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ELEMENTARY TUITION ASSISTANCE ROCKETS TO RECORD \$5 MILLION

Number of Students Supported Jumps 59%

The Catholic Education Foundation recently announced that tuition assistance for Catholic elementary school families will reach new heights when the fall school term begins in August. Under a new plan announced last November, the Archdiocese of Louisville teamed up with the Foundation to provide more funding to help families who cannot afford the full cost of a Catholic elementary school. The 2015 – 2016 school year is the initial implementation period for the plan.

Aggregate tuition assistance awards will reach an all-time high \$5 million and impact 2,344 elementary school students, a 59% increase from last year's record 1,476 students. Foundation President **Richard A. Lechleiter** remarked, "This astounding growth in one year speaks volumes of the Catholic school experience in this community. With this level of excitement around the new school plan, there is no doubt that Catholic school enrollment is on the rise. What a great gift for our entire community!"

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LECHLEITER SIBLINGS DONATE \$1 MILLION TO THE FOUNDATION IN HONOR OF THEIR PARENTS

In April, the Foundation announced that the nine children of **Jeanne** and the late **John H. Lechleiter**, along with their spouses, have agreed to donate \$1 million in support of Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

The Lechleiter siblings and their spouses are: **John and Sarah Lechleiter** of Indianapolis; **Barbara and Doug McGrath** of Simpsonville, SC; **Paul and Maureen Lechleiter** of Cincinnati; **Rich and Janice Lechleiter** of Louisville; **Bruce and Annette Lechleiter** of Dayton, OH; **Donald (Dino) and Nanci Lechleiter** of Alpharetta, GA; **Nancy and Mike Meurer** of Cincinnati; **Alice and Dan Sheehan** of Louisville; and **Jeannie and Dr. Pat Donovan** of Louisville.

All of the funds associated with this gift will be used to provide financial assistance to families who cannot afford the full cost of Catholic elementary school tuition. It is expected that the funding of this gift will occur over a five-year period.

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"Yes, sending our nine children to Catholic schools required sacrifice, but we saw it as the best investment we could ever make in their futures. We have always been thankful for the lifelong gift that these schools provided to each of our kids."

Jeanne Lechleiter

Our Message To You

During a recent meeting, someone commented, "I have never heard so much positive buzz in the community about Catholic schools – it sounds like they are really taking off!" We couldn't have said it any better.

On the tuition assistance front for this fall, even we are surprised at the magnitude of the \$5 million of grants awarded for the fall school term. To reach **59% more students** who need us - ***in just one year*** - has created a whole new energy across the Catholic school community that will just keep on building!

And there's more.....when our new Catholic school families who received a tuition assistance award begin their school journey, and their children start to excel in an environment centered in Faith, Family and Learning like never before, **the "buzz" will get a lot louder.** Parents will joyfully share their children's new school stories, and their neighbors, friends and family will ask themselves – "Should we consider a Catholic school for our kids?"

The Answer is YES!

What does all of this mean at the Catholic Education Foundation? In short, we'd better get to work raising more funds to support more Catholic school families! In fact, we think that demand for our Catholic elementary schools, while strong for this fall, will **really "take off"** this time next year.

We all know that the Catholic school momentum that is building across the Archdiocese will require even more investment on your part than ever before. So come aboard, join the mission of the Catholic Education Foundation, and let's meet the challenge to help even more Catholic school families fulfill their dreams and change their futures.

Your generosity and devotion to our Catholic school tradition is nothing less than humbling - and we are so grateful for it!

God bless each of you and your families,



David P. Calzi
Chairman



Richard A. Lechleiter
President

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P.S. See you all at the 8th annual Salute to **THE GAME** luncheon at the Galt House Hotel at noon on September 30! ■

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Tuition Assistance Soars Continued from page 1

Archbishop of Louisville **Joseph E. Kurtz** reflected on the early success of the new school plan with gratitude. "The selfless generosity of all 111 Catholic parishes and their pastors in central Kentucky to support the education of our young people is a resounding testament to our faith and the future of Christ's Church. These parish communities will combine to provide over \$1 million annually to ensure that a Catholic school is accessible to families who yearn for this gift but cannot afford it. I am deeply thankful that we can come together with our other funding partners and create so much hope for so many families in our community. We are blessed indeed!"

Under the Foundation's leadership, a collaborative partnership was formed among the schools, the Archdiocese of Louisville, School Choice Scholarships, Community Catholic Center and the Foundation itself to combine resources and share data to determine the best possible award for each family who qualified for financial assistance. Mr. Lechleiter added, "This creative new way of allocating funds ensured that each family received a fair award and that more families were assisted than ever before. In many cases, each organization provided a portion of the funding that a family needed to make a Catholic education possible for their children."

The \$5 million of funding was provided by the Foundation (\$2 million), parishes and schools (\$1.5 million), the Archdiocese of Louisville (\$1.2 million), and School Choice Scholarships and the Community Catholic Center (\$300,000). For the first time in its history, the Foundation and its partners provided an award to every applicant with a demonstrated financial need. Mr. Lechleiter noted, "We began this new approach using the slogan **"The Answer is YES!"** to remind everyone of the importance of Catholic education in this community, particularly for those who cannot afford it. It is inspiring to see this slogan begin to evolve into a reality."

At the annual Salute to Catholic School Alumni Dinner held in March, the Foundation and the Archdiocese of Louisville jointly announced a goal to add 1,000 students to Catholic elementary schools in central Kentucky in five years. Foundation Board Chair **David P. Calzi** commented that the jump in tuition assistance applications included many families who are not currently enrolled in Catholic schools. "With over 550 potential new students applying for financial assistance this fall, we are more convinced than ever that Catholic school enrollments can grow well beyond our stated goals. Our message of growth, outreach and inclusion in Catholic schools is taking hold and we know that our best days are ahead of us. We can't wait!"

The Archdiocese of Louisville sponsors 37 elementary schools with over 13,000 students and nine high schools with over 6,000 students in central Kentucky. ■



Lechleiter Gift *Continued from page 1*

John C. Lechleiter, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Eli Lilly and Company in Indianapolis, commented, "We could not be more pleased to make this gift to the Foundation to help ensure the great gift of Catholic education for more young families across central Kentucky. The tremendous sacrifices made by our parents to educate all of their children in Catholic schools was their greatest gift to each of us."

Richard A. Lechleiter, President of the Foundation, added, "Our Catholic education was an experience that defined our futures in many ways and provided a spiritual path that has largely contributed to any success that we have had in our lives. Now, it is time to repay this gift so that others may have access to this same educational experience that truly lasts a lifetime."

Archbishop of Louisville **Joseph E. Kurtz** expressed his deep gratitude to the Lechleiter family. "For many years, the Lechleiter family has been a great benefactor to the mission of the Foundation. This wonderful gift to Catholic education from the Lechleiter siblings and their spouses is a fitting tribute to Jeanne and John Lechleiter in their lifelong work to raise their family in the Catholic faith through our exceptional schools. I know that our entire community joins me in thanking the Lechleiter family for this special gift that will benefit so many."

Foundation Board Chair **Dave Calzi** commented, "On behalf of the entire Board, I want to thank the Lechleiters for their long-standing commitment to Catholic education across the Archdiocese of Louisville. This major gift will provide a huge lift to thousands of young students and their families who yearn for a Catholic elementary school experience but cannot afford it. What a difference it will make for our community!"

All of the Lechleiter children attended **St. Stephen Martyr Elementary School**, while the five brothers graduated from **Saint Xavier High School** and the four sisters are graduates of **Sacred Heart Academy**. All of the Lechleiter siblings are college graduates.

Mrs. Lechleiter, an active member of St. Stephen Martyr parish for over 60 years, enjoys spending time with her 27 grandchildren and six great grandchildren. Reflecting on the Catholic school experience provided to her children, she remarked, "Yes, sending our nine children to Catholic schools required sacrifice, but we saw it as the best investment we could ever make in their futures. We have always been thankful for the lifelong gift that these schools provided to each of our kids." ■



The nine Lechleiter siblings are pictured with their mother Jeanne Lechleiter, second from left in the front row. The siblings pictured in the front row, from left to right, are Alice Sheehan, John C. Lechleiter, Barbara McGrath and Jeannie Donovan. In the second row, from left to right, are Rich Lechleiter, Paul Lechleiter, Nancy Meurer, Bruce Lechleiter and Donald (Dino) Lechleiter.

Kevin S. Woodward Joins the Catholic Education Foundation as Director of Development

The Foundation recently welcomed Mr. **Kevin S. Woodward** as its new Director of Development.

In his new role, Kevin will be responsible for the Foundation's fundraising activities as well as its community awareness initiatives that demonstrate the great value of Catholic elementary and secondary educational opportunities across the Archdiocese.

Prior to joining the Foundation, Kevin served as the Director of Admissions at Louisville's Saint Xavier High School since 2009. He earned a Master of Science in Sports Administration from the University of Louisville in 2007 and a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from the University of Kentucky in 2005.

Kevin's early education was centered in the Catholic tradition, where he attended **St. Agnes Parish School** and graduated from **Saint Xavier** in 2000.

Foundation President **Richard A. Lechleiter** commented, "Kevin is such a great addition to our team! He brings to us a wealth of talent – and results – from his St. X experience as well as an enthusiasm for our cherished Catholic school tradition that will benefit so many for years to come. There is no doubt that he will contribute enormously to the future growth and impact of the Foundation."

Kevin, along with his wife, **Ashley**, and their three children, are members of St. Agnes Parish. ■



Kevin S. Woodward, Director of Development

2015 Humana Scholars

The Catholic Education Foundation is pleased to partner with the Humana Foundation to provide the **Humana Scholars Program**. This partnership combines the academic excellence found in Catholic schools and wellness initiatives promoted by Humana Inc., a Fortune 100 health benefits company based in Louisville. Middle school candidates must demonstrate a high academic achievement, a healthy, active lifestyle, and a commitment to community service. Each recipient will receive a minimum scholarship of \$1,000 for the coming school year.

The 2015 Humana Scholars are:

Addison Dewees-Notre Dame Academy

Jacob Albrecht-St. Martha School

Marla Ashby-St. Mary Academy

Kennedy Brents-Pitt Academy

Ian Choi-John Paul II Academy

George Crepps-St. Joseph School

Michael Delaney-St. Athanasius School

Megan Farmer-St. Leonard School

Lauren Gentile-Holy Spirit School

Catherine George-St. Agnes School

Braden Heuglin-St. Michael School

Mary-Katherine Kelty-St. Stephen Martyr School

Kyle Kinser-St. Aloysius School

Alaina Leber-St. Leonard School

Mikiah Livers-Bryant-St. Joseph School

Anabel Magers-St. Leonard School

Maura Maguire-St. Martha School

Lilly Nutt-St. Agnes School

J.R. Perry-St. Andrew Academy

Evan Peterworth-St. Bernard School

Alexandra Rapp-St. Nicholas Academy

Tyler Rose-John Paul II Academy

Laura Russell-St. Martha School

Virginia Spalding-St. Joseph School

Lailah Thorn-St. Rita School

Laura Tinnell-St. Andrew Academy ■

Humana

Foundation Funds Grants for Technology, Religious Education and Professional Development

In addition to tuition assistance, the Foundation also supports Catholic schools and parishes across the Archdiocese in the areas of technology, religious education and professional development. For its new fiscal year that began on July 1, the Foundation will provide more funding in these important elements of the Catholic school experience.

While substantially all of the tuition assistance funding is directed at the elementary schools, these grants can be requested by the nine Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese as well.

For fiscal 2016, the Foundation Board of Directors recently approved \$160,000 of funding for technology initiatives in Catholic schools, up from \$150,000 in the prior year. These grants provide basic technology equipment and software to schools that cannot afford these items. In addition, these grants also fund innovative requests that provide unique learning experiences in the classroom such as robots, 3-D printers and drones, to name a few. **Donna Brown**, Technology Curriculum Consultant for the Archdiocese, provides expert advice to the Foundation staff and leads the evaluation of the requests.

Religious education grants for next year will increase to \$105,000 from \$95,000 last year. Most of these funds will help young students participate in programs such as the National Catholic Youth Conference and the Archdiocesan Christian Leadership Institute. New for next year, each of the high schools will receive a stipend to fund any students who cannot afford the cost of participating in their four-day retreat program.

Professional development funding for Catholic school teachers and administrators will total \$42,500 in the new fiscal year, up from \$37,500 last year. This funding supplements amounts provided by the schools and is another initiative to help ensure that educators in Catholic schools continue to develop their skills in the advancement of academic excellence.

Foundation Board Chair **Dave Calzi** commented, "The Foundation is committed to increasing the funding of all of its four core initiatives – tuition assistance, technology, religious education and professional development – to help ensure that the faith-based experience of Catholic schools is one that truly lasts a lifetime." ■



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Foundation Board Chair Dave Calzi





GET IN THE GAME!

Noon, Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at the Galt House Hotel. For tickets and reservations, visit www.ceflou.org or call (502) 585-2747.

Come join us for the **8th annual Salute to *THE GAME* Luncheon** celebrating the most storied high school football rivalry in the nation! And help a neighbor give the gift of a Catholic education to their children.

Let's all get in the game of Catholic education – it's a sure winner for our entire community!



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All event proceeds will benefit the Catholic Education Foundation, an organization dedicated to the growth and vitality of Catholic education.

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The Foundation grants more than \$2 million annually to support Catholic education, primarily in the form of tuition assistance awards.

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