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The Catholic Education Foundation Welcomes Richard A. Lechleiter as President



President of the Foundation.

On March 7th the Catholic Education Foundation announced that its Executive Director, **Rosemary Bisig Smith**, will retire this summer and **Richard A. Lechleiter**, former Kindred Healthcare Executive Vice-President and Chief Financial Officer, has been hired as

greatly. At the same time, we couldn't be more fortunate to have Rich succeed her. During his time on the Foundation Board, Rich demonstrated outstanding leadership and great passion for our Catholic education tradition and was tireless in his efforts to expand the role of the Foundation. While Rosemary leaves a great legacy, Rich brings us many talents developed through both his long professional career and his work on behalf of Catholic education." In November 2013, Mr. Lechleiter was the recipient of the Benemerenti Medal from Pope Francis for his service to the Catholic Church.

"Catholic education is the foundation of our spiritual community, and Rosemary has dedicated

her life to supporting that effort. Her empathy for families choosing to educate their children in the Catholic school system has driven her success, and we will miss her dedication and endearing spirit," said the **Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz**, Archbishop of Louisville. "Rosemary can rest assured that she leaves the organization that she helped develop in good hands. The work of the Foundation is critical to ensuring that every family has the opportunity to educate their children in

Mr. Lechleiter, a Louisville native who retired from Kindred in January, served on the Catholic Education Foundation Board from 2006-2012, including service as Chair of the Board during his last two years. He is steeped in the Catholic education tradition, having graduated from Saint Stephen Martyr Elementary and Saint Xavier High School, as well as Cincinnati's Xavier University (summa cum laude).

"Under Rich's leadership, I am confident that we can continue this strong tradition and strengthen our outreach to families who desire the gift of Catholic education for their children but cannot afford it."

Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz

"The Foundation is very blessed to be in this position," said **Brad Rives**, Catholic Education Foundation Board Chair and LG&E and KU Energy Chief Administrative Officer. "Rosemary has been a tireless advocate for the Foundation and her ability to raise awareness and funding for this important cause is unparalleled. We will miss her

a Catholic school. Under Rich's leadership, I am confident that we can continue this strong tradition and strengthen our outreach to families who desire the gift of Catholic education for their children but cannot afford it." ■

Chairman's Message

This year is a time for the Catholic Education Foundation to embrace change and seek growth for continued prosperity. With the Foundation's changing of the guard, we say good-bye to our Executive Director, **Rosemary Bisig Smith**, and thank her for so many years of dedication to the Foundation. At the same time, we welcome **Richard A. Lechleiter**, our newly appointed President, who will bring his outstanding leadership and passion to take the Foundation forward.

Again this year, the Foundation will award more than \$2 million to our Catholic parishes and schools. Of that amount, \$1.3 million has been dedicated to elementary school tuition assistance. While we are proud of this support of Catholic education, the actual need for elementary school tuition assistance as documented by the Private School Aid Service is approximately \$5 million.

We will expand our focus on the Annual Fund to address this tuition assistance gap. We are experiencing consistent growth in the number of donors from the parishioners in the Archdiocese of Louisville and we look forward to support from the community and local businesses. I want to personally thank **Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.** and the entire **Archdiocese** for their support of this initiative. We look forward to the successes that only change and growth can bring to meet the challenges we face with the ever-growing need of school tuition assistance.

The annual **Salute to Catholic School Alumni Dinner** has once again shattered its previous record, with **net proceeds of just over \$600,000**. The evening honored six outstanding Catholic school graduates, an outstanding educator and a community service award recipient. **Reverend John I. Jenkins, C.S.C.**, President of the University of Notre Dame, gave the Keynote Address. The overflow crowd enjoyed his most inspiring message on the value of Catholic education.

And one final note on change. My term on the Foundation Board expires in June and I, like Rosemary, will be moving on. May I simply thank everyone involved with the Foundation over the past six years. We have grown immensely in that time and our future is bright. **Dave Calzi**, managing partner at EY, will assume the Chair upon my departure and, with Rich, will undoubtedly lead the Foundation to new heights.

Thank you for your continued support.

My best to each of you.



S. Bradford Rives ■



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The Catholic Education Foundation promotes and helps provide access to Catholic education through grants for religious education, professional development, technology enhancements and tuition assistance.

We invite you to spend some time getting know The Catholic Education Foundation and learn more about our mission: to raise sufficient funds to support Catholic Education and make Catholic Schools accessible by all. Please visit www.ceflou.org to learn more.

And the winner is... The Catholic Education Foundation celebrates Catholic Schools Week with a poster and essay contest

On Tuesday, January 28, 2014, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz presided over the Catholic Schools Week celebratory mass held at **St. Edward Church** in Jeffersontown. Every Catholic elementary and high school was represented as we celebrated our Catholic schools. The Catholic Education Foundation was proud to be a part of the Catholic Schools Week celebration by sponsoring a poster contest for elementary school students and an essay contest for high school students.

Brad Rives, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Foundation, presented the awards along with **Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz** and **Rosemary Bisig Smith**, Executive Director of the Foundation.

Participants in the poster contest were asked to interpret the 2014 theme: Catholic Schools: Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service. The contest was divided into three categories Kindergarten - 2nd grade, 3rd grade - 5th grade and 6th grade - 8th grade.

The Foundation is proud to announce the 2014 Poster contest winners: **Emma DeDomenico**, a first grader from St. Raphael the Archangel **Grace Hood**, a fifth grader from St. Michael **Catie Callahan**, an eighth grader from Holy Family



Catie Callahan, Holy Family

Mr. **Michael Schultz**, a sophomore at St. Francis DeSales high school, was the winner of the 2014 Essay contest. Mr. Schultz beautifully interpreted the importance of Catholic schools through faith, knowledge and service saying "Not only am I prepared educationally, but I am also prepared with my faith for the rest of my life. I have been encouraged to go out into the real world and be of service to others."



Emma DeDomenico, St. Raphael



Michael Schulz, St. Francis, DeSales



Grace Hood, St. Michael

Congratulations to our winners!

Photos courtesy of The Record

THE 2014 SALUTE SURPASSED ALL PREV

On March 18th, The Catholic Education Foundation hosted the **24th Salute to Catholic School Alumni Dinner** at the Galt House Hotel. This year's dinner surpassed all previous records raising over \$600,000. An overflowing crowd of 2,000 guests were on hand to honor six graduates of Catholic schools who have demonstrated leadership throughout their life. Monies raised from the evening will benefit parishes and schools throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville in the areas of Religious Education, Professional Development, Technology and Tuition Assistance.

Brad Rives, Chairman of the CEF Board of Directors, shared his thoughts on the importance of a Catholic education and the Foundation's mission to raise sufficient funds to support Catholic education and make Catholic schools accessible by all.

Mary Moseley, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Al J. Schneider Company, was presented the Community Service Award, sponsored by Fifth Third Bank. The Father Joseph McGee Award, sponsored by Norton Healthcare, was presented to **Martha Lies**, a religion teacher from St. Agnes School.

Father John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., President, University of Notre Dame, delivered the Keynote Address. "Catholic schools demand sacrifice, but in the end, there's no sacrifice more worthwhile and more meaningful that the sacrifice for young people, for our children"

The event was co-chaired by the **Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, Archbishop of Louisville** and **Victor A. Staffieri, Chairman, CEO and President of LG&E and KU Energy.**



The 2014 Salute To Catholic School Alumni Honorees

*Front row: Brad Rives, T. Kevin Flanery, Mary Moseley, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, Martha Lies, Rear Admiral M. Stewart O'Bryan.
Back row: William D. Newcomb, Mary C. Pendleton, Richard A. Lechleiter, Mary Jo Wolford Gleason*

IOUS RECORDS RAISING OVER \$600,000!



Left: Len Spalding, shares a moment with Aaron and Seth Robinson



Above: Vic Staffieri presents Salute Award to Bill Newcomb

Right: Mary Carol Kelly, Steve and Kathy Ford

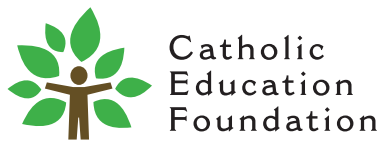


Above: Brad Rives, Kevin Flanery, Rosemary Bisig Smith, Lori Flanery, Mary Klarer Rives, Vic Staffieri

Below: Rich Lechleiter and Dr. Linda Gleis



Archbishop presents Salute Award to Rear Admiral Stewart O'Bryan



Honorees Mary Pendleton and Mary Jo Wolford Gleason



Mayor Greg Fischer, Mary and Sam Moseley

Photos courtesy of Patrick Pfister

Support the 2014 Annual Fund

"Give the Gift of Catholic Education"

We all know a parent who has faced financial hardship and the struggles that take hold when trying to provide the best resources for their families. One of those resources that so many families want for their children is a Catholic education. An education that not only provides excellence in academics, but also in faith, service and moral character. However, in today's world, a Catholic education is expensive. Many hard working families, who want their children to grow in the environment that only Catholic schools can offer, simply cannot afford the average elementary school tuition cost of \$5,000.

The Catholic Education Foundation remains focused on its mission to raise sufficient funds to support Catholic education and make

Catholic schools accessible to all. This past school year, the PSAS (Private School Aid Service) determined almost \$5 million in documented need for Catholic elementary school tuition. The Foundation awarded \$1.3 million, meeting 26% of the need.

A gift to the Catholic Education Foundation's 2014 Annual Fund is a gift to support a child's opportunity for a valuable education based on Christian values and tradition. Please consider your donation to the Foundation today. Call 502-585-2747.

We welcome your support!



St. Athanasius students

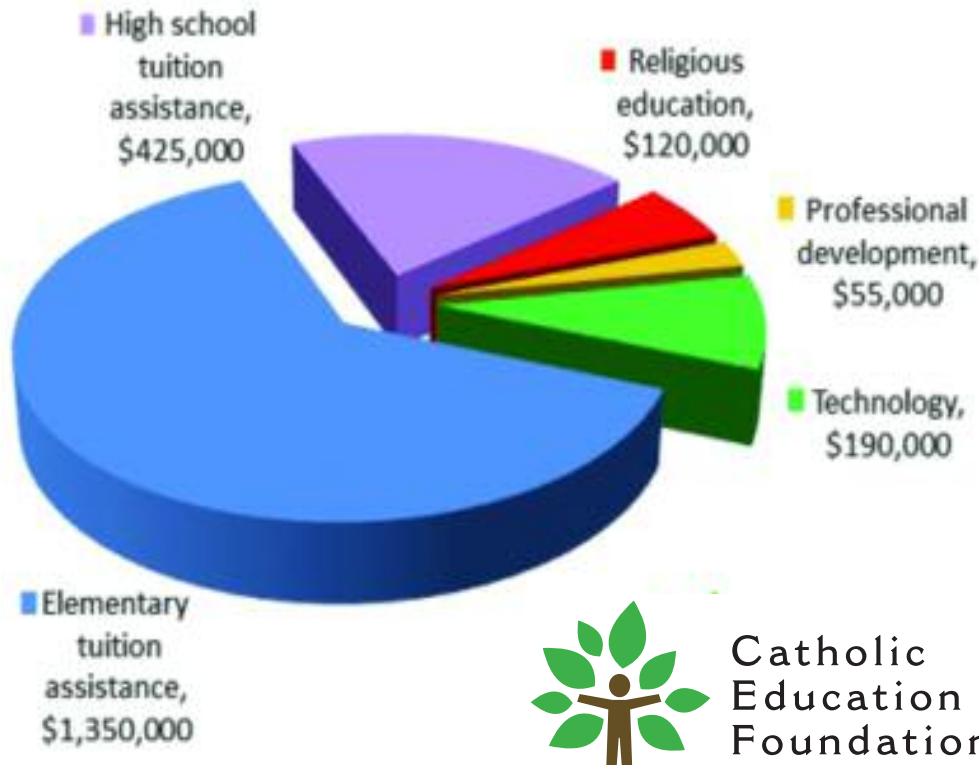


Archbishop Kurtz and Brad Rives talk to students in the classroom at St. Athanasius

Catholic Education Foundation Awards Tuition Assistance to Elementary Schools for 2013/2014 School Year

Ascension School	\$26,050	St. Edward School	\$62,350
Holy Family School	\$37,300	St. Francis of Assisi School	\$26,700
Holy Spirit School	\$31,000	St. Gabriel the Archangel School	\$61,400
Holy Trinity School	\$21,800	St. Gregory School	\$27,510
John Paul II Academy	\$51,700	St. James School-Louisville	\$21,280
Notre Dame Academy	\$85,900	St. James School-Elizabethtown	\$ 2,200
Pitt Academy	\$13,900	St. Joseph School-Bardstown	\$13,000
Sacred Heart Model School	\$ 9,000	St. Leonard School	\$49,300
St. Agnes School	\$36,100	St. Martha School	\$67,950
St. Albert the Great School	\$41,880	St. Mary Academy	\$27,400
St. Aloysius School	\$19,650	St. Michael School	\$18,200
St. Andrew Academy	\$37,000	St. Nicholas Academy	\$95,850
St. Ann School	\$ 5,200	St. Patrick School	\$26,420
St. Athanasius School	\$88,200	St. Paul School	\$29,250
St. Augustine School	\$28,100	St. Raphael the Archangel School	\$41,150
St. Bernard School	\$49,900	St. Rita School	\$46,380
St. Catherine Academy	\$15,300	St. Stephen Martyr School	\$71,800
St. Dominic School	\$ 4,500		

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Jacquelyn Ho
Grade 4



Ben Kiza
Grade 2

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OUR MISSION is to raise sufficient funds to support Catholic education and make Catholic schools accessible by all.

Save the date on your calendar now!



TO BENEFIT THE
CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

7th Annual

Catholic Education Foundation Salute to **THE GAME** Luncheon

celebrating the

**Saint Xavier Tigers vs.
Trinity Shamrocks Football Rivalry**

Tuesday, September 30, 2014

KIRK HERBSTREIT, KEYNOTE SPEAKER

12 noon @ Galt House Hotel

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today for tickets or more info!



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This Lenten season, give the gift of Catholic education. Your generosity can change lives, strengthen a community - even transform a society. There's no better way to give than through the **Catholic Education Foundation**.