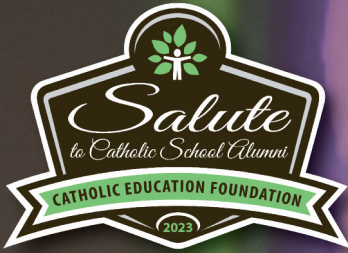




SPRING 2023

The Answer is Yes!

A MESSAGE FROM THE CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION



SALUTE DINNER EVENT HITS ALL-TIME HIGH

*Astounding \$1.5 Million
Net from the Event
Rockets Past Last Year's
Record \$1.4 Million*

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Father Mike Schmitz, Youth & Young Adult Ministry Director for the Diocese of Duluth, was the keynote speaker for the evening.

Second Annual Bourbon Raffle!

20 Prize Lots - 20 Chances to Win!

Online event to feature nearly 100 Unicorn and Rare Bourbons, one of the largest in the country.

Raffle launches April 10 and ends May 31. Live drawing on June 1.

Each raffle ticket to sell for \$100
- Event limited to 2,500 tickets

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Our Message To You

Building Out the Next Classroom

As we were preparing for our 33rd annual Salute to Catholic School Alumni dinner event, I called on a donor to see if he would serve as a Benefactor of the event.

Each year, our Benefactors are the lifeline of this event, each donating \$25,000 or more to the fundraising success of the evening. Ten years ago, we had seven Benefactors and raised \$550,000 at the event. This year, we were accompanied by 37 Benefactors and garnered an all-time record \$1.5 million for the benefit of our young Catholic school students. In a word, **"WOW!!"**

After I made my pitch to him, he asked me a very good question. "If I donate \$25,000 to the event – a lot of money for me – how much good will that do?"

Thankfully, I knew the answer.

Last fall, along with our funding partners (the Archdiocese of Louisville, the schools themselves and Community Catholic Center), we awarded scholarships to an all-time high 3,600 Catholic elementary students with record funding of an astounding \$7.7 million. Of that amount, about \$4 million, or \$1,100 per student, came out of the Foundation's coffers.

So my answer was this. "If you invest \$25,000 in this event, you will be solely responsible for providing a Catholic education to 22 young students next fall. **A full classroom of kids!!**"

To which he simply responded, "Count me in."

And onward we all march together, filling more Catholic school classrooms with students whose families count on us as the lifeline of their children's futures. Indeed, for all of them, **"The Answer is Yes!"**



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"In the Gospel, good servants are those who take risks. They are not fearful and overcautious, they do not cling to what they possess, but put it to good use. For if goodness is not invested, it is lost, and the grandeur of our lives is not measured by how much we save but by the fruit we bear."

-Pope Francis

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Our Vision:
Every family has access to a Catholic education.

Our Mission:
To promote the growth and vitality of Catholic education in the Archdiocese of Louisville.



Father John H. Morgan Scholarship Winners

At the Salute to Catholic School Alumni dinner event, the Foundation honored the 2023 Father John H. Morgan Scholarship recipients. **Father John H. Morgan**, an archdiocesan priest, established a charitable trust now run by the Foundation to provide a college scholarship to one senior in each of the nine Catholic high schools in the Archdiocese of Louisville.

Scholarship recipients have each selected a course of study in college leading to a profession in law, medicine, religion, science or education and were chosen based on their academic achievement, extracurricular activities, leadership roles and service to others. These distinguished students will each receive \$9,500 in college scholarships.

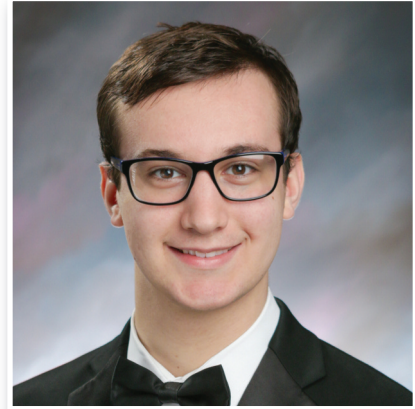
Here are the 2023 Father John H. Morgan Scholarship recipients:



Josephine Ann Deye
Assumption High School



Katherine Victoria Belle Coale
Bethlehem High School



Jackson Clay Hoard
DeSales High School



Rebecca Raeann Kaelin
Holy Cross High School



Mia Jane Grosshans
Mercy Academy



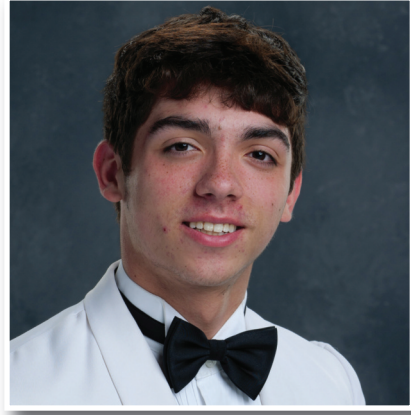
Fatimah Saeed Alawami
Presentation Academy



Valentina Moreno
Sacred Heart Academy



Lorenzo Paul Martinelli
Saint Xavier High School



Lucas Martinez Osborn
Trinity High School

And it Just Keeps Getting Bigger and Better!!

Selling out faster than ever in its 33-year history, the Salute to Catholic School Alumni dinner event hosted a packed ballroom of 1,400 guests on March 8 at downtown Louisville’s Galt House Hotel, continuing its tradition as a hallmark community event in the Commonwealth.

This year’s event soared to a historic record of \$1.5 million in net proceeds, rocketing past the previous year record of \$1.4 million. Foundation President **Richard A. Lechleiter** remarked, “From our humble beginnings in 1990, this incredible event is now lifting the hopes and dreams of thousands of young Catholic school students and their families through the life-changing gift of a Catholic education. We are truly humbled by this amazing result and thank God for its unprecedented success.”

“Thanks entirely to our unrelenting donors, this marks the 14th consecutive year in which this event has posted a new fundraising record. And look at what our donors have done! In 2013, this event crossed \$500,000 in fundraising for the first time. Then in 2018, we crossed \$1 million. And now, five short years later, a new record of \$1.5 million!! It’s the kind of result people only dream about!”

All the funds from the Salute will be used to provide tuition assistance to families who cannot afford the full cost of a Catholic elementary education for their children. Last fall, the Foundation and its partners supported an all-time high 3,600 elementary students throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville’s 39 Catholic schools with a record \$7.7 million in tuition assistance.

Mr. Lechleiter noted that the organization’s home-grown slogan - **“The Answer is YES!”** – has become a mandate to assist every family who reaches out to the Foundation. “In each of the last eight years, every student who reached out to us - and qualified for tuition assistance - in fact earned an award. **Every single one!** What could be better for our young families and our community!”

The Salute also was highlighted by its recognition of six distinguished honorees whose success in life was nurtured by their Catholic education. The Salute Class of 2023 included:

William Pike Conway, Jr. (St. Joseph School, Bardstown, Kentucky) – President and Dealer Principal, Conway-Heaton, Inc.

Dr. Cynthia R. Crabtree (Angela Merici High School) – Past President, Sacred Heart Schools

Honorable Audra J. Eckerle (Sacred Heart Academy) – Kentucky Court of Appeals

Susan M. Gatz, SCN (Presentation Academy) – Sisters of Charity of Nazareth

Thomas A. Perrone (Saint Xavier High School) – Managing Director, Perrone Wealth Management Group at Morgan Stanley

Patrick M. Potter (Trinity High School) – President, Flexo Wash

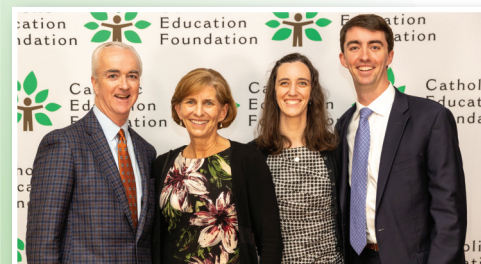
The Foundation also honored **Greg M. Gitschier**, Deacon, St. Patrick and St. Boniface Parishes and Chaplain, Louisville Metro Police, with its distinguished Community Service Award.

Terry R. Rogan, a teacher at St. Gregory School in Cox’s Creek, Kentucky, received the 2023 Father Joseph McGee Award as the outstanding Catholic school educator in the Archdiocese of Louisville.



2023 Salute Honorees: First row, left to right: Bill Conway, Sr. Susan Gatz, Father Martin Linebach, Terry Rogan, Tom Perrone

Second row, left to right: Todd Klimek, Deacon Greg Gitschier, Cindy Crabtree, Randy Bufford, Father Mike Schmitz, Audra Eckerle, Patrick Potter, Rich Lechleiter



Phil, Suzanne, Erin and Phillip McHugh



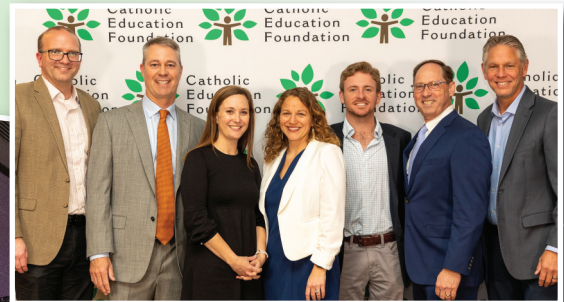
Luis Garcia and Foundation President Rich Lechleiter

For the second consecutive year, Louisville-based **ISCO Industries** served as the Presenting Sponsor of the event with an investment of \$75,000. **Mr. James J. Kirchdorfer**, ISCO's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, noted, "My brother Mark and I are thrilled that our company could serve as the Presenting Sponsor of this prestigious event. Here at ISCO, many of our team members are Catholic school graduates and we think it makes so much sense to invest in one of our community's greatest treasures – Catholic education!"

Major benefactors of this year's Salute, each of whom contributed from \$25,000 to \$50,000, include Fifth Third Bank of Kentucky (founding benefactor); Norton Healthcare; AirHydro Power; Brown-Forman Corporation; The Bufford Family Foundation; Jill and Chris Burckle; Caldwell Tanks and Preload; D3 Foundation; Dahlem; Joseph and Sherry Dougherty; David and Cathy Durik; The Galt House Hotel; The Glenview Trust Company; David and Jennie Heintzman; the Klimek Family; the Kramer Family; Sarah and John Lechleiter; Louisville Thoroughbred Society; Manna, Inc.; Keith and Jeanie Mouser; Bill and Michelle Mudd; the Ramsey Family; Karen and Hank Robinson; the Sautel Family; SCJ Fiduciary Services; Len and Susan Spalding; Brad and Charlotte Stengel; Stock Yards Bank and Trust Co.; the Ulmer Family; Willis-Klein Companies; Tom and Rhonda Wimsett; and the Richard Lechleiter Family. ■



LEFT: Bridget Malewitz, Father Mike Schmitz, Kelly Zoeller



BELOW: Chris Holland, Mark Kirchdorfer, Eleanor Renfroe, Karlie Burton, Mike Sass, Chris Feger, Mike James



Bill Conway



Cynthia Crabtree



ABOVE: Matt and Sherry Ott



Chad Bader, Carrie Gates, Elizabeth Jackson, Anne Karrick Deetsch, Josh Huff



Nick Taylor, Griffen Ackermann, Wes Taylor



Deacon Greg Gitschier

Foundation staff, left to right: Gil Wentzel, Ashley Eifler, Julie Baum, Valarie Fowler, Michelle Dohrman, Angie Higdon, Rich Lechleiter



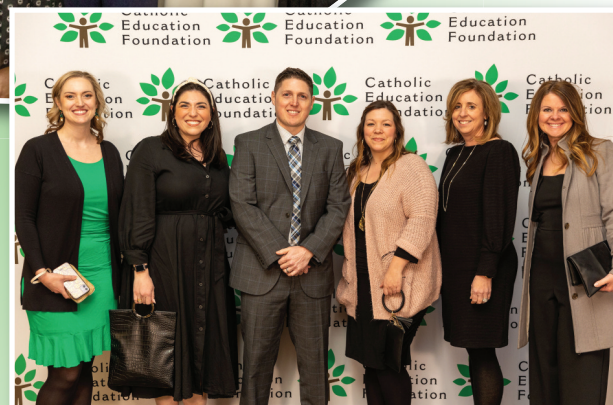
Event Chair Randy Bufford with Audra Eckerle and Father Martin Linebach



Jenn Young, Molly Willer, Lauren Johnson, Allie Schaber, Lee Haring, Lindsay Harden



Katie Schneider Curran from the Galt House and Julie Baum led the honorees to the Grand Ballroom for the 33rd Salute to Catholic School Alumni dinner



St. Patrick Team



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John Lechleiter, Pat Donovan, Jeannie Donovan and Archbishop Kurtz



Stacy Cohen, Terry Rogan and Father Martin Linebach



Patrick Potter



Dr. Brandon and Sarah James



Joe and Kelly Landenwich with Nancy Morrison



Father Wayne Jenkins, Foundation Vice President Julie Baum, Father Mike Schmitz, Scott Shoenberger, Father Seth Gogolin, Father Shayne Duvall



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Ashley Eifler Joins Foundation Team



The Foundation welcomes **Ashley Eifler** to our fundraising team as we seek to further expand our impact and provide a Catholic education experience to more families in need. Previously, she served in a fundraising role at Sacred Heart Schools for five years.

Through her experience there, Ashley saw first-hand the value of a Catholic education for those who could not afford its full cost.

Foundation Vice President **Julie Baum** noted, "We're thrilled to have Ashley here as we focus on dramatically expanding the number of students whom we assist each year. Our vision is to grow to annually support as many as 5,000 students in Catholic elementary schools over the next several years. Her experience and her passion for our mission make for the perfect fit as we pursue this very aggressive goal!"

Ashley's four adult children are all Catholic school graduates. ■

Foundation Funds Special Needs Project at St. Patrick School

While the Foundation is mostly known for its tuition assistance program, the organization also provides funding to parishes and schools for technology projects and enhancements. Recently, a unique program at St. Patrick School benefited from a Foundation grant.

Fourth and fifth grade students who are involved in the Student Technology Leadership Program at the school worked alongside physical therapy students at Bellarmine University to create child-size vehicles for children with mobility problems. Two vehicles were constructed by the team, allowing two young boys – a four-year-old and a fifteen-month-old – the opportunity to experience what most children take for granted.

A nearly \$10,000 grant from the Foundation helped to launch the project, allowing students to give back to others in need. ■



Bourbon Raffle Prizes Expand to Nearly 100 Bottles Continued from front page

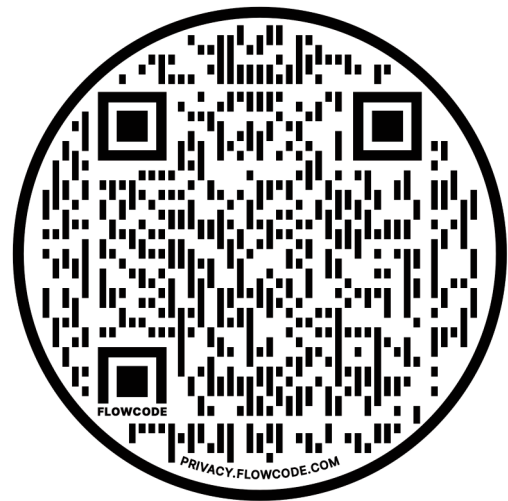
At the Catholic Education Foundation, it's time for our second annual Bourbon Raffle! All the proceeds from this fun event will provide even more tuition assistance funding for Catholic school students in need when they return to school in the fall.

The online raffle can be found on the Foundation's website, ceflou.org, from April 10 through May 31, with the drawing to be held on Thursday, June 1, 2023.

Foundation President Rich Lechleiter exclaimed, "In our first Bourbon raffle last year, we featured 17 rare bourbons in five lots, so you had five chances to win for each ticket you bought. This year, we're featuring nearly 100 rare bourbons in 20 lots. Guess what. Now you get 20 chances to win for every ticket you buy!! WOW, are you kidding me??"

The Foundation extends its deep thanks to those who have helped build this off-the-charts raffle prize, including Matt and Sherry Ott, Pat and Jeannie Donovan, and the Foundation Board of Directors.

So come aboard and join the fun before the raffle sells out! And together with you, we can say to every Catholic school family in need, **"The Answer is Yes!"** ■



Catholic Schools Week Contest Winners Celebrated

During Catholic Schools Week, the Foundation annually sponsors two contests for students throughout the Archdiocese of Louisville to highlight the theme of the national celebration. This year's theme was entitled, "Open the Door to Jesus: Be Intentional in Walking with Him and Sharing the Gospel Message."

For grades K through 8, students were invited to create posters depicting their school's role in achieving the theme. Each winner received their poster neatly framed and a cash prize of \$250 from the Foundation.

Winners of the poster contest were:

- Ellie Lavelle**, 2nd Grade, Holy Spirit School
- Haley Kiefer**, 4th Grade, Saint Gabriel School
- Caleb Gates**, 6th Grade, Saint Raphael the Archangel

The Foundation also sponsored an essay contest for Catholic high school students in which they described their relevance to the theme. The winner was **Addison Mulrooney**, a sophomore at Holy Cross High School.

Her essay was published in the February 2, 2023 issue of *The Record* and she received a cash prize of \$1,000.

There was no Catholic Schools Week Mass held this year because of the weather. Each student was recognized for their achievement at their school's weekly mass or Catholic Schools Week assembly. ■



Caleb Gates



Haley Kiefer



Ellie Lavelle



Addison Mulrooney

Congratulations To Our Winners!



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