting the application deadline of October 15, 2007. For 2009, applications were received in November 2008 and then reviewed by the Grants Committee. Award winners will be announced and receive their grants at the fourth Annual Grants



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Luncheon, scheduled for October 2009. As in prior years, it too will be a great celebration of Catholic stewardship.

For more information, please contact Pam Hammond, Program Coordinator at **602-354-2407** or **phammond@ccfphx.org**.

The 2010 Grants Application Deadline: November 14, 2009

Did You Know...

In the early 1930's religious organizations received 74 percent of all charitable giving and by the early 2000's that declined to 32 percent? The good news now: when you give to CCF, you can reverse the trend.

Endowments: Gifts That Keep On Giving

Establishing an endowment at the Catholic Community Foundation is a great way to support causes near to your heart while ensuring your gift truly becomes a lasting legacy. An endowment fund can best be summed up as a giving, growing, and glowing legacy of generosity. Here's what we mean:

1} Endowments Give

An endowment is valued every year, with a 'payout' percentage applied for funds distribution. For example, if the John Doe Vocations Endowment is worth \$40,000 on January 1 and has a 4 percent payout rate, \$1,600 is available to support that ministry. And year after year, an endowment produces such annual gifts, providing regular funding in perpetuity.

2} Endowments Grow

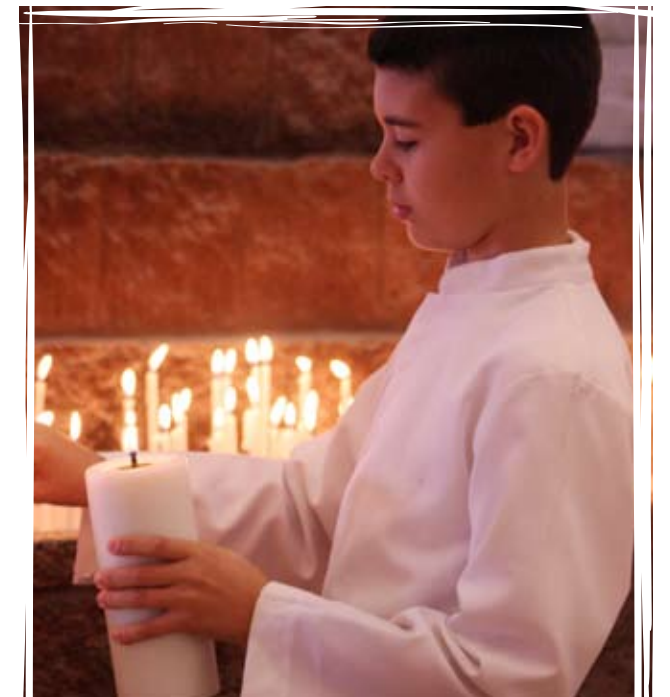
Prayerful and prudent, the CCF investment policy not provides enough cash for these annual payouts, but is designed to ensure fund appreciation over time. By monitoring economic indicators such as inflation, the investment policy also ensures endowment payouts retain the same or greater values year after year.

3} Endowments Glow

Creating a CCF endowment is akin to lighting a perennial candle; the 'glow' of financial support extends from one generation to the next. Emanating from donor to recipient, the ever-increasing impact of an endowment illuminates the lives of those who receive funding. Donors, too, are blessed by the knowledge that their endowment gifts will shine on for generations to come.

A Catholic Community Foundation Endowment is a great opportunity to transform your annual giving into perpetual giving.

For more information on how to establish your own endowment fund, contact Tom Thieken, Director of Planned Giving at **602.354.2401** or **tthieken@ccfphx.org**.



Save the Date: May 2, 2009 Crozier Gala



**THE 21ST ANNUAL
CROZIER GALA**
"A Call to Serve"

Please mark your calendar to attend the 2009 Crozier Gala on May 2 at the Arizona Biltmore Resort and Spa!



Plans are under way for the Foundation's only fund-raising event. Honoring Mrs. Lorenza ("Lorry") DeMuro, local Catholic philanthropist whose generosity to Seton High School has been exceptional, the Gala also is dedicated to the inspiring example of St. Katharine Drexel, the Foundation's new patron saint.

Chairwoman Cindy Todare says, *"I have been part of the Crozier Gala Committee for the past five years and am honored to chair this year's event. Inspired by St. Katharine Drexel, who was called to serve God so selflessly, we have chosen the theme, 'freely you have received, freely give.' The Committee is equally called to give to support the Foundation's mission...and encouraged by St. Katharine's life, we never lose sight of the reason for the Crozier Gala: to serve those in need in our Catholic community."*



Funds raised by the Gala support the Foundation's grants programs, which meet educational, spiritual and corporal needs across the Diocese—serving Catholic schools, Christian formation and Work Among the Poor.

As the valley's premier Catholic black-tie event, it is a wonderful celebration of faith, community and service. Please look for your invitation, which will arrive soon. We encourage you to make your reservations early, as our invitation list has expanded.

To reserve your tickets online, please visit: www.blacktie-arizona.com,
RSVP Code: **Crozier**

For more information, contact the Foundation at **602.354.2400** or visit www.ccfphx.org.

Did You Know...

Only 4 percent of adults leave charitable bequests? With a little planning, you can increase that percentage—building legacies that last for many lifetimes.

A History of Stewardship



One of Patrick "Pat" Nackard's earliest lessons in the importance of Catholic stewardship was taught by his parents, who supported various parishes around their home town of Flagstaff. Their example taught him how to be *"A member of the Catholic faith in Flagstaff as well as in our parish."* This broad view has been a cornerstone of the Nackard family's stewardship ever since.

Currently serving in his fifth year on the Advisory Board, Pat also is a member of the Grants Committee. Previously, he was a member of the Board of Directors for seven years. A Flagstaff business and civic leader, Pat says, *"It's important to remember that the Diocese and Foundation reach beyond Phoenix... our community extends to the Colorado River, San Francisco Peaks, and all points in between."*

As a Grants Committee member, Pat sees firsthand the difference the Foundation makes: *"I'm inspired to enrich and build the Catholic faith—especially with student scholarships,"* he says. *"For lay people, this is a ministry as we can use our professional credentials in a spiritual dimension."*

Catholic education holds a special place in the hearts of both Pat and his

wife Julie. A convert to the Faith, Julie has witnessed firsthand the obvious and intangible benefits of a Catholic education. *"I learned alongside my children what it truly means to be a part of the Catholic community and live our faith. I also learned how important it is to support Catholic education in every way possible."*

Pat and Julie decided that as their children grew, Catholic high school was essential. Moving south to Phoenix, the family has managed the challenges of commuting between cities and parishes ever since.



The Nackard Family
Palmer, Julie, Patrick, & Monzie

With son Palmer recently graduated from Brophy and enrolled at Loyola Marymount University, and daughter Monica, a Xavier senior, currently applying to Catholic universities, Julie says, *"The value of Catholic education is proved by our children's level of service and sense of social justice."* As Monica prepares for upcoming trips to both Mexico and South Africa to build shelter for the world's poorest, she is a credit to her faith, family and education.

Clearly the Nackard family has a vibrant tradition of Catholic stewardship, a tradition that supports not only the Foundation, but the extended Catholic community it serves.

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