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CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION TO HOST 15th ANNUAL SALUTE TO *THE GAME* LUNCHEON

Event to Feature Coaches and Players from Rival Catholic High Schools

Independence Bank to Serve as Lead Event Sponsor

Foundation Aims to Set All-Time Fundraising Record

(LOUISVILLE, Ky.) - In celebration of the nationally recognized rivalry and thrill of the annual Saint Xavier - Trinity high school football game, the Catholic Education Foundation will host its 15th annual Salute to ***THE GAME*** luncheon at noon on Thursday, September 22, in the Grand Ballroom of the Galt House Hotel in downtown Louisville.

The luncheon has become a hallmark event for the community and one of the largest of its kind in the Commonwealth, raising over \$3.7 million in support of Catholic education in central Kentucky in only 14 years. Last year, the event netted an astounding all-time record \$525,000. The 90th edition of the St. X – Trinity football showdown will take place on Friday, September 23 at Cardinal Stadium at 8:00 p.m.

Foundation President Rich Lechleiter remarked, “We are so thankful to both the Saint Xavier and Trinity communities for allowing the Catholic Education Foundation to further its mission through the Salute luncheon event. We invite everyone to mark your calendar for this exciting event that showcases two of our outstanding Catholic schools and their storied football rivalry. Come aboard and join the fun!”

Mr. Phil McHugh, co-founder of the event and former Foundation Board Chair, noted, “Since our very beginning in 2008, I’ve been amazed by the level of community support for this great event! Who would have ever dreamed that a luncheon could create so much opportunity for families who want their children to attend a Catholic school but can’t afford to do so? What a blessing for all of them!”

Foundation Board Chair Todd Klimek added, “I want to give special thanks to Louis Straub and all our friends at Independence Bank for their enormous investment of \$40,000 as Lead Sponsor

of the event – and for the third consecutive year! The passion that all of you have for family access to a life-changing education is *inspiring!*”

Local radio and television personality, Mr. Tony Vanetti, will serve as the master of ceremonies at the event. The luncheon will feature the Head Coaches from each school – Kevin Wallace of Saint Xavier and Jay Cobb of Trinity – as well as star players from each team.

Sponsorship opportunities and individual tickets are available. For more information on this event or to learn more about the Catholic Education Foundation, visit our website at www.ceflou.org or call (502) 585-2747.

About the Catholic Education Foundation:

For over 200 years, Catholic schools have contributed significantly to the social, spiritual and economic fabric of our entire community. The Catholic Education Foundation is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization dedicated to the growth and vitality of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Louisville. Since 1999, the Foundation has awarded over \$46 million in support of Catholic education.

The Foundation and its funding partners – the Archdiocese of Louisville, the 39 Catholic elementary schools in central Kentucky, and Community Catholic Center – currently support an all-time high 3,400 Catholic elementary school students in central Kentucky through tuition assistance grants aggregating a record \$7 million. Visit the Foundation at www.ceflou.org.

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