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You are opening doors of Hope!

Dear Friends,

Blessings to you this Advent Season!

Teens today are seeking community through gang membership; the story says so on the front page of the newspaper. However, that is not the only story. Throughout Central Washington, faith-filled educators are sharing the hope that comes only from Jesus Christ and His Church. A hope that has the power to lift up our youth and fill them with love and compassion.

The story of hopeless teens turning to gang membership may be fairly new to the Central Washington community, but it is not new for the Celebration of Faith Keynote Speaker, Rev. Gregory J. Boyle, S.J. His message was a great reminder that our faith calls us to action, a call to stand at the margins. I encourage you to read the excerpt included in this newsletter, but also to watch the video, which is available on our website.

It was a joy to join with you at the Celebration of Faith in supporting Catholic education and honoring the 2017 Champions of Catholic Education, especially our 2017 Special Honoree, Fr. Seamus Kerr. I am pleased to announce that thus far the Foundation is in a position to provide \$140,000 in support of faith education in our parishes and schools through the Celebration of Faith Fund. **While it is a generous sum, that leaves us \$60,000 short of last year's giving, so please note on your envelope if you would like your gift to provide direct support for parish education grants and Catholic school tuition assistance for children from low-income families through the Celebration of Faith.** Your on-going support of the Catholic Foundation demonstrates your dedication and belief in the power of faith to change lives.

In the words of Cardinal Ratzinger, *"It is the beautiful task of Advent to awaken in all of us memories of goodness and thus to open doors of hope."* Young members of our community are looking for a reason to hope. By investing in faith education, you are changing the story they hear to one that says they are beloved by God.

There is no greater gift than the gift of faith and on behalf of the Central Washington Board of Trustees, I wish for you a blessed Advent Season.

Blessings to you in this Season of Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy,
Kathleen Wilmes, Executive Director

Our Mission

To support Catholic education

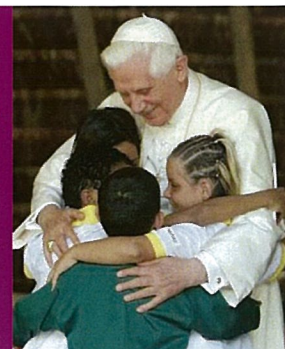
Our Vision

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



Bishop Joseph Tyson,
Special Honoree Fr. Seamus
Kerr, and Lynn Stecker

"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



This newsletter is published four times a year. For more information or to be added to our mailing list, please contact Annette Eddings at (509) 972-3732. We welcome your questions and suggestions.

"Every human being is born with a unique set of talents and gifts given by God with which to serve Him and other people."

- Sharon Rosell

"God does not call the qualified, He qualifies the called!"

-Kim Helvy

"It is important to us that our youth have the opportunity to hear and engage in discussing the truth with each other and then continue the walk with hands-on opportunities of daily encounters, mission work, and youth conferences."

-Russ and Dorothy Haffner

"It is my passion and my vocation that I continue to serve at St. Joseph with God's grace."

-Marta Wilson



2017 Champions of Catholic Education: Jundt, Rosell, Helvey, Kanelopoulos, Fr. Kerr, Tyson, Wilson, Schroeders, and Haffners.

I believe that giving our children the benefit of a Catholic Education is one of the most important things we can do to make this a better world."

-Jake Jundt

"The faith must be passed on. It would seem to be our highest calling."

- Joe & Sherry Schroeder

"The greatest gift we can share with our young people is providing a safe and loving environment where they can explore the Gospel and the life of Christ and ask of themselves: how do these new understandings speak to me and call me to be a better version of myself for others?"

-Ted Kanelopoulos



Leaving a Legacy of Faith

St. Vincent Society Endowment Fund

To mark the occasion of the **First World Day of the Poor** on November 19, 2017, the St. Vincent Society of St. Joseph Parish in Yakima hosted a fundraising dinner in conjunction with Holy Family Parish.

In response to Pope Francis' call to "**Let us love, not with words but with deeds,**" the generous attendees donated over \$25,000 to meet the current community needs. That amount is in addition to the \$50,000 raised to establish the new **St. Vincent Society Endowment Fund** which will provide on-going financial assistance for people in need who come to St. Joseph Parish seeking assistance. Contact the office at (509) 972-3732 to learn more, or to make a donation.

The Foundation is committed to support and advocate for the Central Washington Catholic schools and parishes, and the families they serve.

Together we can do more.

Make a gift today!



St. Frances Xavier Cabrini Parish, Benton City

Thank you to our 2017 Celebration of Faith Partners

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A Call to Stand at the Margins

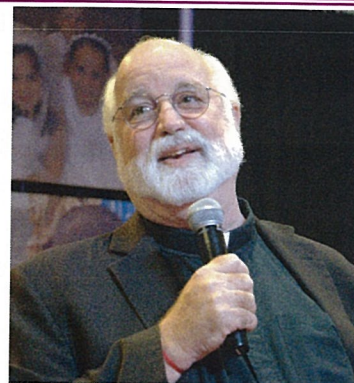
"The prophet Habakkuk writes, 'The vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint; if it delays, wait for it.' The vision that we are waiting for and working for, is wanting the world to look differently than it currently looks.

What Martin Luther King said about church could well be said about our Catholic schools in the Diocese of Yakima, that it is not the place these kids come to, it is always going to be the place they go from. And they are going to go from these schools to create a community of kinship such that God in fact might recognize it - communities where there are no outcasts, communities of educated, Catholic kids who want to stand at the margins. Because, if you stand at the margins, look under your feet, the margins get erased, because you chose to stand there. And you stand with an intentionality, with the poor and the powerless and the voiceless and you imagine a circle of compassion and you imagine nobody standing outside that circle.

Your schools in this diocese are in fact places where you leave in order to dismantle the barriers that exclude, and you stand with the easily despised and the readily left out. You stand with the demonized, so that the demonizing will stop. You stand with the disposable, so that the day will come when we stop throwing people away.

These are not just schools our kids go to, they are the places they will eventually go from, so that they can live as though the truth were true and they can put first things recognizably first. They can take seriously, what Jesus took seriously. He took four things seriously: Inclusion, Nonviolence, Unconditional compassionate loving kindness, and acceptance. This is huge. This is powerful."

An excerpt of the testimony given at the 2017 Celebration of Faith. The full 2017 Keynote Address video may be viewed at www.cwatholicfoundation.org.

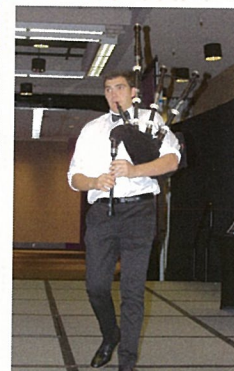


Fr. Greg Boyle, S.J.,
Keynote Speaker
2017 Celebration of Faith



Celebration of Faith October 7, 2017

Generously supporting
Catholic education and
honoring Champions of
Catholic Education



Additional photos may be found on our website at www.cwatholicfoundation.org.



Are you 70 ½, or older?

And, do you have an Individual Retirement Account (IRA)?

Would you like to support your favorite ministry?

A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

could be a Win-Win for everyone!

Charitable distributions from an **Individual Retirement Account (IRA)** are one of the most tax efficient ways available to make charitable gifts. It means you can make a nontaxable distribution directly from your IRA to a qualified public charity for up to

\$100,000 each year. The gift itself can satisfy all or part of your **Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)** and create tax benefits, even if you do not itemize your deductions. Keeping your taxable income lower may also help reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions, including Social Security and Medicare.

- You can make charitable gifts directly from your IRA with pre-tax dollars.
- The gift amount is excluded from your taxable income.
- The gift amount can be applied towards your annual Required Minimum Distributions (RMD).

In order for the charitable distribution to be "qualified" it must meet the following requirements:

- You must be at least 70½ years of age at the time of the distribution.
- The distribution must be from your Roth or Traditional IRA.
- The distribution must be made directly from the IRA custodian to a qualifying charity.
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (QCD) are limited to \$100,000.00 per individual /spouse each year.
- For a QCD to count towards your current year's RMD, the distribution must be made by your RMD deadline, generally December 31.

Please consult with your tax professionals to determine how you can provide a Gift of Faith while achieving the greatest tax benefit.

See our website for more information at www.cwcatholicfoundation.org/ira/.

**One gives freely, yet
grows all the richer.**

Proverbs 11:24



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