“I’m sorry. Would you mind repeating what you said…how much was this for again?” Ken Mahle couldn’t believe his ears when his son told him he was the recipient of the Ronald C. Sullivan Scholarship stewarded by The Catholic Foundation. Dan Kurth, Director of Grants and Community Impact, called Samuel Mahle to notify him that he had been awarded the scholarship that would give him $25,000 every year for four years to The Ohio State University. Samuel was shell-shocked…as was his father, and it wasn’t until his father called Dan back that the news really sunk in and they realized Samuel’s life was forever changed.

The Ronald C. Sullivan Scholarship Fund was established in August of 2016 and provides scholarship grants to Catholic students who attend or will be attending The Ohio State University. They must also be an active member of Columbus, Ohio parishes St. Andrew, St. Agatha, Our Lady of Victory, or St. Christopher, or have primary residence in Grandview Heights, Marble Cliff, Upper Arlington, and other select areas of Columbus, Ohio. The Catholic Foundation receives over a hundred scholarship applications for the 21 scholarship funds they steward every year. Out of those who applied for the Sullivan Scholarship, Kurth said “It was nice to see someone who highlighted the faith component in the application. Many students had good grades and good recommendations, but Samuel’s stood out because of his faith.”

Samuel Mahle and his family, parents - Ken and Leslie Mahle and younger brother- John, are members of St. Andrew Parish in Columbus, Ohio. Samuel graduated in the Spring of 2018 from Upper Arlington High School and has been accepted to The Ohio State University’s engineering program. When asked why he wanted to attend The Ohio State University, he said it was because it is one of the top 30 engineering schools in the country and he would like to be closer to home. It was obvious that this is a very close and loving family who is incredibly supportive and proud of Samuel’s

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Dear Friends,

I am so pleased to present to you this Summer edition of Blessings as it highlights many wonderful examples of the Holy Spirit moving throughout our Catholic diocese and surrounding community. In another record-breaking year, over $15 million was distributed this past fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. In doing so, I am pleased to say that The Catholic Foundation has now granted nearly $150 million since inception, all of which provides for the needs throughout the 23-counties in our diocese.

I would like to take a moment to call attention to our St. Martha Giving Circle, affectionately known as The Marthas. The Marthas began in 2015 and is the only women’s giving circle in Ohio that ensures that member activities and those receiving money from the fund, are in alignment with Catholic values and beliefs. The group began because we saw a need. A need for Catholic women to have the opportunity and means to learn about the needs throughout our diocese and how to personally impact those needs. In fact, to-date, The Marthas have granted over $117,000 since 2015 and are looking to grow and give even more.

I can’t tell you enough how blessed and in awe I am of the women in this group who are continually inspired to give charitably and educate themselves about the needs of our diocese and community. I encourage everyone reading this edition of Blessings to learn more about what The Marthas do, who they are, how you and/or a friend can become a member, and how The Catholic Foundation can support your legacy and philanthropic goals.

May God bless you,

A Message From Our CEO

Welcome

In July, Kathy Conway joined The Catholic Foundation as the new Administrative Coordinator. She studied at Xavier University and earned her Bachelor of Science in Business Marketing. Prior to joining The Catholic Foundation, Kathy worked at Geo-Graphics as their Office Administrator and at Bethesda Healing Ministry as their Director of Administration. Kathy resides in Columbus and attends St. Patrick’s Catholic Church where she is also a Pastoral Council Member.

Upcoming Events

TCF Events:
- August 9: The Marthas Membership Drive Event
- September 14: PAG Coffee Social
- September 18: Conversations on Charity – Vocations
- October 11: The Marthas Diaper Drive and Speaker Event
- October 22: KBS Mass and Luncheon
- November 16: John L. Sauter Seminar

TCF Parish Gatherings:
- August 2018: Women’s Care Center (Date TBD)
- August 21: St. Vincent de Paul Housing Network
- September 12: Catholic Social Services
- September 26: St. Vincent Haven
- October 2018: St. Pius Parish (Date TBD)
- October 9: St. Vincent de Paul Parish Gathering
- October 28: Community of Holy Rosary/St. John Ministry Fair
- November 2018: Immaculate Conception Parish (Date TBD)

For more details on our events please visit www.catholic-foundation.org or call 614-443-8893.

Executive Committee

New Officers
The Catholic Foundation would like to congratulate the following board of trustee members on their new appointments:
- Christine Poth from Our Lady of Victory in Columbus as Chair
- Andrew Walker from St. Dominic in Columbus as Immediate Past Chair
- Michael Haller from St. Mary in Chillicothe as Vice-Chair
- Jamie Richardson from St. Vincent de Paul in Mt. Vernon as Secretary
- Jennie Wilson from Church of the Resurrection in New Albany as Treasurer

New Trustees
- Daniel Bringardner from St. Catharine, Columbus
- Joel Oles from Our Lady of Victory, Columbus

Inspiration Corner

“Wrap yourselves in humility to be servants of each other, because God refuses the proud and will always favour the humble. Bow down, then, before the power of God now, and he will raise you up on the appointed day; unload all your worries on to him, since he is looking after you.”

1 Peter 5:5-7
accomplishments. His mother, Leslie, said “We can’t express enough the appreciation and gratitude to The Catholic Foundation for this scholarship. Samuel’s hard work has paid off and it is wonderful to see him be recognized for that.” Samuel’s father, Ken added, “We saw the scholarship in the Upper Arlington List of Scholarships and then in our parish bulletin, when we got your phone call we were just dumbfounded. It was amazing.”

Samuel is a good student with a 4.1 GPA. He has many extracurricular activities which include attending daily mass at St. Andrew, a member of the Dawn Patrol altar server group, runs track and cross country, is a Face Forward ambassador, a member of Future Business Leaders of America, German Club, Honor Society, Peer Tutors, and the Cum Laude Association.

Samuel is truly a remarkable young man who not only has a stellar resume, but the humility and conviction of his Catholic faith in his heart. When asked if he had any last thoughts, he said “Having faith in my life is normal - a normal thing that people should embrace and thrive upon. My parents never pushed me into any of this, I do this on my own. I go to mass daily and I have done so for the past two years. I was moved by the Holy Spirit and I now have fellowship with a group of guys that also go to mass every day. We make it a part of our everyday life. You must live and breathe the faith so that it becomes second nature.” Samuel’s story is a great example of why scholarship and endowment funds are created. These funds ensure our Catholic legacy and our Catholic future.

If you are interested in opening your own scholarship fund at The Catholic Foundation, contact our VP of Development at 614-443-8893 or shartman@catholic-foundation.org. For more information regarding our scholarships and when applications can be submitted visit our website at www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships.

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—SAMUEL MAHLE

New Board Members

Board members can serve three, three-year terms for a total of nine years of service. This year, The Catholic Foundation has two new board members, Joel Oles and Daniel Bringardner. Their bios are below.

**Joel F. Oles**

Mr. Oles is the managing principal of Oles and Associates, CPAs and president of The Sherrington Group, a fee only financial planning firm. During his forty year career, Mr. Oles has handled a wide variety of management services, audit, tax and accounting engagements in many industries including retailing and wholesaling, distribution, manufacturing, real estate and service related fields. Mr. Oles is also a financial planner with The Sherrington Group.

Mr. Oles is active in many civic and community affairs. He is a past member of the South-Western City School Board of Education, and past president of the Sertoma Speech & Hearing Center of Grove City, Ohio. He has served as Finance Board President of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Treasurer of the Sertoma Club of Grove City, Campaign Treasurer for a County Judicial candidate, Treasurer of the South-Western City Schools Educational Foundation and Board Treasurer of the Cornerstone Academy Community School. Currently, he serves as a member of the Finance Committee of the Catholic Foundation and on the Advisory Board of the Ohio University School of Accounting.

Mr. Oles and his wife Debbie are members of Our Lady of Victory Church where he is a 3rd Degree Knight of Columbus.

**Daniel E. Bringardner**

Daniel E. Bringardner, a Columbus native, is a partner at the law firm of Isaac Wiles. He has practiced law for nearly four decades, successfully representing a diverse range of clients including individuals, businesses, and real estate developers. His experience lies in Estate Planning; Trusts and Estates; Taxation; Commercial and Residential Real Estate, including Condominium Development and Land Use; and Fiduciary, Business and Commercial Litigation.

Dan is a graduate of Capital University Law School where he earned his law degree and Ashland College where he earned his B.S., in Business Administration. He is a member of the Ohio State Bar Association and the Columbus Bar Association.

Dan and his wife Barb are long-time parishioners of St. Catharine of Siena Church, where Dan is a Liturgical Coordinator and Eucharistic Minister. He is a member of the Catholic Foundation’s Professional Advisors Group, the Columbus Foundation’s Professional Council, and the S.P.I.C.E.® (Special People in Catholic Education) Advisory Board. Dan has also served as President of the Catholic Men’s Luncheon Club, St. Catharine Parish Council, St. Catharine Home and School Association, and the Eastmoor Civic Association.
The Catholic Foundation Awards Over $142,000 in Scholarships

This year, 35 students in the diocese will receive awards from 22 scholarship funds at The Catholic Foundation totaling over $240,000. Scholarships support promising and deserving students by assisting them with the costs of their education. Donors often establish a scholarship to honor or memorialize friends, teachers, family members or other loved ones. Since 2007, The Catholic Foundation has awarded over $600,000 in scholarships empowering over 130 young people to continue their academic and vocational studies. With continued generosity of donors who share this dedication to education, the Foundation will continue to support students as they answer God’s call.

Scholarship Funds, such as the Karen Louise Laihr Teaching Scholarship and the Florence E Moses Nursing Scholarship, serve as a powerful legacy to support and encourage students who feel a deep calling to the vocation of service. The 2018 Karen Louise Laihr Teaching Scholarship recipient is Christian Craig, who will attend The Ohio State University and the Florence E Moses Nursing Scholarship recipient is Nina Baird, who will attend Mount Carmel College of Nursing.

To streamline the process, the Foundation made it easier than ever to apply with a complete listing of available scholarships, qualifications, and applications on its website. The recipients were selected based on criteria established by the donor who created each scholarship. For more information on tuition assistance, please contact the Office of Catholic Schools or your local school. For more information on our scholarship funds, please visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

Congratulations to the 2018 scholarship award recipients and we pray for God’s blessings for this coming school year!

The full list of available scholarships is as follows:

- Marilyn Louise Anzelmo Memorial Scholarship Fund
- T.J. Baesmann Scholarship Fund
- Kay (Knipfer) Ciminiello Catholic Education Endowment Fund
- Dick & Paddy Cleary Family Scholarship Fund
- Peter Clore Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Teresa M. Golonese Science Scholarship Fund
- Dominic Gregory – St. Timothy School Scholarship Fund
- Monsignor Kenneth Grimes Scholarship Fund
- Allyson Marie Cross Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Steven L. & Salena A. Hitchens Scholarship Fund
- Kanakkanatt Family Scholarship Fund
- Patrick Elementary School Scholarship Fund
- Joanne E. McGuire & Dr. Jacob F. Froning Scholarship Fund
- Ronald C. Sullivan Scholarship Fund
- Dorothy K. Szajnuk Scholarship Fund
- Thomas L. Smith Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Marilyn Louise Anzelmo Memorial Scholarship Fund
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- Dorothy K. Szajnuk Scholarship Fund
The St. Martha Giving Circle (The Marthas) is excited to announce this year’s grant recipients. Members of The Marthas nominated 25 organizations for consideration. In April, they voted and awarded money to the top ten for a total of $42,000. The Marthas have a history of identifying, learning about, and supporting groups doing incredible work in our community. In 2015 The Marthas granted $24,216, in 2016 they granted $26,670, and in 2017 they granted $25,000. This year, they had their biggest year yet with a total of $42,000 being granted to ten organizations.

$10,000    Holy Family Soup Kitchen and Pantry
$5,000     St. Francis Evangelization Center
$5,000     J.O.I.N.
$5,000     Back In His Arms Again
$5,000     Run The Race Club
$5,000     (Kinder) Women’s Care Center
$2,500     Dominican Sisters of Peace
$2,500     Little Flower Showers – St. Patrick Church
$1,000     St. Stephen’s Community House
$1,000     Pathways to Hope – Catholic Social Services

TOTAL GRANTS AWARDED: $42,000

The Marthas gather quarterly throughout the year, to learn about organizations and their needs, and decide together which projects to financially support. There are also opportunities to share ideas, serve with one another, grow deeper in our Catholic faith, socialize, and learn about the ongoing needs in our Diocese.

Interested in joining The Marthas or just want to learn more? Contact us at 614-443-8893, marthas@catholic-foundation.org, or visit www.catholic-foundation.org/TheMarthas for more information.

UPCOMING

- Membership Drive
  July 29- August 11
- Membership, Bring A Friend Event
  Thursday, August 9
- Diaper Drive in partnership with Angels, Nurture, and Disciple
  October 1-14
- Speaker Event
  Thursday, October 11

Pssst... Anyone can be a Martha, so bring a friend and check out one of our upcoming events to learn more!
The Catholic Foundation’s Professional Advisors Group (PAG) is comprised of 185 trusted professionals including estate planning lawyers, financial planners, insurance professionals, accounts, funeral directors, bank trust officers and even real estate professionals.

As the summer months roll on, it is again time for PAG membership renewals to take place. Annual membership runs now through June 30 and carries a variety of benefits to the member regardless of which membership level you fall under (Regular, non-dues paying or Sustaining, $100 annual dues). Benefits range from a subscription to the weekly GiftLaw enewsletter detailing the on goings in Washington to free admission to the annual John L. Sauter Estate Planning Seminar providing continuing education credits.

Although predominantly Catholic, members do not have to be Catholic to be part of the group. The PAG presents great networking opportunities across professional fields and has resulted in new client relationships for members as well as new donor introductions for the Foundation. If you are a current member or are interested in joining, please visit https://catholic-foundation.org/professional-advisors-group-membership-form/ and complete the simple form.

The Catholic Foundation is excited that 2018 marks the 15th Anniversary of the establishment of the KBS. The name of the society was derived from the Kyrie Eleison, which is sometimes sung or recited during the celebration of the Mass. The Kyrie is the prayer of Catholics imploring the Lord’s mercy. The naming of the society represented the mercy we all seek from our Heavenly Father, and the mercy we extend to our brothers and sisters on earth. It is an appropriate recognition of men and women who have made a lasting gift to the Church before their ultimate union with God.

The society, which started with approximately 25 individuals, has now grown to nearly 400 faithful who have notified the Foundation that they plan to remember the church in their end of life plans. The society allows the Foundation to thank these Catholics now for a gift that they will leave in the form of an insurance or retirement plan beneficiary designation, a bequest, trust, charitable gift annuity designation, or other. In addition to being recognized in print publications and on the Foundation’s website, members are invited to a special annual mass and luncheon with the Bishop, receive a blessed KBS pin, inspire others to make a meaningful gift, and have peace of mind knowing that causes you care about will be supported perpetually through your generosity.

The mission of the Kyrie Bequest Society (KBS) is to recognize those individuals who have notified The Catholic Foundation of their plan to leave a future gift through a bequest, trust, life insurance policy, retirement plan, or charitable gift annuity through the Foundation. Specific parishes, schools, or organizations may be designated as beneficiaries.

We want to take this opportunity to thank the current members of the Kyrie Bequest Society for your thoughtful planning. If you are not a member of the society but have remembered your parish, school, or other Catholic ministry in your end of life planning through the Foundation, please let us know so we can appropriately welcome you as a new member of the Kyrie Bequest Society.

To make a Bequest please visit, www.catholic-foundation.org/bequestform or contact Scott Hartman at shartman@catholic-foundation.org.

Please mark your calendars for the 2018 John L. Sauter Estate Planning Seminar which will be held on Friday, November 16 at OSU’s Fawcett Center. Three hours of continuing education credit will be provided.

To sign up please visit, www.catholic-foundation.org/pag or contact Scott Hartman at shartman@catholic-foundation.org.
The Catholic Foundation celebrates another consecutive year for record-breaking impact. In the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2018, the Foundation distributed over 1,700 grants totaling over $15 million.

“It has been another year of tremendous generosity and growth,” said Loren Brown, President & CEO of The Catholic Foundation. “However, the true blessings lie in the amount of souls touched by the resources of The Catholic Foundation.”

For example, through the Responsive Grant cycle alone, The Catholic Foundation provided funding to help programs impacting over 300,000 individuals in the Diocese of Columbus. These programs include food pantries, adult faith formation, tuition assistance for our Catholic schools, and energy efficiency projects for our parishes. Through the Endowment process, funding from The Catholic Foundation helped to support Diocesan seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum. In May of 2018, five new priests were ordained to serve the Columbus Diocese and each new priest will serve more than 250,000 parishioners over the next 25 years. Dan Kurth, Director of Grants and Community Impact said, “None of this would have been possible without the incredible support from our donors. We owe them our sincere and heartfelt gratitude.”

The Catholic Foundation has distributed nearly $150 million in the diocese since 1985. Look for more details on the impact of the Foundation in the upcoming Annual Report.

In fiscal year 2018, The Catholic Foundation awarded over $15 million in grants to support our four pillars of focus: Education, Parish Life, Social Services, and Vocations. Among the grant recipients was Our Lady of Peace, which received funding to replace their lighting system and install a new boiler for the church. Due to these changes and updates, energy costs have decreased 40% from $3,000 a month to $1,800. The church is not only brighter but also safer and The Catholic Foundation is honored to support Our Lady of Peace.

“We have been called to serve and give,” Brown said. “and I am truly inspired and encouraged by what this new level of granting has produced. Lives have been touched, opportunities for our youth to grow and receive a Catholic education has grown, awareness and support for those discerning a religious life have increased, and overall support has been given to those in need.”

As one of the oldest and largest Catholic foundations in the country, The Catholic Foundation has distributed nearly $150 million in the diocese since 1985. Look for more details on the impact of the Foundation in the upcoming Annual Report.
In Christ, The Catholic Foundation inspires giving and assists donors to provide for the long-term needs of the Diocese of Columbus.