

Central Washington CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Fundación Católica de Washington Central

December 2015

Check our website to see if the **IRA Charitable Roll-over** has passed. We still hope to meet our Celebration of Faith goal of \$300,000 by year end.



Our Vision

To provide enduring support for Catholic education and ministries of Central Washington

Our Mission

To support Catholic education

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Dear Friends,

Merry Christmas to you! Here at the Foundation, we count you as our blessings this Holiday Season. Through your prayers and financial support, you are sharing the Good News and putting Christ into Christmas for many throughout Central Washington.

It has been a whirlwind of seven months since I joined the Foundation. The Celebration of Faith in October was a great success. While raising funds for education, it was a joy to honor and thank our 2015 Champions of Education. It is now time to start considering who needs to be celebrated at your parish or school. Nominations are open for the 2016 Champion awards (page 3).

We are now in the midst of the 2015 Annual Drive and the spring will remain busy for the Foundation. In February, the Foundation Board of Trustees will be hosting regional socials to celebrate you – the Friends of the Foundation. Do you have a friend that might be interested in supporting Catholic education in Central Washington, but has not yet heard about the Foundation? Please invite them to come and join us for lunch as we update you on the blessings afforded by your generosity (see below). A new round of applications for parish religious education grants (PREP), college scholarships, and renewals for tuition assistance grants (TAP) will kick off in January (page 2). Finally in April, the Foundation will sponsor regional End-of-Life Planning Seminars (page 2).

Oscar Rivera, a speaker for the New Evangelization, recently visited Yakima for the Diocesan Youth Convention. He spoke of sharing Christ with those around us by being PRESENT to others and sharing with them our gifts and talents. He said we do not need to take on the world – we just need to reach out to touch one heart at a time. I find his message to be so relevant to the work of the Foundation.

When considering the Central Washington Catholic Foundation people often think of our work as providing financial support for parishes as well as scholarships for students and other ministries, which it is in the practical sense. However, our purpose is to inspire our families to be fully Catholic and create strong parish communities. Your gift makes a difference by creating a path for our young people to experience engaging, transformative faith education in their parishes and schools.

As we approach the New Year, consider making a year-end Annual Drive contribution to the Foundation. Your contribution, no matter the size, will help spread the Light of Christ and transform lives, in the hopes that one day everyone will share in God's love.

May you know and share God's love and PRESENCE this Christmas.

Blessings in Christ,
Kathleen Wilmes, Executive Director

Friends of the Foundation

The Catholic Foundation is going on the road to show our appreciation for you, the Friends of the Foundation. Your support is helping to ensure that everyone in Central Washington has access to Catholic education. Please join us for lunch as we recap the teaching of the Faith in 2016. We encourage you to invite a friend to join you in sharing in this celebration. Watch your bulletin for updates! RSVP will be required.

February 9

Yakima

Holy Family Parish

February 16

Tri-Cities

Holy Spirit Parish

February 23

Moses Lake

Our Lady of Fatima Parish

March 1

Wenatchee

St. Joseph Parish - Wenatchee

Foundation Dollars at Work

Beginning in January, parishes may apply for Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) grants and students may apply for Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) grants and college scholarships.

PREP grants provide support for religious education staff to attend the Religious Education Congress in Los Angeles, a stipend for volunteer RE coordinators, and support for their RE program. Applications are found on our website at <http://cwcatholicfoundation.org/REgrants>. The deadline is May 30, 2016.

TAP grants provide tuition assistance for children to attend one of the eight Catholic schools in Central Washington. Current TAP students may apply for a renewal January 4 through April 30, 2016. New students may apply from May 1 through August 15, 2016. Applications are available at <http://cwcatholicfoundation.org/tuition>.

The *Central Washington Catholic Foundation* offers three **scholarships for college students**: the John Rodriguez-Kranz Memorial Scholarship for a graduating senior of A. C. Davis High School in Yakima, the Mary Ellen Chott-Mahre Scholarship for a student attending a Catholic college, and the Celebration of Faith Scholarship for students attending Catholic colleges or universities. The deadline for all three is April 1, 2016. Applications are available at <http://cwcatholicfoundation.org/scholarships>

\$130,000 distributed to 103 students through the Tuition Assistance Program

\$45,000 distributed to 15 parishes through the Parish Religious Education Program

\$12,486 distributed to 6 students through the Catholic College Scholarship Fund and scholarship endowments

\$18,663 distributed to 5 parishes through parish endowment funds

\$33,235 distributed to 6 schools through Catholic school endowment funds

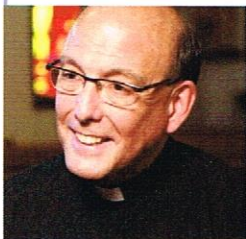
\$29,357 distributed through seminarian education endowment funds

\$4 million in 33 endowment funds under professional management

100% seniors with TAP grants graduated

"The importance of teaching young children the Catholic Faith cannot be overstated. If the Catholic Faith is to grow -- and if the legacy of the Catholic Church is to continue, the faith must be taught. It is absolutely vital! Without such teaching the Church dwindles."

"Without the financial assistance and the moral support that comes from the *Central Washington Catholic Foundation*, I think we [at Immaculate Conception in Roslyn and St. John's in Cle Elum] would still be grasping at finances in order to establish a curriculum and be able to serve the people of God, which is what it is all about."



Rev. Brooks F. Beaulaurier
CWCF Trustee
Pastor
Immaculate Conception, Roslyn
St. John the Baptist, Cle Elum

Regional Catholic End-of-Life Decisions Seminars

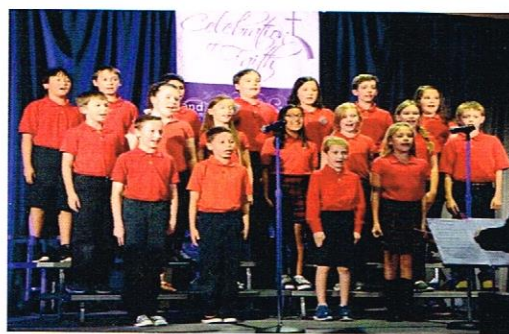
Death is a subject most people don't usually wish to talk about, but communicating final wishes to loved ones is vital, especially when we do not know where family members will be in terms of faith. This spring, the Catholic Foundation will be hosting regional seminars to help individuals establish some priorities for faith-based, end-of-life planning.

Join us as we hear from some experts about how planning our departure can ease the pain for our families, while ensuring that our preferences are honored. The seminar will include presentations from a funeral planner, an attorney and an accountant who specialize in estate planning, an investment planner, an emergency services representative, the Catholic Foundation, and the Diocese of Yakima.

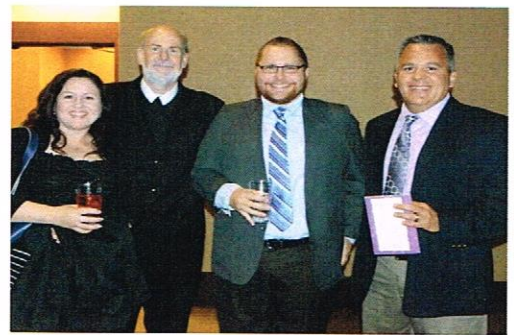
The events are expected to take place in late April and will be announced in the parish bulletins and the *Central Washington Catholic*.



Kelly Mattson, Robin Kingle



St. Paul Cathedral School Choir



Lisa Kanelopoulos, Br. Dan Morgan,
Andrew Morford, Ted Kanelopoulos



Karen Fortier, Sandi & Bill Hays



Jordan Ann Blodgett

**\$256,346 raised for TAP
and PREP grants and
college scholarships**

*Celebration
of Faith*

**Honoring Champions of
Catholic Education from
parishes and schools**



America Morford, Barb Morford,
Debbie Roy



Marla Borton, Teri Zavalney



2015 Champions of Catholic Education

Whose praises do you want to sing?

Who is inspiring the youth in your parish? Who is the first to come to school and the last to leave? Who do you know that is living their faith generously in their support of Catholic education?

The Foundation is now accepting nominations for the 2016 Champions of Education Awards. The Champion of Education Awards honor and celebrate individuals for their outstanding efforts, contributions, and achievements on behalf of Catholic school and parish education.

More information and nomination forms are available at <http://cwcatholicfoundation.org> or by calling the office at 509-972-3732.



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Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Moses Lake established a Little Flowers group (think Girl Scouts for Catholics) for ages 5-12 this year and have already grown from 7 to over 20 girls. The group incorporates Catholic virtues and seeks to inspire girls to become authentic Catholic women.



St. Joseph Parish in Wenatchee held a Sock Hop fundraiser that brought in \$12,000, enabling 30 students to attend Steubenville 2015. This was their second year to participate and they will be going back in 2016.



St. Anne Parish, Bridgeport, and St. Francis de Sales Parish, Chelan together are preparing 33 children to receive their First Communion.



Holy Apostles Parish in East Wenatchee has 92 children enrolled in their religious education program, more than doubling the 45 last year. The parish held an All Saint's Day party with the students dressing up as their favorite saints. Over 60 families attended the event.



St. Pius X Parish in Quincy is hosting the Magnificat Program in both English and Spanish. They also hosted the Spanish youth retreat with Rev. Msgr. Mario A. Salazar as retreat master.



St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Royal City is experiencing a wonderful turnout of families seeking sacraments. 42 children in grades 2 through 9 are preparing for First Communion and 48 high school students are completing their second year of Confirmation preparation.

Praises from Our Northern Parishes