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Dear Friends,

The Foundation has just finished announcing the Celebration of Faith awards for the 2018-19 school year and I am thrilled to share the results with you. Details about these generous gifts of faith can be found on pages 2 and 3 of this newsletter. This year the Celebration of Faith funding will also be used to launch a new regional training for curriculum and classroom management providing encouragement and support for our dedicated Catechists. Watch your bulletin for an August launch date!

I hope you are planning to be with us on October 13th as we honor six Champions of Catholic Education (deadline for nominations is July 1) along with Msgr. John Ecker, the Special Honoree. Our kids today face new challenges and find it difficult to “unplug.” This year’s Keynote Speaker, Fr. Bill Watson, has done extensive research on this issue and has developed a system of teaching prayer and spirituality that effectively speaks to the hearts of our children. His mission is for everyone to encounter Christ and allow Him to work as the Divine Physician, healing us in body, mind and spirit—filling us with hope for the future.

The Foundation is continually striving to better the lives of all our constituents and is an entity of strength, growth, and permanence. In 2017, the interest on the endowed funds provided \$148,000 in support for parishes, schools and ministries throughout Central Washington. As I consider this, I am once again overwhelmed by the gratitude I feel to have the opportunity to work alongside you and the Trustees as we seek to align our lives and our efforts with the calling of the Church. Including a **Legacy of Faith** in your estate plan will provide perpetual income for the ministries you have supported during your lifetime. Please do not hesitate to call if you have questions about how to utilize this very effective tool to further the mission of the Church.

More children and families than ever before need access to Christ. Your on-going support demonstrates your dedication and belief in the power of faith to change lives. Bless you!

In Christ,

Kathleen Wilmes, Executive Director



**Msgr. John Ecker with thank you gift from a child  
Champion of Catholic Education—Special Honoree**



*Celebration  
of Faith*

**October 13. 2018**

Keynote—Fr. Bill Watson, S.J.

Special Honoree—Msgr. John Ecker

Yakima Convention Center

5:30 PM Reception 6:30 PM Dinner

\$110 per person | \$1100 per table of ten

Register by phone 509-972-3732

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# Your Generosity at work in 2018 through the Celebration Of Faith

Celebration of Faith 2017	
Immaculate Conception Catholic Parish, Cle Elum	
St. John the Baptist Parish, Roslyn	\$ 2,000
Our Lady of the Desert Parish, Mattawa	\$ 3,500
Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Moses Lake	\$ 1,000
Central Washington Catholic Youth Camp	\$ 2,500
St. Joseph Parish, Wenatchee	\$ 284
Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Granger	\$ 1,250
St. Andrew's Catholic Parish, Ellensburg	\$ 1,000
Diocesan Youth Convention	\$ 1,000
St. Joseph Parish, White Salmon	\$ 2,000
Holy Trinity Parish, Goldendale	\$ 1,000
St. Joseph Parish, Yakima	\$ 2,000
Our Lady of Assumption Parish, Leavenworth	\$ 1,696
St. Peter Claver Parish, Wapato	\$ 2,400
St. Joseph Parish, Sunnyside	\$ 500
St. Mary's Parish, White Swan	\$ 2,000
CK Parish - Middle School Youth Rally, Richland	\$ 1,500
St. John Catholic Parish, Naches	\$ 1,600
St. Francis X Cabrini Parish, Benton City	\$ 1,020
St. Paul Cathedral Parish, Yakima	\$ 750
Immaculate Conception Parish, Mabton	\$ 1,250
Total Awards	\$ 30,250

*"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."*

*Pope Francis*



## \$184,000 in support for Faith Education

\$139,750 distributed to 147 students through the Tuition Assistance Program

\$30,250 distributed to 18 parishes and 3 faith events through the Religious Education Program

\$6,000 distributed to 2 students for Catholic College Scholarships

\$10,000 to be distributed for Catechist Training and Support

## CHANGING LIVES THROUGH YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION!

Your gifts are critical to helping children in our parishes and schools learn about Jesus and our Catholic faith.

If you cannot join us on October 13, please consider making a gift that will ensure that all of our kids have the opportunity to learn about Jesus Christ.

Celebration of Faith 2017 Tuition Assistance Grants	Total	Awards
Christ the King School - Richland	13	\$ 8,000
Christ the Teacher Catholic School - Yakima	20	\$ 18,500
La Salle High School of Yakima - Union Gap	34	\$ 41,250
St Joseph Marquette School - Yakima	36	\$ 32,750
St Joseph School-Wenatchee - Wenatchee	7	\$ 6,500
St Joseph Catholic School - Kennewick	17	\$ 15,750
St Rose of Lima School - Ephrata	11	\$ 8,500
Tri-Cities Prep High School - Pasco	9	\$ 8,500
Grand Total:	147	\$139,750



# Foundation Scholarships Announced



## **Mary Ellen Chott Mahre Scholarship:**

**Hanah Singco** graduated from La Salle High School as salutatorian having served as campus minister and senior team captain for the tennis team. She also volunteered as a youth group leader for the St. Paul Cathedral Spy Edge Youth Group. She will attend Gonzaga University and plans to pursue physical therapy with a focus on pediatrics.



## **John Rodriguez-Kranz Scholarship:**

**Rosario Jazmin Ruiz Gonzalez** is an International Baccalaureate (IB) graduate of A.C. Davis High School. Raised in a low-income family, Rosario values education as the key to opening new doors for her life and for her four younger siblings. She will remain active in her church while she attends Heritage University as an Act Six Recipient. Her goal is to become a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and use her experiences and skills to aid the younger generation in the Yakima community.

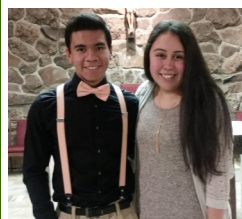


## **Celebration of Faith Scholarships:**

**Konner Sauve** graduated from East Valley High in Moxee and is an upcoming senior attending Gonzaga University. He is a double major in Psychology with a Research Concentration and English with a Writing Concentration. He is also receiving a minor in Leadership Studies through the Gonzaga's Comprehensive Leadership Program (CLP). He plans on going to grad school after graduation in hopes of seeking a career in becoming a counselor or an education specialist.



**Gaelen McPartland** participated in the running start program at Big Bend Community College and graduated from Warden High School. He excelled academically in this setting while also serving as team captain of his high school varsity basketball team and volunteering to coach the local 4<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team. Gaelen is an active member of Our Lady of Fatima parish in Moses Lake and is excited to embark on a dynamic academic and spiritual journey at Carrol College in Helena, Montana.



## **Angela Heine Memorial Fund Scholarships:**

A sophomore at La Salle, **Nathan Ponce** wants to get a good education as the first step toward being able to one day repay his parents for the sacrifices they have made to provide him with a Catholic education. He hopes to also get the opportunity to one day play soccer at the professional level.

**Maria Barajas** is an incoming senior at La Salle High School. She will be the third person in her family to graduate from high school and the first to go to college.

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 **Giving** tab.

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





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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