



## Winter Newsletter 2022

### Grants and Program Applications NOW OPEN!

The Central Washington Catholic Foundation offers a variety of grants and programs to support Catholic educational institutions, students, and families in the Diocese of Yakima.

The online applications are now open for the following:

- **Digital Learning Grant Program** – for Parishes and Schools
- **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)** – for Parents/Students in Catholic Schools
- **Celebration of Faith College Scholarships** – for College Bound Students
- **Parish Religious Education Program Grants** – for Parishes
- **Director of Religious Education Stipend Program** - for Parishes
- **Catechist Training Grants** – for Parishes

Visit our website to apply or to learn more!



## Central Washington CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

### Endowment Funds: Leaving a Legacy

The Central Washington Catholic Foundation maintains endowment funds that are permanently restricted funds to ensure growth, protection into perpetuity, and annual distributions to local parishes, schools, and ministries based on donor directives. The principal for each endowment fund is protected forever, so each fund perpetually supports its intended purposes.

Establishing a named endowment fund with the Foundation is one way to ensure a legacy of giving will continue while supporting a variety of Catholic entities. A donor is able to name an endowment fund as a beneficiary in estate plans as well!

The Central Washington Catholic Foundation currently maintains 34 active endowments that support various parishes, schools, and ministries in the Diocese of Yakima. Investments are guided by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) statement on Socially Responsible Investing (SRI) and managed in partnership with Highland Capital Investors, LLC.

A donor is able to establish their own named endowment with the Central Washington Catholic Foundation for \$15,000 and the fund will be able to begin a 4% distribution after four fiscal quarters and once it meets a \$25,000 minimum balance. The distribution will then be directed to the organizations that the donor identified; it can even go to more than one!

For more information or to learn more, visit our website at: <https://cwcatholicfoundation.org/> or contact the office at (509) 972-3732.



***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://cwcatholicfoundation.org>***



## From the Diocese of Yakima

Greetings from the Diocese of Yakima,

Amazing that we are halfway through our school year already! Equally amazing is the efforts of our Teachers (truly a gift from God these past 2 years) and Administrators who work closely with our parents to keep our children in our buildings in the safest fashion possible. While the current Covid variant may not be as debilitating as past strains, its hyper-transmissibility can disrupt staffing. Again, I wish to shine the spotlight on our dedicated teachers for the outstanding job they are doing managing all of this, yet remaining present for our youth. All seven of our schools are vibrant and growing. My sincere thanks to all those who are working collaboratively to make that happen.

It's also great to see Religious Education Classes resuming in our parishes. That same level of care and commitment by our Religious Educators, be they parish staff or volunteers, keeps the Word of Christ front and center with our youth who learn more about Him in our parishes.

I'm excited for the opportunity our Holy Father, Pope Francis has provided for Catholics around the globe to participate in the **"Synod 2021-2023; Walking Together in Communion, Participation & Mission with the Holy Spirit"**. The youth in our schools and parish religious programs will be a particular focus as we discern and discuss the question of *"How is 'Journeying Together' happening today in our Catholic Church?"* Plans are already underway to form listening sessions in smaller groups, large groups, virtually via Zoom and other electronic means. It's particularly important that we hear from people where they are - even the marginalized and those who feel they do not currently have a voice. Those results will be shared with our community at our Mission Congress scheduled for Saturday, October 15, 2022 in Yakima.

I would like to close with another sincere "Thanks" to all of you who give of your treasure to the Central Washington Catholic Foundation. Without it, those most in need would have greater difficulty in learning more about God's love for us through our Schools and Parish programs. We all indeed do *Journey Together* in our love of Him as manifested through the moral development of our children - the Church's future.

Blessings,

Doug Rich  
Director of Schools & Parish Services



### Did you know?

The CWCF Tuition Assistance Program supports the six elementary schools in the Diocese of Yakima, as well as La Salle High School, Yakima and Tri-Cities Prep High School.

The Foundation also provides funding for various programs available to all of the parishes in the Diocese of Yakima!





## Letter from the Board of Trustees

Dear Friends of the Foundation,

First and foremost, thank you! It became blatantly obvious to all of us on the Board of Central Washington Catholic Foundation and our amazing staff, that despite conditions last year that were new to us, our wonderful donor base came through, again. We will once again be able to fully support our myriad of Parish Religious Education Program Grants, Digital Learning Fund, Tuition Assistance Program, and the Celebration of Faith College Scholarships. I honestly admit, I had my doubts when the Campaign started given our success of last year, we thought perhaps it was a one year “fluke.” Our hard working Celebration of Faith Team (Fr Brooks, Tom Miller, Agustina Rankin, Debbie Graaf, Steve Baldock and our staff really stepped up, as did our loyal donor base. We are still gladly accepting donations but we are at roughly \$270,000 of our \$275,000 goal.

In addition to the Celebration of Faith fundraising efforts, we conducted a CWCF Strategic Planning Session as part of our December 11, 2021 Board of Trustees Quarterly Meeting. Nicole, our Executive Director, facilitated the day; we had great energy and participation was fantastic! It had been over three years since our last Strategic Planning Session which has allowed us time to reflect on our mission, vision and objectives. We did a mini SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) and then developed three focus areas and are continuing to work, in committees, on objectives and strategies to meet these goals. We set a path forward for the Foundation to help us continue to grow and develop new ways to support Catholic education in our Diocese. I am excited about the enthusiasm the Trustees displayed and this great opportunity to move us forward.

Finally, an organization enhances its performance health by repeatedly looking for new and better ways of getting support for the mission. Not just dollars and pledges, but moral support, and equally as important, engagement in our programs, especially our Celebration of Faith Campaign. So, as one of our strategic goals, we seek to expand our donor database to get more involvement from more people across the Diocese. We also are wanting more inclusion and involvement from diverse shareholders. This will take some creative thinking and immediate involvement of new folks in a variety of ways including committee work, Parish level involvement, school collaborations, one-on-one contacts, and other participatory opportunities. More to follow on this donor development effort and our two other strategic plan goals!

Again, thank you for making our 2021 Celebration of Faith fund raising a huge success.

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>

# Donors from September 1<sup>st</sup> to December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2021

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## Celebration of Faith 2021

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Christ the Teacher Catholic School  
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Holy Rosary Parish  
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/Roslyn  
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**Thank you for your  
support of  
Catholic Education!**

## Leadership in Action: Board of Trustees Spotlight



**Betty Jo Murray**  
Member

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

I attended Catholic Elementary School in Sunnyside for 6 years. Unfortunately, the school was forced to close for financial reasons which has been the plight of many Catholic Schools throughout the country. I would like to play a part in reversing that trend. Also, I am very active in my Parish but wanted to do more within the Diocese and felt the CWCF Board of Trustees would provide that opportunity.

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

Catholic Education is paramount particularly in today's environment with moral standards at an all-time low. I love the fact that through our annual fund raising we are able to assist families in allowing their children to attend our Catholic Schools. Besides receiving an excellent education that includes religion classes, my hope is it will bring the students and their families closer to God and the Catholic Church. Also, the Foundation oversees several endowment funds that provide annual scholarships to college students attending Catholic Universities/Colleges and it has been very rewarding to me to participate in the scholarship awards.

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

My vision and hope for the future of the CWCF is growth in the endowment funds through additional contributions that would enable the endowment funds to increase the distributions to the recipients and in some cases expand the number of recipients. The various endowment funds are not only for scholarships but for many different purposes throughout the Diocese. The CWCF is a vehicle for donors to donate funds and establish endowments leaving a legacy for their family and knowing that these funds will be managed well and be invested in compliance with Catholic principals and beliefs as determined by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB). My dream for the future of Catholic Education is also growth and expansion through increased enrollment in our Catholic Schools and through our Parish Religious Education Classes. And for continual improvement in the overall curriculum offered in our Catholic Schools setting us apart from a non-Catholic education which will be attractive to future enrollees.



**Jon Lane**  
Member

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

During my career I was Blessed to be Principal of St. Rose of Lima Catholic school in Ephrata. This was a highlight of my career. In my opinion Catholic Schools are the perfect model of what public schools can be. I have been on a number of boards and councils and know that support for fundraising is critical to success.

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

Technology is constantly changing and is too often unaffordable. I support the use of technology to improve teaching and learning.

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

Catholic Schools are important and need our help and support. I hope we can support Catholic Education programs where access to a Catholic School is unavailable. I am also committed to expand programs for young adults, especially those who attend area colleges and universities and need the support of a strong Catholic Community.



**Agustina Rankin**  
Member

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

I joined the Foundation because I want to help local kids to learn about God as well as the services the Catholic Church has to offer. Born and raised in a Catholic family in Argentina, being Catholic has been one of the biggest blessing in my life. I also want to be a role model for my kids and teach them to give back in the communities where they live. I am honored to be part of this organization, I asked God to use me to spread his word and He is doing it through my work at the Foundation.

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

I love that the main focus of this organization is kids, schools, and parishes. Giving scholarships to students that really need help is my favorite thing.

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

I hope we will continue to bring the word of God to everyone in our community. Also I hope that through our children, at Catholic schools and in religious education programs, we can bring families back to the Church. I look forward to changing lives, one scholarship at the time.





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