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Bishop Joseph Tyson and Emeritus Bishop Carlos Sevilla with **Champion of Catholic Education—Special Honoree Msgr. Perron Auve**

You are Opening the Doors of Faith

The Celebration of Faith was beautiful and full of hope for the future. We celebrated our Champions of Catholic Education and we asked for your help in sharing the Good News of Christ and His Church. The goal for the night of the event was \$125,000. A very lofty number.

That night, \$117,000 (corrected from the initial announcement) in pledges and gifts were made in support of faith education for our kids. You opened your hearts and your wallets and in doing so have opened the doors for Christ to enter the lives of thousands of children throughout Central Washington. Thank you! This is huge... we are almost there!

If you were not able to join us or have not yet made your pledge to support our kids in faith, please call our office at (509) 972-3732 or visit our website at www.cwatholicfoundation.org and make your gift online.

Working together and giving as we are able, I know we will reach our 2019 overall goal of providing \$200,000 in direct support for faith education and an additional \$12,000 for the Celebration of Faith Education Endowment. Together we will change lives!

Evidence for God—Keynote by Fr. Robert Spitzer

Why is Catholic education necessary? Why do we need it? Our kids today really face a crisis that we didn't have to face. Forty-four percent of our kids will lose their faith. I am not saying they are going to drop out of the Catholic Church – they will certainly do that – forty-four percent will lose their faith in God. That is what is going to happen and the percentage increase is going to get higher and [Catholic schools and faith formation programs] are the only way to stop it.

We have got to pound it home because the culture is going to pound it home as hard as they can that God is nonsensical, that the soul really doesn't exist, that you are just a bunch of atoms and molecules, and that Jesus Christ is not even real, let alone risen from the dead. The reason we need Catholic [education] is to refute the myths.

We've got a challenge here. The last two days we have been equipping people as fast as we can thanks to your generosity to put these 7 Essential Modules into the [schools and faith formation programs] in any way we can and bring this message not only to the kids but to the [faith formators] and ultimately the parents.

Let me just give a few of the myths. The first myth is that faith and science are contradictory. The first thing the kids are told is that most scientists are atheists. That is not true. The latest poll shows conclusively that 51% of working bench scientists are theists and that 77% of physicians are believers in God.

Another big myth—the soul doesn't exist. The soul is just a figment of the religious imagination gone awry. You are just a bunch of atoms and molecules. There is enough veridical data, that is to say verifiable data by independent researchers, to show that you have a transphysical soul. Kids deserve to know.

A lot of the myths are on Jesus, that He is a figment of New Testament imagination. We have terrific historical evidence for Jesus' existence and his crucifixion. The Shroud of Turin is the most unique relic that we have. The crucifixion evidence is fantastic, but what the kids need to know more than anything is the resurrection evidence. There is only one energy source we know of in physics that can produce the image on the Shroud and that is light. Dead bodies do not normally produce 6-8 billion watts of light energy, emanating from every three dimensional point in that body. That is the evidence of Jesus's resurrection in glory and spirit. Our kids deserve to know it.

Excerpts taken from the 2019 Celebration of Faith Keynote Address. The full video may be viewed at www.cwatholicfoundation.org.



Fr. Spitzer, Keynote Speaker

Nominator Rick Pinnell says, ***"The Missionary Daughters of the Most Pure Virgin Mary have devoted their lives to God and share that love through education. These sisters have been a blessing to our Diocese, our schools, the students, and the parishes in which they have served. Their smiles and love of God's blessing has enriched our lives and our Church. They will be missed."*** Pictured in July with co-nominator Ann Sonn and Director Kathleen Wilmes during their send off celebration.



Champions of Catholic Education

"Faith is the gift God gives so that we can follow Jesus. How do I know what to believe and how to follow Jesus? By education in the faith. Catholic education in the faith is key for everyone who wants to follow Jesus."

Msgr. Perron Auve, Special Honoree

Pictured with nominators Mike and Carol Gaulke, Pat Moore, Joe Schroeder, Russ and Dorothy Haffner, and Dru Squires

"Catholic education supports the complete child – intellectually and spiritually – and strives for each person to be a witness of Christ's love."

Bob Ferguson is pictured with nominator Msgr. Tom Champoux and daughters Coleen Lowry and Catherine Kolinski



Words of Wisdom



"Passing our Catholic Faith on to our young people is a vital part of our local and universal Church. Whether they come for Sacramental preparation or community, they will find a God who loves them, forgives them and brings them healing."

Shawn Exner is pictured with nominator Msgr. John Ecker



"My greatest passion is helping students to discover their God-given gifts and teaching them to share those gifts with others."

Sheila Gephart with nominator Sherry Sandilands

"The work of Catholic education, and the students who have been entrusted to us, are some of the most important and most necessary services in the Church."

Tim McGree with nominator Molly Lamb



My favorite quote is from St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, ***"We cultivate a very small field for Christ but we love it, knowing that God does not require great achievements, but a heart that holds back nothing for self."***

Danette Hester with nominator Kyle Hadley

My favorite Scripture passage is Proverbs 22:6, ***"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it."***

Katie Pitzer with nominator Fr. Richard Sedlacek





Celebration of Faith October 12, 2019

Generously supporting Catholic education and honoring Champions of Catholic Education

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



Join us for

A Celtic Christmas

Featuring Affiniti and Howard Crosby

December 17, 2019 7:00 PM

St. Paul Cathedral Parish

15 S. 12th Ave, Yakima

All proceeds to benefit
Parish Religious Education Programs
through the Celebration of Faith Fund

Sponsored by Bob Ferguson

Admission by Donation



Be enthralled this December as three of Ireland's finest musicians bring their Celtic style to Yakima for one night only. Affiniti is a trio of Irish women who have all been classically trained, but it is their deep connection to one another and to the culture of Ireland that has inspired their unique sound and the name of the group itself.

You and your family will enjoy beloved Irish songs such as *Danny Boy* as well as Affiniti's chart-topping version of "O Holy Night" (visit our website at www.cwcatholicfoundation.org to hear a sound clip) and a special duet of "White Christmas" with Mr. Howard Crosby (Bing's nephew). This will be their 6th tour of the Pacific Northwest in as many years.

All proceeds from the event will provide direct support for faith education programs in Central Washington.

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

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