

# Central Washington CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

*Fundación Católica de Washington Central*

April 2016

## Religious Education Grants

May 30th is the deadline for  
parish RE grant applications

Applications are available at [http://  
cwcatholicfoundation.org/REgrants](http://cwcatholicfoundation.org/REgrants)

## Our Vision

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

## Our Mission

To support Catholic education

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## Mom Is Grateful for You

At St. Rose of Lima in Ephrata, Vanessa Garcia is the voice you hear on the phone and the first to greet you at the door. Small in stature with a giant, warm smile, she is the person you want your children to have to come to when they are having a rough day.

"Having my daughters at a Catholic school is very important. We want to grow our faith not only at church but at school. I've seen a big difference in my daughter since she's been coming to St. Rose; she's gained confidence and her reading is amazing.



Vanessa Garcia and daughter

My daughters are always talking about how Jesus was born and how important God is to them. Their religion classes are helping them with morals and values, which is very important." Vanessa Garcia

As a single mother, Vanessa knows the struggle of paying tuition for Catholic school.

"Without help from the Catholic Foundation my daughters wouldn't be able to come here. The tuition assistance grant is what helps me bring my daughters here and what helps them with their future." Vanessa Garcia

"Three years ago, we found ourselves looking for a bilingual candidate for the school office," says Amy Krautscheid, principal of St. Rose of Lima School. "Just when we thought it wasn't possible, God sent Vanessa through our doors. She had been staying at home with her two young girls and had just decided to go back to work outside the home. She enrolled her girls the year after she was hired with a tuition assistance grant from the Catholic Foundation and has now been with us for three years. Vanessa is a blessing to our school."

## Save the Date!

2016 Celebration of Faith

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2016

Yakima Convention Center

Come together to

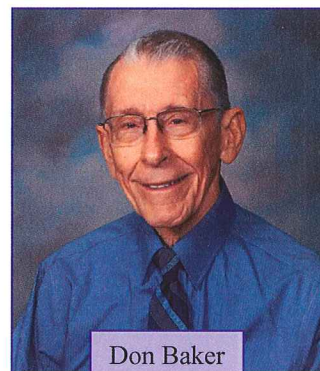
- Celebrate and support Catholic schools and parish religious education programs,
- Honor Champions of Catholic Education and
- Contribute to the Celebration of Faith Fund

**More children than ever  
need access to the stellar  
academic and firm faith  
foundation that are af-  
forded by our Catholic  
schools – Join us for the  
Celebration of Faith.**

## You Can Make a Difference!

"Everyone who volunteers can make a difference. If a volunteer can match their interests and goals with the needs of an organization, it will provide the greatest benefit for all. Volunteering is simply helping to make another person's life a little easier." Don Baker

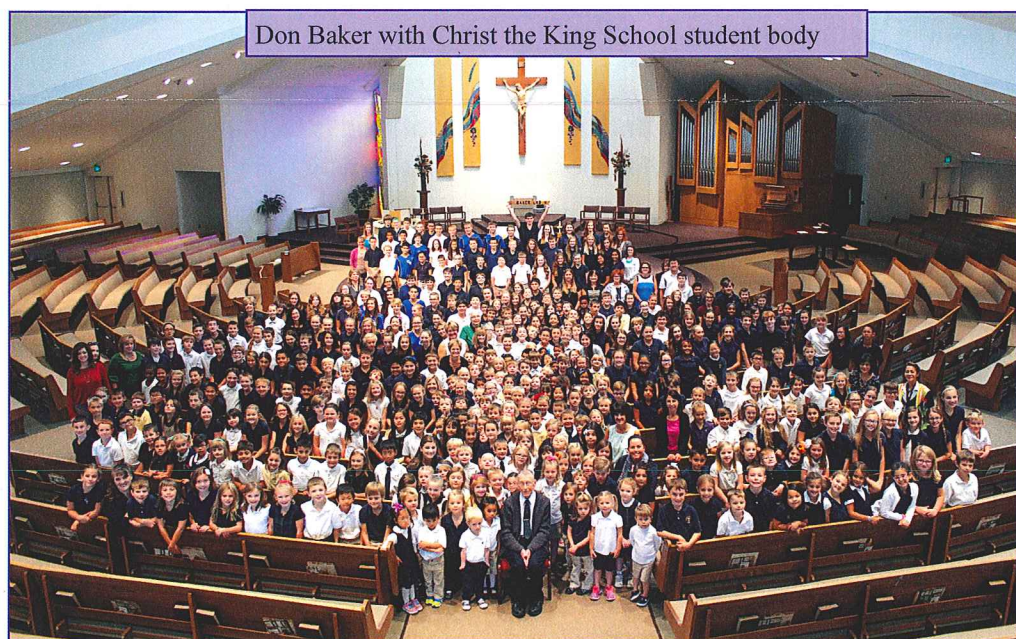
Eleven years ago, Don Baker retired from his long-time engineering position and walked into a new full-time job, testing his skills daily as the coordinator of the Computer Lab at Christ the King School in Richland. In addition to managing the computer lab and teaching classes, Don solves technology glitches throughout the campus and assists with summer school classes, as needed. He was instrumental in the installation of a soundproof wall between the computer lab and the art room, greatly increasing the privacy and efficiency of both classrooms. To top it off, Don is a generous financial benefactor.



Don Baker

"I was fortunate to be able to apply my technology background to help Christ the King School move into the digital age of learning. It can be mentally stimulating and challenging to keep a school computer system running every day. Students are expected to learn basic computer skills early in elementary school. A little help from a volunteer may ease the anxiety of a student who is having difficulty with a new learning task." Don Baker

In 2015, Don was honored as a Champion of Catholic Education.



Don Baker with Christ the King School student body

### Whose praises do you want to sing?

The Champion of Catholic Education awards honor and celebrate individuals for their outstanding efforts, contributions, and achievements on behalf of Catholic school and parish education. Nomination forms are at <http://cwcatholicfoundation.org/champions-of-catholic-education/> or by calling 509-972-3732. The deadline for applications is July 1, 2016.

### Regional Catholic End-of-Life Planning 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. Join us as we hear from experts about how making decisions while we are healthy and able can ease the pain for our families while ensuring that our choices are honored and our loved ones protected. The seminars will include presentations from a funeral director, priest, estate planning attorney, estate planning accountant, investment planner, and emergency services representative. Sponsors are the Central Washington Catholic Foundation, Catholic Charities, the Diocese of Yakima, and parishes. Seminars will be from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Register to at 509-972-3732 or [nprobst@cwcatholicfoundation.org](mailto:nprobst@cwcatholicfoundation.org).

May 18	Richland	Christ the King Parish
May 25	Yakima	St. Joseph Parish

May 24	Quincy
May 26	Wenatchee

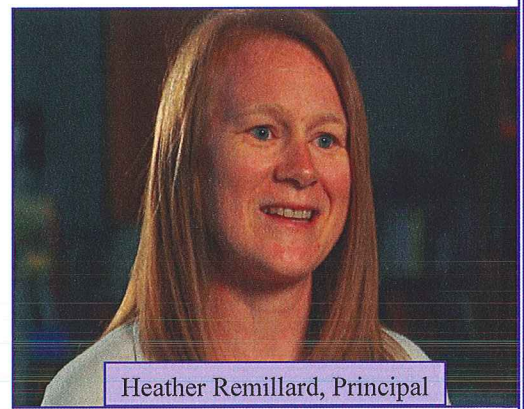
St. Pius X Parish
St. Joseph Parish

## From the Principal's Office

"The grants from the Foundation have enabled kids to come here no matter who they are or what their financial situation - they can come and have a part of this fabulous education."

"Our grant recipients are excited to be here and we start to see them thrive and their attitudes change and their behaviors change, they become excited about school and they may not have had that somewhere else. They are getting equal opportunities, they are being pushed to levels they may not have been otherwise, and they are getting the Catholic factor as well daily."

Heather Remillard



Heather Remillard, Principal

God directed Heather and her family to move to Yakima twelve years ago, with Heather serving as a math and science teacher for the Yakima School District. In 2011, she enrolled her children at St. Paul Cathedral School. Two years later, she joined the teaching staff and now is the school principal.

"When these kids are allowed to be problem-solvers themselves, rather than having things dictated to them, they become extremely successful. The growth I've seen across all curricula has been tremendous." Heather Remillard

*"Everything possible must be done, in cooperation with the wider community, to ensure that Catholic schools [and parish religious education programs] are accessible to people of all social and economic strata. No child should be denied his or her right to an education in faith, which in turn nurtures the soul of a nation." Pope Benedict XVI*



Jane Dickinson  
Trustee  
Moses Lake

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14

"Leading children to Christ is what we do in Catholic religious education programs and schools. It is critical that we accept and continue the mission Christ gave us: to bring our children to Him." Jane Dickinson

Whatever your budget, **you** can help a child attend a Catholic school or learn about Jesus in a parish religious education program. **You** will be helping to create a path for our young people to experience engaging, transformative faith education in their parishes and schools.

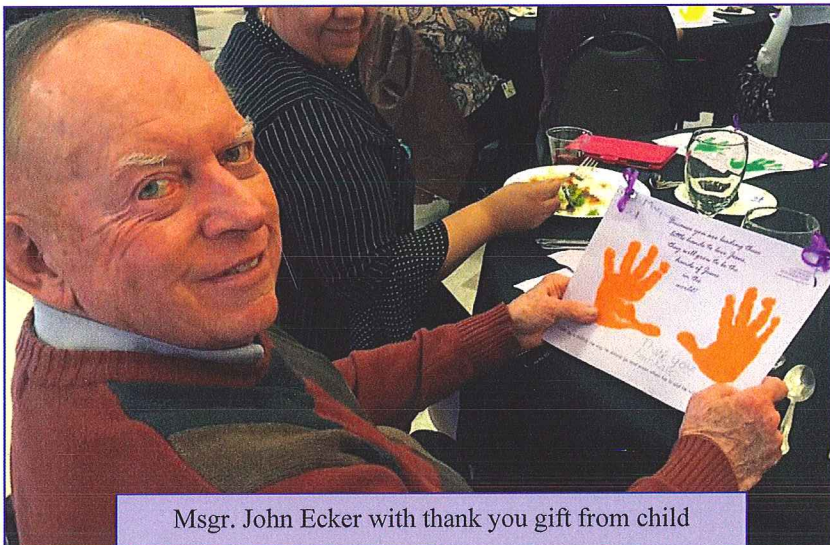
### Leave a Legacy

Today you express generosity and show concern for your community through your daily activities and Sunday offerings. When planning your will, you will likely seek to provide for family members and bequeath assets to your children, but with thoughtful estate planning you can seek to honor God and your current charitable activities as well.

A gift from your estate in support of Catholic education leaves a legacy that builds faith and will lead kids to Christ for generations to come. Information on how to leave a legacy of faith through the Central Washington Catholic Foundation can be found by going to

[www.cwcatholicfoundation.org](http://www.cwcatholicfoundation.org) and clicking on the **Leave a Legacy** tab.

Together with your legal advisor, you can develop a plan that will both provide for your family and build the Kingdom, now and into the future.



Msgr. John Ecker with thank you gift from child



70 Central Washington middle schoolers gathered at Christ the King Parish for the first ever Building Bridges Middle School Rally. Teenagers spent the weekend sharing their faith with middle school kids, while everyone celebrated to uplifting music by Catholic musician Alex Street.



After completing two years of preparation classes, St. Joseph's Parish in White Salmon will confirm 21 high school students on May 21st. Sixth and seventh grade students recently held a bake sale to raise money for Cross Catholic Outreach. The annual St. Joseph's plant sale has become a tradition in the White Salmon area. Now in its 13th year, this successful fundraiser on April 23 will again provide locally grown, gorge-hardy flower and vegetable plants to home owners/gardeners.



Thirteen Spanish-speaking catechists at St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Parish in Benton City are preparing 18 children to receive First Eucharist and 9 youth to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. These dedicated catechists meet before every class to pray together.



The Spanish RE program at St. Joseph, Sunnyside, is preparing 97 children and youth (along with their parents) to receive the sacraments. The students take turns taking the Bible home to read together as a family. The families are participating in special events and feast days such as Our Lady of Guadalupe, All Saints Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.



St. Joseph Parish, Kennewick, is in its second year of using "Growing up Catholic" as the preparation program for First Reconciliation and Eucharist. Parents are involved with their children in this transformative process that builds the family and parish community. Parents gain the tools and knowledge to openly discuss their faith with their children.



The Parish of the Holy Spirit, Kennewick, RE program gives thanks for a wonderful year which included a Christmas Pageant, preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and a First Communion retreat for children and parents. Our Edge and Life Teen programs are thankful for an interactive, soul-provoking, spiritually uplifting year!

## Praises from Our Southern Parishes

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