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YOU are Leading Kids to Christ!



A Night to Remember

On Saturday, October 13th, 540 people gathered together in support of Catholic education. It was a beautiful and inspiring evening with an ambitious goal of raising \$120,000 in one night to ensure that all our kids will have an opportunity to learn about Christ and His Church.

You opened your wallets and your hearts and in doing so have opened the doors for Christ to enter the lives of thousands of children throughout Central Washington.

This year \$200,000 will be distributed to provide

- Tuition assistance for low income children to attend Catholic school
- Grants for parish and Diocesan-wide religious education programs
- Training for parish religious educators and Catholic school teachers
- Scholarships for students to attend Catholic colleges
- And startup funding for new parish religious education programs

An additional \$12,000 will be placed in the Celebration of Faith Education Endowment Fund at the Catholic Foundation, providing support to this powerful ministry both now and into the future.

A Word From Our Special Honoree

"I am convinced that Catholic Schools and religious education programs are extremely important for the future of our church.

I was brought up very poor. I know what it is to be on the outside. I was privileged to have a Jesuit education which really grounded me and gave me a purpose in life. I was able to attend Boston College High School because an uncle of mine, who wasn't wealthy either, but he was able to at least pay for my tuition and books and that gave me an entrance in that whole Jesuit type of education. I believe my own vocation was nourished by the influence they had on me.

In the present day world, our kids are really in need of a foundation. **Catholic schools and religious education programs both do a wonderful job of giving kids a sense of belonging and really a firm foundation in faith.**

I have great hope for the future. I think it will be a vibrant living church and I know that God is with us.

It is a joy to be called a Champion of Catholic education and an unexpected pleasure."



Msgr. John Ecker, Champion of Catholic Education 2018, Special Honoree

An excerpt of the 2018 Celebration of Faith Special Honoree Video. The full video may be viewed at www.cwcatholicfoundation.org.

"The last twenty two years have been a remarkable journey with Catholic Education. This journey has blessed our family, our community and our future with its inclusivity, respect, faith in the presence God and zeal for social responsibility and quality education for all, especially the poor. As we go forward we have the responsibility to awaken more families to the transformative experience of this Lasallian Catholic education."

Bud Hollingbery

"Being passionate about Catholic schools, I have always felt called to share my time, talent and treasure to help pass on our faith to all children. Our God-centered schools have a great impact on our world so it is important to keep them viable and affordable."

Helen Ghirardo

Katie Crosby Ferguson would remind us of Bishop Tyson's belief that "every family who wants a Catholic education should get one regardless of ability to pay and every family should be able to learn about Jesus regardless of their local parish's financial resources. Every child who wants to learn about Jesus gets to learn about Jesus regardless of whether their parish is urban or rural, Spanish or English."

"Sharing my faith with the youngest is the greatest gift I can give. I strongly believe that we as Catholics have an obligation to encourage and engage the new generations to know and live their Catholic faith."

Areli Campos



2018 Champions of Catholic Education: Bishop Joseph Tyson, with Special Honoree Msgr. John Ecker, Lisa Jacobs, Bud Hollingbery, Helen Ghirardo, Mary Hamelin, Areli Campos. Not pictured: Katie Crosby Ferguson (deceased) and Ann Sonn.

"It is vital that we serve God's people by providing a solid Catholic education for all our children, whether it is in the Catholic school setting or in our parish Religious Education programs and in the parish adult programs of RCIA, Catholics Returning Home and offerings of adult continuing education."

Mary Hamelin

"I support the Central Washington Catholic Foundation because of my strong belief in its mission to provide and uphold Catholic education throughout the Diocese of Yakima. All who seek to learn about our Catholic faith in our schools and in our parishes must be served. The Foundation proves instrumental in achieving that goal."

Ann Sonn

"There is no greater work than helping young women and men become the best that they can be. In a culture that impresses upon our teens that it should be all about them, what greater gift can we give society than young people who are ready to serve their community and the world around them? Every year at graduation, I am reminded that all of the hard work and effort by those committed to Catholic education is truly worthwhile."

Lisa Jacobs

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

- 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 the charity.
- QCDs 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.

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Give thanks to the Lord for He is GOOD; his love endures forever.

(Psalm 107:1)

Wishing you the gift of faith and the blessing of hope this Thanksgiving!

From the Staff and Trustees of the Catholic Foundation

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Celebration of Faith October 13, 2018
Generously supporting Catholic education and honoring Champions of Catholic Education
 Additional photos may be found on our website at www.cwcatholicfoundation.org.





Holy Trinity in Goldendale has 35 children enrolled in religious education. This summer they hosted their largest Summer Bible School (see pictures) ever and they have a blossoming new children's choir.

Christ the King Parish in Richland is excited about the growth in youth ministry collaborations within the Tri-Cities over the past few years. The school and parish groups now gather 4 times a year to sponsor XLT (EXALT)—a night of praise and worship, adoration and learning. The events have helped to break down barriers and give teens an experience of the larger universal community.

Sacred Heart Parish in Prosser is excited about their bilingual teachers and curriculum, which helps them to accommodate all their students while keeping the parents involved in what the children are learning. Confirmation registration has increased to 80 students and each of the religious education programs is heavily engaged with the life and service of the parish as a whole.



St. Joseph Parish in Kennewick is excited about their sacrament program which is centered around the parents actually teaching their children through guided, coached sessions. In this day and age, more parent involvement is a blessing to the growth of faith filled families.

St. Francis Xavier Cabrini Parish in Benton City incorporates learning about Spanish traditions and cultures into all classes and offers mini-parent retreats during the scheduled class times that cover the same information as the religious education classes. The parents then join their children in the classrooms and catechize them on the fundamental Catholic teachings just discussed. Parents are gaining the tools and confidence they need to teach their own children.

Our Mission

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

Our Vision

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