



CWCF Tuition Assistance Program

The Central Washington Catholic Foundation increases access to Catholic schools in Central Washington by providing tuition assistance grants to children and families based on family income. Tuition assistance grants often help open the door to an excellent Catholic education in partnership with the family and their Catholic school.

The Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) is designed for students currently enrolled or preparing to enroll in one of the Central Washington Catholic schools.

This year the Foundation has allocated \$155,000 in Tuition Assistance. This money will be distributed to 188 students at our six Catholic elementary schools, La Salle High School, and Tri-Cities Prep High School.

If you would like to support TAP, visit our website or use the giving envelope included in this newsletter.

Central Washington CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Fundación Católica de Washington Central Celebration of Faith 2021 – Update

In response to the ongoing Covid-19 crisis, the Central Washington Catholic Foundation has once again reimagined the annual Celebration of Faith fundraising event. Due to the increase in Covid cases across the state, ever changing mandates, and the uncertainty of what the next couple of weeks will reveal, the Celebration of Faith Committee has decided to cancel our in-person events.

As much as we were looking forward to celebrating with you in person, your safety is our priority. We hope that you will still consider making a gift to support the Foundation. The needs of our school and parish communities are increasing and becoming more complex. Many are in desperate need of additional support to combat the strain of Covid-19 on their communities. This year our goal is to again raise at least \$325,000 to support our Tuition Assistance Program, college scholarships, FORMED, Parish Religious Education and our new Digital Learning Fund. With support from donors like you, we can achieve this goal!

More than ever, Catholic education in our Diocese is in dire need of supporters like you. Every gift matters. During this unprecedented time, we are inviting you to join us in supporting Catholic education with a generous heart to support those students, families, parishes, and schools that need us the most. Included with this newsletter is a giving envelope for your convenience. Or, you can always make a gift online from our website at <https://cwatholicfoundation.org/>.



The mission of the Central Washington Catholic Foundation is to support Catholic education.

The CWCF strives to facilitate Catholic philanthropy and to pass our faith heritage to future generations. To learn more about our Foundation, visit <https://cwatholicfoundation.org>



School is in Session: Mask and Vaccination Mandate

By Doug Rich

On August 18, 2021, Gov. Jay Inslee issued a proclamation that requires all public and private school employees to be vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus as of Monday, October 18. The proclamation allows for individuals with a medical condition or disability to seek an accommodation for the vaccine.

The Diocese of Yakima has a process in place for Teachers and School Staff to seek a Medical Accommodation from the vaccine for verifiable medical reasons which is reviewed independently by a member of the Catholic Medical Association for recommendation to Bishop Tyson for approval or declination. Any person granted an accommodation will be required to submit a negative Covid test to the school administration weekly, or more often at the School Principal's discretion.

Please know that our schools continue to require mask wearing, social distancing, and hygiene/disinfecting inside the buildings as directed by local and state authorities. They also have procedures in place for when someone either has a positive test or exhibits symptoms. All of these are outlined in the School's Reopening Plan. These methods were very successful this past year in containing transmissions on school property. We pray that through the continued diligence of our teachers and parents that we will show similar results this school year.

Digital Learning Fund Program Update

The Central Washington Catholic Foundation unveiled its new Digital Learning Grant Program this past July, after reaching its goal of raising over \$325,000 from the 40 Ways in 40 Days campaign last October. Because of the generous support of the donors, the Foundation was able to allocate \$10,000 for parishes and schools to purchase new hardware, digital curriculum, and other technological resources.

So far, the Foundation has distributed \$5,000 dollars to:

Christ the King Parish, Richland – To provide internet service for the Youth Center

Tri-Cities Prep, Pasco – To provide support for the #ItsAPrepThing campaign including a digital bulletin board and communication system

Holy Trinity Parish, Kennewick – To provide internet for the Religious Education Program

St. Joseph Marquette, Yakima – To provide technology support and security for laptops/tablets

St. Joseph Parish, Wenatchee – To provide touchscreen laptops for the Religious Education program, Faith Formation and Sacramental Prep Classes

This is an on-going program and will continue to be funded from the Celebration of Faith annual event. The application and more information can be found on the CWCF website at: CWCatholicFoundation.org



Letter from the Board of Trustees

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Central Washington Catholic Foundation,

During the past roughly 17 months, we have all been “tested” so to speak. How are we supposed to deal with this “Pandemic”? What is a Pandemic? What is COVID-19? Which Vaccine do I take? Do I really need 2 shots? What about all this mask wearing? When will this end? When can we get back to normal? What is the “new normal”? What has really been tested, underneath all these questions, challenges and daily “opportunities” is our faith. That piece hasn’t received much coverage in the national or local media. Discussing our faith isn’t newsworthy, or media sexy, or headline type material. In fact, I have grown very weary of the evening news reports; national or local. The same updates occur nightly riddled with bad news including COVID-19, the record heat, the horrible forest fires, and the list of painful circumstances goes on.

But, we are blessed as Catholics, especially here in the Diocese of Yakima. From the Bishop, to the Parish Priests, to the Deacons, to the myriads of volunteers, all working so very diligently to keep our faith front and center. Collaboratively, everyone has worked to keep our schools open and providing in-person learning. This is progress far ahead of the public school’s ability to do so. We pray for our public school counterparts and how to share some of the strategies and techniques, our Catholic schools implemented to keep the students and faculty/staff safe. All our young people need the socialization that cannot be replicated via a computer screen. The day-to-day contact, or at least “socially distanced” contact is critical for the mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being of our students. And, in the case of our 6 Catholic elementary schools and religious education programs in our Diocese, exposure to our faith along with the teachings of Jesus are needed now more than ever to continue to encourage the faith journey of our youth. This is critical whether it is online or in-person.

With the support of the Central Washington Catholic Foundation’s Tuition Assistance Program, Parish Religious Education Program grants, and the Digital learning fund, many families have been able to attend our Catholic schools, have access to the technology they need for distanced learning, and even have internet access for Youth Group. I’m so very proud of the support that our Central Washington Catholic Foundation has been able to provide during the Pandemic to all these programs. That is our mission....to support Catholic Education through scholarships, grants for religious education resources, and technology for the classrooms and Parish classes.

All of that support is totally dependent upon our Foundation supporters....just like you! So, please continue to participate in our various fundraising events, like our Celebration of Faith event and our sponsorship opportunities.

My wife, Kathy & I have already made our pledge as a Sponsor for the 2021 Celebration of Faith. We look forward to your support as well.

God Bless you and your Families,

Gordon Beecher
Board President
Central Washington Catholic Foundation



Are you ready to support one of our many programs? Making a donation is easy by visiting our website at:
<https://CWCatholicFoundation.org>

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Celebration of Faith 2021

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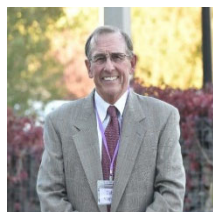
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Leadership in Action: Board of Trustees Spotlight



Gordon Beecher
 President

1) Why did you join the CWCF Board of Trustees?

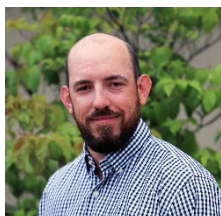
Two people I greatly admire, Merle Pedersen and Jim Fenney, were both very active in the CWCF. I also wanted to ensure that Tri-Cities Prep School had some representation in the Foundation. I also really believed in the mission.

2) What are your favorite projects/things the Foundation supports?

I think the TAP funding is very critical to the continued linkage between Catholic teachings and education in general. The more families (and students) we can get into our 6 fine schools in the Diocese, the better off our community will be.

3) What are your hopes for the future of the CWCF or Catholic education as a whole?

Expanded enrollment, increased access to technology and hopefully 1-2 more schools in the Diocese!



Steve Mercy
 Vice-President

1) Why did you join the CWCF Board of Trustees?

Having being raised and educated in the Catholic School system, I wanted to give back to that system to help it continue and grow!

2) What are your favorite projects/things the Foundation supports?

College Scholarships. I like seeing the Foundation helping young students be able to go to college. It is not affordable for everyone, so the scholarships we provide to help offset those costs is a great thing the foundation does.

3) What are your hopes for the future of the CWCF or Catholic education as a whole?

I'd like to see our Catholic education system continue to grow and be able to help those that cannot afford to.



Debbie Graaff
 Secretary

1) Why did you join the CWCF Board of Trustees?

I joined CWCF to continue our efforts to allow any child wanting to attend a Catholic school. Two of our children and three of our grandchildren have attended St Rose of Lima school.

2) What are your favorite projects/things the Foundation supports?

The thing I value most about the work of the Foundation is being able to leave a legacy for future generations. With the large number of endowments we support, Catholic education will be provided for in perpetuity for many generations to come.

3) What are your hopes for the future of the CWCF or Catholic education as a whole?

My hopes and prayers for CWCF is for continued support from all of the Faithful to keep schools open for our future generations.



Dr. Tom Miller
 Grants & Awards
 Committee Chair

1) Why did you join the CWCF Board of Trustees? I was given a great introduction to CWCF and decided after reflection and prayer that the mission was definitely worthy and needed in the Diocese. I also knew that I had something to offer to foundation, not only because of my medical knowledge, but as a deacon. At the time I was in the diaconate program with ordination a few years away. I have not been disappointed but have been fed spiritually by the work that is being done through the board,

2) What are your favorite projects/things the Foundation supports?

The Foundation is multifaceted. There are programs to help families, schools, religious education programs and students at all levels so many benefit by the work we do. We have a definite impact on helping members of our diocese help themselves and others. This is the message that Jesus gave us when he asked that we serve our neighbor.

3) What are your hopes for the future of the CWCF or Catholic education as a whole?

My hope is that others in the Diocese see our good work and want to help. If we do good and others see that and are inspired to act as led by the Holy Spirit, our mission is fulfilled. Our job is to go where we are led by the Holy Spirit and do what we are asked. The more we grow and help more people and Catholic education, hopefully people will see and understand what direction our country's social and educational systems should be headed.



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