The Reverend Jeffrey J. Rimelspach Scholarship Fund was established in December of 2017. This fund provides scholarship grants to two students who are active members of St. Margaret of Cortona Parish and who attend a Catholic high school, with a preference for students attending Bishop Ready High School or St. Charles High School. Father Rimelspach is the pastor at St. Margaret of Cortona Parish. As pastor, he has always wanted to set up a fund that would benefit students going to a Catholic High School in order to ease the financial burden on parents. He said, "Catholic schools are well worth the investment." Father Rimelspach, the principal at Trinity Preschool, and the Director of Religious Education selects two eligible and qualified students. This is the first year that the Reverend Jeffrey J. Rimelspach Scholarship has been awarded, and this year’s recipients are Lindsay Dickerson and Reed Helsel.

Lindsay Dickerson will be a senior this Fall at Bishop Ready High School and has an impressive list of church and school activities. Lindsay is or has been a crew leader for St. Christopher’s Vacation Bible School, an altar server, a volunteer at the St. Margaret parish festival, a volunteer at the St Margaret fish fry, a Ready Ambassador, a student council representative, a member of the National Beta Club, a member of the National Honor Society, a member of Bishop Ready Tech Club, International Club and FBLA Club, played tennis, and a volunteer at the Mid-Ohio Food Bank, the Humane Society of Madison County, and the Grandview Heights Public Library.

Reed Helsel is just graduating from Trinity School and will be a freshman this coming Fall. He is a parishioner at St. Margaret of Cortona Parish. Reed also has an extensive list of activities. He volunteers for St. Margaret of Cortona’s fish fry, cleans up the baseball field dugouts, plays baseball for the Grandview Baseball Association and Grandview Middle School Fall Baseball, and was a Student Council Leader in 2015 and 2016. Reed described his first thought after being told he was receiving this scholarship: "I was surprised and happy that I had been selected. I want to continue my Catholic education and go to a college that is Catholic."
Dear Friends,

I am pleased to present to you our Summer edition of Blessings as it highlights many wonderful examples of the Holy Spirit moving throughout our parish communities, schools, and ministries of our Diocese. In another impressive year of impact, your Catholic Foundation granted over $14.5 million this past fiscal year ending June 30, 2019. 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 long-term needs throughout the 23-counties in our Diocese.

At the Foundation we have been incredibly blessed over the years, with the leadership and the close working relationship with the Bishops of the Diocese of Columbus, including the Most Reverend James A. Griffin, J.D., J.C.L. and the Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, D.D, Ph.D., and now our new Bishop, Robert J. Brennan. We look forward to partnering with Bishop Brennan on fulfilling his vision for our Diocese, coinciding with our mission of

“In Christ, to inspire giving and assist donors to provide for the long-term needs of the Diocese of Columbus.”

In this edition you will read about not only Bishop Brennan joining the Foundation as a new Trustee of the governing Board, but three other new Trustees including: Steven Fields of the Church of the Resurrection in New Albany, Steven Meier of Our Lady of Victory in Columbus, and Bradley Walters of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Pickerington. Please join me in keeping Bishop Robert J. Brennan in your prayers for his leadership and pastoral care of our Diocese.

May God bless you,

loren brown
President and CEO

A Message From Our CEO

Upcoming Events

TCF Events:
• August 7 – The Marthas 'Bring A Friend' Event
• August 8 – PAG Luncheon
• September 12 – Catholic Business Leaders (CBL) Speaker Series: Part 2
• September 25 - Trustee Alumni Social
• October 10 – The Marthas Wine & Cheese Speaker Event
• October 29 – Catholic Business Leaders (CBL) Speaker Series: Part 3
• November 5 – Kyrie Bequest Society Mass & Luncheon
• November 15 – John L. Sauter Estate Planning Seminar

TCF Parish Gatherings:
• August 21 – St. Joseph, Dover
• September 5 - Greater Columbus Right to Life
• September 17 - St. Thomas Aquinas, Zanesville
• September 19 - Church of the Ascension, New Albany
• November 6 - Blessed Sacrament, Newark

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 Trustees on their new appointments:
• Michael Haller from St. Mary in Chillicothe as Chair
• Jennie Wilson from Church of the Resurrection in New Albany as Vice-Chair
• William Keller from St. Brigid in Dublin as Secretary
• Dr. Timothy Garner from St. Mary in Marion as Treasurer

Inspiration Corner

“A good school provides a rounded education for the whole person. And a good Catholic school, over and above this, should help all its students to become saints.”

POPE BENEDICT XVI
Catholic education aims not only to communicate facts but also to transmit a coherent, comprehensive vision of life, in the conviction that the truths contained in that vision liberate students in the most profound meaning of human freedom.

—POPE JOHN PAUL II

Both Lindsay and Reed’s stories are great examples of why scholarship and endowment funds are created. These funds ensure our Catholic legacy and future. Dan Kurth, Director of Grants and Community Impact, said “In 2019, the Catholic Foundation helped coordinate 23 scholarship funds providing over $225,000 to 28 students. These students ran the spectrum from elementary school to high school to college. As a new parent myself, I understand the enormous sacrifices parents make to send their children through Catholic school. The Foundation will continue to make an impact in helping families obtain a Catholic education. Our Catholic schools are one of the most important channels we have to grow and strengthen our faith.”

If you are interested in opening your own scholarship fund at The Catholic Foundation, contact Scott Hartman 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.

The Catholic Foundation is excited to announce that there will no longer be a minimum to open a Donor Advised Fund (DAF) with the Foundation. The Foundation's previous minimum of $5,000 to create a DAF is being removed in an effort to allow anyone to create a fund in support of the charities they love. Often referred to as a “charitable checkbook”, a DAF allows a donor to make contributions into the fund, have the Foundation invest and manage the fund, and then allow the donor to direct the Foundation when and where to send money. Although there is no minimum to establish a new DAF, the Foundation still requires that any distribution out of a DAF be at least $50.

A Donor Advised Fund is a flexible and simple account that allows individuals or families to manage their philanthropy through one consolidated location. The Catholic Foundation provides professional investment and administration of the fund while allowing the donor to retain access to use the funds in support of charitable organizations both within the Diocese of Columbus as well as nationally.

Unlike other Foundation’s, The Catholic Foundation’s Donor Advised Funds are invested in accordance with Catholic teachings, ensuring that your fund does not conflict with our religious beliefs. Similarly, any money distributed out of a DAF can only be sent to organizations that don’t conflict with Catholic teaching. This allows our donors to feel confident that their support is in alignment with our Faith.

Additionally, there are considerable tax advantages to having a DAF, which include an immediate charitable deduction for any contribution made to the fund as well as the ability to avoid capital gains taxes if contributing appreciated stock to the fund. A financial advisor can help you employ a DAF funding strategy that is both practical and tax efficient depending on your own personal circumstances.

If you are looking for an efficient, streamlined way to manage your charitable and philanthropic giving contact Scott Hartman at shartman@catholic-foundation.org or 614-443-8893 to find out how easy it is to establish your own Donor Advised Fund.
This year, 28 students in the diocese will receive awards from 23 scholarship funds at The Catholic Foundation totaling over $225,000. 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 $825,000 in scholarships empowering over 150 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 Joyce A. Kozlowski Scholarship, serve as a powerful legacy to support and encourage students. This scholarship provides tuition assistance to students of St. Francis DeSales High School in Columbus, Ohio, and Cristo Rey High School in Columbus, Ohio. The 2019 Joyce A. Kozlowski Scholarship recipient is Rosemarie Zarcone from St. Francis DeSales High School. Rosemarie said that this scholarship is important to her because her Catholic education is something that she cherishes, and the tuition assistance will help her family. Even though Rosemarie isn’t entirely sure what she wants to study when she graduates she knows she wants to go to college within Ohio and is considering business or nutrition. Additionally, Rosemarie said “I would like to express my gratitude to the donor of this scholarship for making such a positive impact in people’s lives.”

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 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 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 its website.
The Catholic Foundation celebrates another consecutive year for record-breaking impact. In the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2019, the Foundation distributed over 2,067 grants totaling over $14.5 million.

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 resourcing an emergency boiler line repairs in the middle of winter, helping revitalize a parish Altar Server program, funding a cultural diversity specialist to be a liaison to the Spanish speaking community at a local elementary school, and supporting multiple food pantries feeding and supporting the homeless across the Diocese. Through the Endowment process, over 150 grants went out to support 50 elementary and high schools within our Columbus Diocese. These endowment grants exceeded $1 million and are helping secure our Catholic faith in every new generation. Dan Kurth, Director of Grants and Community Impact said, “Through our 2019 grant year, the Catholic Foundation continued to focus on our impact. In the 2019 responsive grant cycle, the Foundation was able to meaningfully affect nearly 300,000 individuals throughout the Columbus Diocese. When viewed through the lens of all grants out the door, we are touching the lives of approximately 3 million individuals. The Catholic Foundation is humbled by the generosity of our donors in the Diocese of Columbus who funded 2,000 individual grants totaling over $14.5 million. Our mission remains to be a resource to help deepen and strengthen the Catholic faith in our Diocese.”

In fiscal year 2019, The Catholic Foundation awarded over $14.5 million in grants to support our four pillars of focus: Education, Parish Life, Social Services, and Vocations. Among the grant recipients was St. Cecilia School, which received funding to hire a Cultural Diversity Specialist. This position helps function as a bridge between the school, parish, and the growing Spanish speaking population. Due to the foresight to hire this position, St. Cecilia School enrolled 15 new Spanish speaking students, grew sacramental numbers by 40% in relation to their Spanish speaking parishioners, and increased attendance at school activities by Latino parents by 20%. The school and parish have followed Christ’s example to be a welcoming environment for all cultures. The Catholic Foundation is humbled to support St. Cecilia in our small way.

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.

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**Catholic Business Leaders (CBL)**

The Catholic Foundation has launched a new group in May that was designed to bring Catholic business leaders together. Catholic Business Leaders (CBL) provides a unique, Catholic faith and business learning experience for family enterprise owners and corporate executives, rooted in the dignity of work, and in the spirit of community philanthropy.

The second part of the CBL Speaker Series will be on Thursday, September 12 and the topic is, **Balancing Your Business & Philanthropy – It’s Possible!**

**Speakers:**
- John Igel, President at George J. Igel & Co., Inc.
- Luconda Dager, President at Velvet Ice Cream Company
- Marc Hawk, CEO at RevLocal

The event will start at 5 p.m. in the Ruth Lang Board Room of The Catholic Foundation (257 East Broad Street | Columbus, OH).

To RSVP for this event, please contact Liz Lynch (llynch@catholic-foundation.org or 866-298-8893).

For more information on Catholic Business Leaders and to read the speakers’ bio, please visit www.catholic-foundation.org/cbl or contact Scott Hartman, shartman@catholic-foundation.org.
Throughout his 54 years as a priest, Monsignor Romano Ciotola always had a passion for something that was near and dear to his heart; priestly vocations. Father Romano, as he was affectionately known, had attended the Diocesan Seminary of Trivento, Italy and then continued his studies at the Saint Pius X Pontifical Seminary in Chieti, Italy. Upon emigrating to the United States, Monsignor studied at the former Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary and received his Master of Divinity degree from Mount Saint Mary’s of the West Seminary. The education and formation of young men was something that Father Romano cared deeply about.

In early 2019, Father Romano became sick and was admitted to the hospital. His health never rebounded and he was never able to sign the endowment agreement that he was so determined to put into place and make this happen that he had designated an endowment fund in his name that had not yet been created as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy he owned. This insurance gift at his death qualified Father Romano as one of those things you want to do, but put off.” These words are true for so many. Although Father Romano didn’t fully get his plan executed during his lifetime, he did get the process started which ensured that his intentions were able to be carried out. Father’s story serves as a stark reminder to not put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

If you would like to make a gift in honor of Monsignor Romano Ciotola you can do so by visiting https://catholic-foundation.org/ciotolaendowment. To learn more about the Kyrie Bequest Society you can contact Scott Hartman at shartman@catholic-foundation.org.

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.

Remembering Our Catholic Faith

A donor recently told the Foundation that end of life planning is “one of those things you want to do, but put off.” These words are true for so many. Although Father Romano didn’t fully get his plan executed during his lifetime, he did get the process started which ensured that his intentions were able to be carried out. Father’s story serves as a stark reminder to not put off until tomorrow what you can do today.

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PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS GROUP (PAG)

A Network Of Professionals

The Catholic Foundation’s Professional Advisors Group (PAG) is comprised of over 185 trusted professionals including estate planning lawyers, financial planners, insurance professionals, accountants, funeral directors, bank trust officers and even real estate professionals.

A local Financial Planner recently contacted The Catholic Foundation to get advice on the best way to assist her client. As the conversation developed, it was clear that the client could benefit from a Donor Advised Fund with the Foundation. There was one hang-up though; the Financial Planner and the client had a long-standing relationship. The client didn’t want to “take” assets from their advisor as they knew that the advisor makes their living off of managing their accounts. This is when the Foundation shared with the advisor the concept of the Advisor Choice Program.

The Catholic Foundation’s Advisor Choice Program allows individuals to make charitable contributions while maintaining their relationship with a trusted Financial Advisor. This is a true win-win as the advisor gets to continue managing the funds that the client donates to the Foundation and the client gets to maintain their working relationship with the advisor.

In the example above, the client opened a Donor Advised Fund with The Catholic Foundation, but the assets remained at Merrill Lynch, the company where their Financial Planner worked. The broker stated “The Advisor Choice Program allowed me to continue managing the funds while making sure that I didn’t lose a client relationship. There was also the added benefit that The Catholic Foundation provides great service to my client by vetting organizations where they would like to send charitable gifts.”
Bishop Robert J. Brennan
ST. JOSEPH CATHEDRAL IN COLUMBUS

Bishop Robert J. Brennan was born on June 7, 1962, to Robert and Patricia Brennan in the Bronx, New York. The oldest of five children, Bishop Brennan has two brothers and two sisters, three nieces and nephews and three great-nieces and niece.

Bishop Brennan studied for the priesthood at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, Huntington, New York, was ordained a priest in the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York, on May 27, 1989, by Bishop John McGann, and was first appointed to the Church of St. Patrick in Smithtown, New York. In 1994 he was appointed Secretary to the Bishop, working in this capacity for three bishops: the late Bishop John McGann, the late Bishop James McHugh, and Bishop William Murphy. He resided at St. Agnes Catholic and served at the parish during this period.

In 2002 he was named Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. In 2010 he was appointed as pastor of the Church of St. Mary of the Isle, Long Beach.

On July 25, 2012, he was ordained as Auxiliary Bishop for the Diocese of Rockville Centre. Leaving his position as pastor in Long Beach at that time, he resided in the parish of Our Lady of Peace in Syosset.

While at Rockville Centre, Bishop Brennan has served on the Board of Directors for Catholic Health Services as well as various diocesan boards and committees. He has served as chaplain for the Catholic Lawyers Guild of Nassau County. He serves on the Board for the Institute for Catholic Schools at his alma mater, St. John’s University. He served in several capacities on the Catholic Faith Network including serving as one of the co-hosts of the award-winning program Inside.

With the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Bishop Brennan served as a member of the Committee for Catholic Education, the Administrative Committee, and the Priorities and Plans Committee.

Bishop Brennan was installed as Bishop of Columbus during a Mass on Friday, March 29, 2019.

Steven Meier
OUR LADY OF VICTORY IN COLUMBUS

Steven is a lifelong resident of Columbus, Ohio. He graduated from Denison University with a BA in Biology and a minor in Economics. He obtained his Master of Science in Financial Services, with a concentration in Personal Financial Planning, from the American College in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania. His numerous designations were also obtained through the American College. He is committed to continuing learning to be the best advisor and counselor to his clients.

One of his passions includes philanthropy and assisting clients in making a difference in the organizations they value. Several years ago, Steven obtained his Chartered Financial Advisor in Philanthropy, CFA, for the express purposes of maximizing client’s charitable giving.

He started what is now Cardinal Financial Advisers, LLC in August 1986. Through Cardinal Financial Advisers he provides comprehensive financial planning, manages financial assets for fee and places financial products such as life and disability insurance, annuities and long-term care insurance.

Steven and his wife, Sally, have been married for 30 years and reside in Upper Arlington, Ohio. They have three boys; Taylor who is a touring musician with CAAMP, Ben who graduated with a photography major and Charlie who is pursuing an architectural degree.

Steven’s interests include fly-fishing, bike riding and family get-togethers. He is active at his church, Our Lady of Victory, and enjoys giving back.

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Reverend Msgr. Stephan J. Moloney, St. Andrew, Columbus
Joe Oles, Our Lady of Victory, Columbus
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Steven Fields
CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION IN NEW ALBANY

Steven Fields, Vice President, serves as the Director of Community Engagement for Huntington Bancshares, Inc. As a member of Huntington’s Community Engagement department for over 18 years, Steven has worked intimately with Huntington’s Corporate Giving and Community Involvement programs. He previously worked as a skills coach/trainer in the Customer Care and Centralized Reconciliation areas of Huntington.

Steven received a Bachelor of Animal Science degree from The Ohio State University, and a Master of Marketing and Communications degree from Franklin University. Additionally, Steven has earned certification in Corporate Community Involvement from the Boston College Center for Corporate Citizenship and is a graduate of Leadership Columbus. Before joining Huntington, he was a faculty member of the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, specializing in youth development in Hamilton County, Tennessee.

Steven is actively involved with numerous nonprofit, educational, and collegiate organizations. These include serving as the immediate past-chair of the Ohio Health Grant Medical Center Development Board. He is a member of the Community Involvement Roundtable at the Boston College Center for Corporate Citizenship. In addition, he is involved with CATCO, Leadership Columbus, Ohio Domestic Violence Network, The Catholic Foundation, and many other charitable efforts.

Fields has received multiple awards and recognitions for his community involvement. Steven was selected as a Columbus Business First 40 Under Forty member in 2009. He received the St. Vincent Family Center Corcoran Award for Charity and Social Justice in 2017. Most recently Steven led the successful fundraising campaign for the new Choices for Victims of Domestic Violence shelter in Columbus.

A native of Central Ohio, Steven and his wife Amy reside in Gahanna, Ohio with their sons Jeffrey and Zachary.

Bradley Walters
ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON IN PICKERINGTON

Bradley Walters is currently a Vice President & Sr. Relationship Manager for Fifth Third Wealth and Asset Management located in Columbus, OH. He serves as the primary contact for institutional custody and investment management relationships responsible for the overall client experience.

Prior to joining Fifth Third, he worked at JPMorgan Corporate & Investment Bank for over 25 years managing global custody relationships in Europe and the US. He was the past Director of the School of Religion at St. Philip the Apostle, Columbus, OH for over 25 years.

Bradley Walters studied business administration at Franklin University in Columbus, Ohio, and holds a Diploma of Columbus Teaching Certification in Religious Education. He earned his Cannon Financial Certifications in Institutional Custody, Retirement Plan Services and Securities Operations. He also holds a Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Series 6 securities license.

He currently serves on the Executive Board of Directors with the Ohio-Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) and is on the Audit Committee for the United Way of Franklin County. He previously served on the Community Kitchen Inc. (CKI) in Columbus, OH for 14 years.

Bradley Walters has been married to his wife Marcia for over 35 years and is an active member of Seton Parish in Pickerington, OH where he resides.
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