

One gives freely,
yet grows all the
richer.

Proverbs 11:24

A charitable bequest is an easy way for you to leave a Legacy of Faith!

- ◆ It costs you nothing today to make a bequest.
- ◆ A bequest is free of federal estate tax.
- ◆ You can alter a bequest in the future.
- ◆ You can provide for your family and still Leave a Legacy.
- ◆ A bequest will often provide estate tax savings.

Please let us know if
you have already
included the Catholic
Foundation, benefiting
Catholic education or
your favorite parish or
ministry, in your estate
plan or if you are
considering doing so.

We would love to
hear from you.



Leaving a Legacy of Faith

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 2017 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.

Awards will be presented during the Celebration of Faith on Saturday, October 7th at the Yakima Convention Center.

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



*To help children, boys and
girls, young men, women,
and adults to know and to
love the Lord ever more is one
of the most beautiful
educational adventures,
for it comprises the Church!*

Pope Francis

The Catholic Foundation
would like to sincerely
apologize for failing to
acknowledge Saint Martin's
University in the November
newsletter. We greatly
appreciate your continued
partnership in the
Celebration of Faith.



Blessed Sacrament in Grandview held an All Saints Fair. Students created projects as individuals or as classes to share their research about a saint of their choosing. The projects were on display after all the Masses. A great project — we will do it again!

Attendees of Holy Family VBS in Yakima encountered Super heroes—Superman and Elijah, Batman and David, Spiderman and Moses. On the final day, the best Superhero of all came to meet the 120 campers, Jesus!



During a Palm Sunday prayer service, members of the St. Paul Cathedral Life Teen group placed their phones at the foot of the cross to represent surrendering ourselves over to Christ. A powerful and symbolic gesture given the fact that many of us “live” on our phones.

The St. Joseph in White Salmon Confirmation group will once again travel to St. Andre Bessette Catholic Church in downtown Portland, OR to participate in an immersion retreat. They will assist in multiple soup kitchens, tour the area, and learn about the services available to the homeless.



Our Lady of Lourdes in Selah had a great VBS program in 2016 with a theme of the History of Jesus. Daily themes included Moses, David, the Birth of Jesus, the Last Supper, and the Resurrection of Jesus. Three teenagers provided assistance, involving the kids in skits, songs, and crafts.

Understanding that parents are the first teachers in passing on the faith, St. Joseph Parish in Yakima utilizes their team of 40 volunteer catechists to provide both parents and children with the same lessons each week. The program has brought families together and it has built a strong parish community.



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From the Principal's Office

"The Catholic school is a place where a child knows his or her own dignity and worth before they even know the definition of dignity.

In everything we do, in everything we say, and everything we set the school up to be, it has to start with these students are the children of God. It doesn't matter what their skills or abilities, whether they're struggling academically, or they're brilliant academically.

When you start looking them [the children] as this is a gift of God, then the value of what we do in that relationship just is exponentially more powerful.

"It's important in any endeavor to recognize where your supports are and we are so grateful to the Central Washington Catholic Foundation for supporting not just Ignacio and his family but for supporting Catholic education all around the diocese.

It's such an important thing for us to be able to look at the children that we stand in the pew with in each of the parishes and look down at them and know yes we are going to help fund the formation of that child, so that they can continue with the mission of the Church."

The full 2016 Tuition Assistance video may be viewed at www.cwcatholicfoundation.org.



Arlene Jones, Principal
Tri-Cities Prep High School

You Make the Difference! Please consider making a gift that will ensure that all our kids have an opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ.

Faith Education Funding Available—APPLY NOW!

Parishes may now start applying for Parish Religious Education Program (PREP) grants and students may apply for Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) grants and college scholarships.

Does your parish desire to provide a more dynamic religious education experience?

Parish Religious Education Program (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 can be found on our website at <https://cwcatholicfoundation.org/PREP>. **Deadline is May 30.**

Do you know someone that would like to send their child to a Catholic school?

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 through **April 15**. New students may apply from April 1 through **June 1**. Contact your school TAP Coordinator for information about the new online application process.

Looking for college scholarships?

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. Applications are available at <https://cwcatholicfoundation.org/college-scholarships>. **Deadline is April 1.**

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The Friends of the Foundation — A Catholic Success Story

Dear Friends,

You are a blessing! Recently, I added up the total gifts that you have made possible over the years. Since 2002, the Central Washington Catholic Foundation has awarded nearly \$2,000,000 to parishes and schools – primarily to support and promote Catholic education. That is a big number and it would not be possible without your faithful, generous Gifts of Faith!

Please join myself, the Trustees, and Bishop Tyson (all but Kennewick) for one of the Friends of the Foundation luncheons listed below. We promise that you will be uplifted and inspired 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.

I cannot wait to meet with you and share the good news about the work that you have done. Your support is helping to ensure that everyone in Central Washington has access to Catholic education in their parishes and schools. Lunch is on us, so register soon.

Blessings,
Kathleen Wilmes

**The Foundation
welcomes
Fr. Richard Sedlacek
and
Russ Mazzola to the
Board of Trustees**

**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.**



Friends of the Foundation Luncheons

February 23	St. Joseph Parish, Kennewick
March 2nd	St. Joseph Parish, Wenatchee
March 9th	St. Joseph Parish, Yakima
March 29th	St. Andrew Parish, Ellensburg

Register online at www.cwcatholicfoundation.org
or by calling (509) 972-3732.

Our Vision

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

Our Mission

To support Catholic education

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.