

COMMUNITY RALLIES AROUND THE FOUNDATION

Organization Overwhelmed with Support of Cancelled Salute Dinner Event



While it's certainly not "business as usual" for anyone these days, the Catholic Education Foundation of Louisville witnessed the most extraordinary outpouring of community-wide support in its history when the Salute to Catholic School Alumni dinner event, scheduled for March 18 at the Galt House Hotel, was cancelled on March 12.

Foundation President **Richard A. Lechleiter** remarked, "As everyone knows, this event is the lifeline of our annual tuition assistance funding for our students when they return to school each fall. When we announced its cancellation because of the coronavirus pandemic, we reached out to all of our event sponsors and patrons and asked if we could retain their support and financial commitment to the event even though it would not be held."

"And what an incredible response we received! Nearly every single person responded with the words we love to hear at the Foundation – **"The Answer is YES!!"** How truly inspired and humbled we are! In fact, I have never seen a more resounding testament to our work and the importance that our community attributes to it!"

As a result of this unprecedented outpouring *Continued on Page 3*

Ulmer Family to Fund Major Endowment Gift

\$1,000,000 Gift to Fund Unique Scholarship Program for Low-Income Families

For several years, the **Daniel C. Ulmer family** has funded annually \$50,000 to provide scholarships to support 25 Catholic elementary school students whose families are some of the most needy. Once the student has been designated for the award when they enter kindergarten, this unique program allows the student to retain the \$2,500 annual scholarship through the eighth grade, assuming the family continues to qualify each year for tuition assistance.

At the Foundation, we refer to this program as the "Ulmer Scholars Program." Now, thanks to the generosity of Dan Ulmer and his family, this program will continue in perpetuity.

The family recently agreed to donate \$1,000,000 to the permanent endowment of the Foundation, the earnings *Continued on Page 3*

Our Message To You

Rising to Meet the Second Wave

If someone would have ever told me that the largest fundraising dinner event in the Commonwealth, our own *Salute to Catholic School Alumni* dinner, would be cancelled because of a pandemic health crisis, I would've quickly dismissed it and gone on to the next thing. Well, not so fast.....

In a mere twenty-four hours, we went from working frantically to pull this enormous event together to announcing its cancellation. It all happened so quickly that I can hardly recount it. But the one thing I do remember is my worry that many of our patrons would withdraw their support and many of our families would be left out in the cold when tuition assistance funding came out next fall.

And then, as so often happens, I had to learn the same lesson that I keep forgetting: He knows the way.

And does He ever! As told in our lead cover story, this community retaught me what I already knew. That our works here at the Foundation, for the benefit of now 3,250 young students, is very important to them. Dinner event or not.

And now it's time to rise up to meet the second wave.

For the better part of the past two months, our general fundraising capabilities have been upended by the coronavirus pandemic, again leaving us in a very serious financial crunch as we try to help thousands of our Catholic school families who will need us this fall.

For all the challenges we've faced here at the Foundation in my six-year tenure, this is our greatest test.

Will you rise up with us to overcome this second wave? We pray that you will and that, once again, He will show us the way.

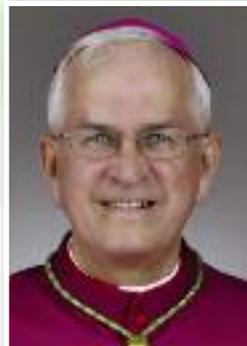
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Our Vision:
Every family has access to a Catholic education.

Our Mission:
To promote the growth and vitality of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Louisville.



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of support for over 3,000 young students whom the Foundation supports in Catholic elementary schools across central Kentucky, the net proceeds from the event, all of which will be used to provide tuition assistance, totaled an astounding \$1.25 million.

Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D. D., who serves annual as the Honorary Co-Chair of the Salute dinner event, shared his joy for all of our students and their families, "I never tire of seeing our community stand up in tough times – and these times are truly testing all of us – for those of us who are in dire need. Am I surprised at this particular outcome? No. Am I overjoyed and so deeply grateful for its impact on so many families? You bet I am!! I thank God for all of you who so selflessly support the Foundation and our Catholic school families who need us the most."

The Foundation is particularly thankful to its event sponsors who rose up in record numbers to support its mission. As a tribute to each of them, they are presented on pages 4 through 6. Rich Lechleiter noted, "We couldn't do our work here without our loyal and steadfast donors and I am incredibly thankful to each of them! May God bless you all!"

Next year's Salute to Catholic School Alumni dinner event will be held on March 24, 2021. Each of the eight honorees who were to be highlighted at the 2020 event have agreed to be a part of next year's celebration. Mr. Lechleiter remarked, "We'll see you all at next year's event and I am thrilled that our honorees will be present to tell their stories about how God has made their lives productive and meaningful. And I know that next year's Salute dinner will be bigger and better than ever for the benefit of all the families we serve!" ■

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Foundation President Rich Lechleiter

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from which will fund at least \$50,000 annually for the benefit of 25 students and their families. As an added benefit to the families, the new fund will continue to award scholarships to these qualifying students if they choose to attend a Catholic high school in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Foundation President **Rich Lechleiter** remarked, "Wow, the Dan Ulmer family has once again shown us how much they value Catholic education and how high they will reach to help our families who struggle the most – how blessed is this Foundation and this community for their selfless and unending generosity! Since our beginning, the Ulmer family has been one of our leading benefactors and we could not be more thrilled with this fabulous gift, their largest ever!!"

Archbishop Kurtz noted with gratitude, "Dan and his family want the Ulmer Scholars Program to provide hope to families forever through this amazing gift. And they want to extend the scholarships all the way through high school. This is fantastic! Dan is not only generous, he's also a visionary who sees the challenges that families face and provides a solution that will last. May God bless the Ulmer family for their genuine concern for others!"

Dan Ulmer remarked, "Catholic education has provided such great opportunities for my entire family and I'm humbled to share that gift with other families who struggle every day to make ends meet. I think that we need to do more for these families, particularly as they consider a Catholic high school for their kids." ■



Foundation President Rich Lechleiter, Dan Ulmer, and Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.

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Foundation Names Father Morgan Scholars

The Catholic Education Foundation is proud to present the 2020 Father John Morgan Scholarship recipients. **Father John H. Morgan**, an archdiocesan priest, established a charitable trust now run by The Foundation to provide a college scholarship to one senior in each of the nine Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Scholarship recipients have each selected a course of study in college leading to a profession in law, medicine, religion, science or education and were chosen based on their academic achievement, extracurricular activities, leadership roles and service to others. These distinguished students will each receive \$8,000 in college scholarships.

Here are the 2020 Father John Morgan Scholarship recipients:



Assumption High School
Kate Marie Bale



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Claire Elizabeth Edelen



DeSales High School
Parker Allen Shroyer



Holy Cross High School
Noel Renee Skillman



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Trinity High School
Connor William Ferguson ■

**The Foundation
is very proud to
honor these
exemplary Catholic
school students!**

Family Endowment Funds are Growing at the Foundation

When most of us think about endowments, we envision enormous funds with millions of dollars invested in stocks, bonds and other securities that grow in value over time. That's why most people tend to dismiss the formation of their own endowment fund that could benefit a charitable cause whose mission is important to them.

We're happy to tell you that we're embarking on a new journey here at the Foundation to grow our permanent endowment in a very meaningful way. And it's very simple – build your own fund over time.

We now have a dozen funds within our permanent endowment that were started by families or businesses with initial investments of \$5,000, \$10,000 or \$20,000. And many of them committed to fund similar amounts annually over an extended period of time.

Perhaps you can think about this opportunity another way. If you invest \$10,000 annually in your named family endowment here at the Foundation for ten years and it grows in value at an annual rate of 7%, your fund will be worth nearly \$140,000 in ten years. If you simply let the fund grow at the same rate over ten more years – and don't add to it – the fund value would be nearly \$275,000.

And if only ten families made the same investment, our permanent endowment would grow by an amazing \$2,750,000 twenty years from now. What a huge lift that would provide to families who can't afford to attend a Catholic school right here in our community!

If this idea interests you and your family, please contact Kevin Woodward at 502.585.2747 or kwoodward@ceflou.org. ■



Kevin S. Woodward, Director of Development for the Foundation

Catholic Schools Week Contest Winners Celebrated

During Catholic Schools Week, the Foundation annually sponsors two contests for students throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville to highlight the theme of the national celebration. This year's theme was entitled, "Catholic Schools - Learn, Live, Serve and Succeed."

For grades K through 8, students were invited to create posters depicting their school's role in achieving the theme. Each winner received their poster neatly framed and a cash prize of \$250 from the Foundation.

Winners of the poster contest were:

- Lexie Douglas, 2nd grade, St. Michael School**
- Chiara Sullivan, 5th grade, John Paul II Academy**
- Ally Mooney, 7th grade, St. Raphael School**

The Foundation also sponsored an essay contest for Catholic high school students in which they described their school's relevance to the celebration theme. **The winner was Maggie March, a senior at Sacred Heart Academy.** She earned a cash prize of \$1,000 from the Foundation and her essay was reprinted in the January 30 issue of *The Record*.

All the contest winners were publicly recognized for their achievement at the Catholic Schools Week Mass held on January 28. ■



Lexie Douglas



Maggie March



Ally Mooney



Chiara Sullivan



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