

Central Washington CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Fundación Católica de Washington Central

June 2015

Save the Date!
October 10, 2015
Yakima Convention
Center
Fr. Stephen Rowan,
keynote speaker

*Celebration
of Faith*

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Dear Friends,

My name is Kathleen Wilmes and I am writing to you as the new Executive Director. I cannot tell you how excited I am to align myself with you and the Foundation. It is an inspiring and noble cause – bringing the people of Central Washington to the heart of Jesus and to the Eucharist through education.



It is already time to start gearing up for the 2015 Celebration of Faith on October 10th. This is our largest fundraiser and our greatest opportunity to come together as a community of believers in support of education. During the event, we will honor and celebrate individuals within our diocese who are currently reaching out and serving as the hands and feet of Christ – as benefactors and educators. I hope that you will join us!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my predecessor, Dan Fortier. As a founding board member, and the executive director, Dan is credited with developing the Tuition Assistance and PREP grant (see page 2) programs. I cannot tell you how grateful I am for his leadership and dedication.

Thanks to Dan, along with the tireless work of the board, and you (the donors), all eight schools enrolled new students last year, and had recipients of tuition assistance return. In fact, last year 87 children, regardless of faith, received tuition assistance. In addition, twenty-two parishes were able to grow their religious education programs and three individuals received scholarships to Catholic colleges. Those are some pretty impressive numbers.

As a mother with six children attending Catholic schools, three of whom also participate in parish based youth ministry programs, I would like to say thank you from the bottom of my heart. Creating a path for our young people to bring Jesus into their hearts is a gift that can never be repaid.

God Bless,
Kathleen Wilmes
Executive Director

The Foundation welcomes two new members to the board, Sandi Hays of Yakima and Debbie Graaff of Quincy, and bids farewell to our retiring trustees, Evan Jones of Richland and Kay Gamache of Yakima. Thank you for your generous gifts of time and expertise in support of Catholic education in Central Washington.

Foundation Dollars at Work

2014 Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) Grants

Blessed Sacrament Parish - Grandview	\$ 750
Holy Redeemer Parish - Yakima	\$ 3,750
Holy Spirit Parish - Kennewick	\$ 750
Immaculate Conception - Roslyn	\$ 2,000
Our Lady of Fatima Parish - Moses lake	\$ 3,250
Our Lady of the Desert Parish - Mattawa	\$ 500
Our Lady of the Snows Parish - Leavenworth	\$ 726
Queen of All Saints Parish - Warden	\$ 1,500
St. Aloysius Catholic Church - Toppenish	\$ 1,000
St. Andrew's Catholic Church - Ellensburg	\$ 220
St. Anne's Catholic Church - Bridgeport	\$ 900
St. Francis de Sales Parish - Chelan	\$ 500
St. Francis Xavier Parish - Cashmere	\$ 750
St. John the Baptist - Cle Elum	\$ 2,000
St. Joseph Parish - Kennewick	\$ 1,000
St. Joseph Parish - Sunnyside	\$ 2,750
St. Joseph Parish - Yakima	\$ 2,750
St. Joseph Parish - Wenatchee	\$ 1,250
St. Mary's Parish - White Swan	\$ 5,180
St. Peter Claver Parish - Wapato	\$ 750
St. Rose of Lima Parish - Ephrata	\$ 2,500

Thank you Catholic Foundation for your generosity by providing scholarships for our children. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

2015 Memorial Gifts in honor of

Joe Murphy
Colleen Kelleher
Angela Heine
Marian Leitch
Paul Signorotti



Kelly Sauer and sons

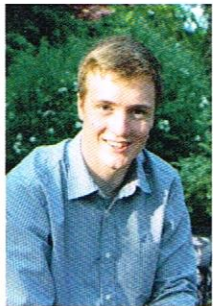


St. Mary's altar servers

"The Central Washington Catholic Foundation has been such a blessing to our parish of St. Mary's in White Swan. Through the grant we were able to adopt a new bilingual curriculum to better serve the needs of our community. We are so grateful for everything the Foundation has done for our little parish."

Kelly Sauer, DRE, St. Mary's Parish, White Swan

2015 Scholarships Announced



Andrew McCarthy



Miguel Juarez



Catherine Scellick



Emma Patello

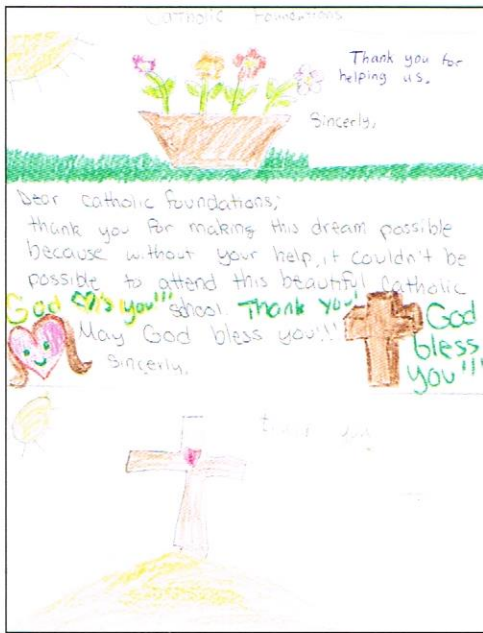


Jennifer Albrecht

For the second year Andrew McCarthy of Yakima has been named the 2015 Mary Ellen Chott-Mahre Scholarship recipient. McCarthy is a graduate of Eisenhower High School and attends Gonzaga University.

Miguel Juarez of Yakima has been named the 2015 John Rodriguez-Kranz Scholarship recipient. Juarez is a 2015 graduate of A.C. Davis High School and plans to attend the University of Washington.

Catherine Scellick of Ephrata, Emma Patello of Richland and Jennifer Albrecht of East Wenatchee have been named the 2015 Celebration of Faith Scholarship recipients. Scellick is a 2015 graduate of Ephrata High School and plans to attend Gonzaga University. Patello is a 2014 graduate of Hanford High School and attends Carroll College in Helena, Montana. Albrecht is a 2015 graduate of Eastmont High School and plans to attend Gonzaga University.

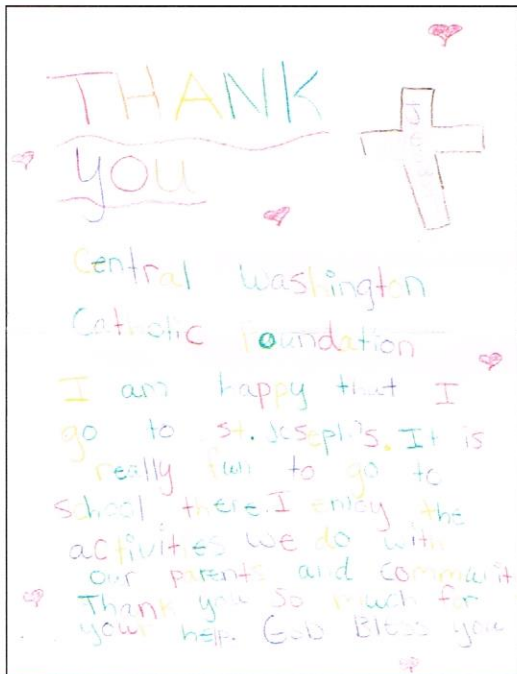
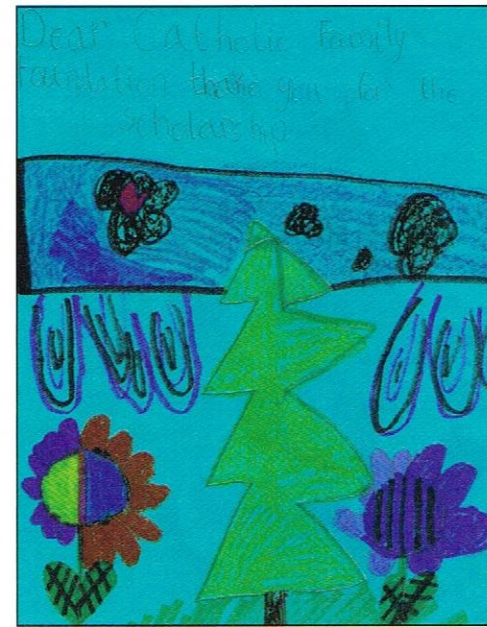


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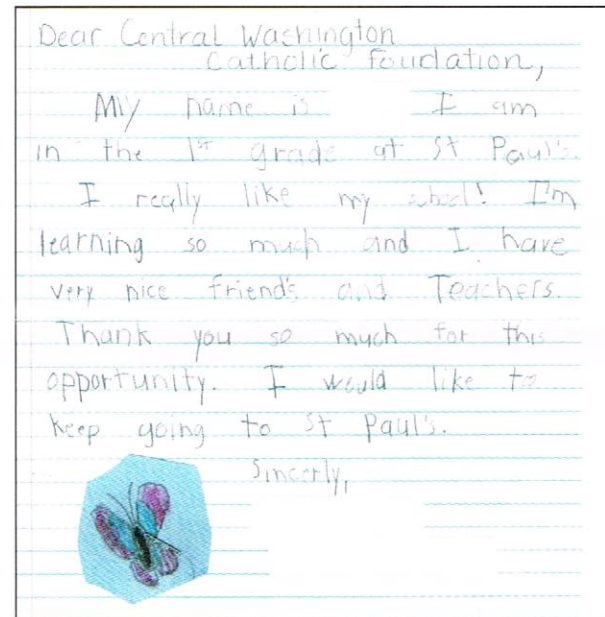
To provide enduring support for Catholic education and ministries of Central Washington

Our Mission

To support Catholic education

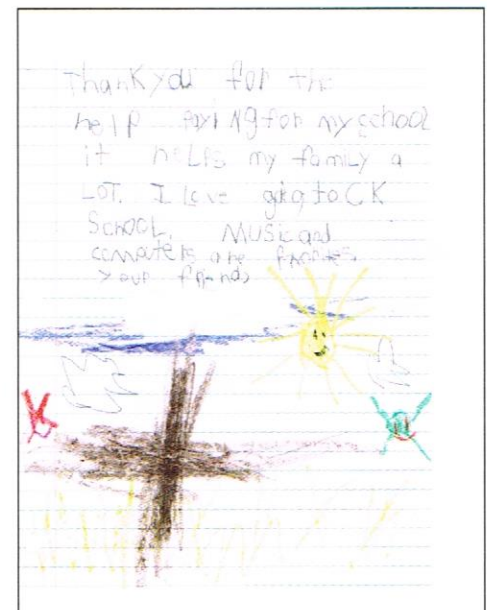


Thank you for the assistance to continue my education at La Salle High School. It means a lot to me to know that there is someone out there that cares so much about my education, who also doesn't really know me, but is helping pay for me to go to this amazing school.



Thank You!

I am very thankful for the Catholic Foundation because they helped my family have the opportunity to bring me to St. Rose of Lima. Without your help I wouldn't be receiving a great education from such a loving school who cares about my education and religion.



Chirps from our Central Washington Catholic schools



St. Rose of Lima 3rd to 6th graders re-enacted Jesus washing the feet of His disciples, the Last Supper and the Passion of Christ with Fr. Miguel Gonzalez to celebrate Holy Week.



St. Joseph/Marquette The St. Joseph/Marquette Parent Board donated \$40,000 towards tuition reduction.
Catholic School



ST. JOSEPH'S SCHOOL St. Joseph School celebrated 50 years of excellence in Catholic education in Kennewick.
EXCELLENCE IN CATHOLIC EDUCATION



St. Paul Cathedral School welcomes new Principal Teresa Schneiderman!
Watch for the new main entrance to the school that will be built soon.



St. Joseph School in Wenatchee celebrated 60 years of faith and academic excellence with God's blessing!



Christ the King School's 8th grade class collected over 10,000 cans of food for the local food bank.



La Salle High School dedicated the new Cardinal Francis George Gymnasium and increased the percentage of students below the federal "free lunch" level to 25%.



Tri-Cities Prep hosts exchange students from various countries, including Pakistan and China.



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Celebration of Thanksgiving

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