

Natchez Cruise for Priests

During this Year for Priests, the Catholic Foundation decided to honor and affirm all priests working and residing in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Our most recent event took place on the Steamboat Natchez. Priests were invited to join the Natchez on St. Patrick's Day for dinner, music and a cruise on the Mississippi River. With 36 priests in attendance, the Natchez set sail complete with corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and music by the Dukes of Dixieland. The two hour ride was concluded with smiles and a good feeling. The Catholic Foundation thanks all the priests living and residing within the Archdiocese of New Orleans. The work they do in spreading God's word is immeasurable.



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CATHOLIC EDUCATION: Opportunities for All



Our Archdiocesan schools provide an environment where Catholic dogma, values and spirit permeate the school community. Students are offered opportunities for daily prayer, mass and reception of the Holy Eucharist. Students are challenged academically and grow spiritually.

Contributions to these endowments come from many sources – including bequests in wills, insurance policies, or from the remainder assets in trusts and gift annuities. Also individuals and families can establish an endowment to honor a special teacher, administrator or family member. These endowments then receive gifts that add to the endowments from alumni, parents and friends. In the last year, representatives of the Catholic Foundation worked with the family of Judge Edward J. Stoulig to create an endowment to provide scholarships for needy students attending

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However, the Archdiocesan schools need assistance. According to Sr. Kathleen Finerty, O.S.U., Superintendent of Catholic Schools, the cost to educate a child is \$5,200, while the cost of tuition is only an average of \$3,500. Without the aid of endowments, the schools can barely make ends meet. Scholarship Endowments not only help the schools keep under privileged children stay in Catholic Schools, they also help keep up the academic and spiritual standards that the schools are so well known for.

The Catholic Foundation manages approximately \$7 million in scholarship endowments, most of which provide funding for students requiring financial support to attend the Catholic elementary or high school of their choice. In 2009, approximately \$350,000 was distributed to schools in the Archdiocese of New Orleans for tuition support. The Catholic Foundation has approximately 50 endowments which are restricted for tuition support. Funds each year are distributed to individual schools and the Foundation manages the investment of the endowments.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION IS NOW ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE POPE JOHN PAUL II AWARD

The candidate should be a Catholic layperson(s) who possesses high moral character and exemplary values, and who has rendered unselfish volunteer service to the institutions and programs of the Archdiocese of New Orleans. Nomination forms can be downloaded from our website (www.archdiocese-no.org/catholicfoundation) or by calling Allison at 504-310-6981. Nominations are due Friday, May 21, 2010. The award will be given at The Catholic Foundation's 2010 Annual Dinner on October 27, 2010.

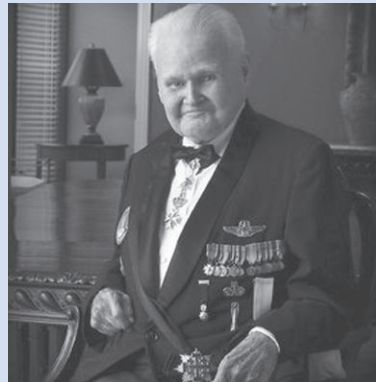
HELPING THE FUTURE: A Gift of Life Insurance

Mary is a 60 year old widow who has enjoyed her life. She has no children, but felt she needed to do something meaningful with her worldly blessings. She always gave monetary gifts to her Church parish and to her high school. She was unable to give a large gift at the time, but she set up a Life Insurance Policy through the Catholic Foundation to benefit her parish and her school in the future. Her parish and her school split the value of the policy upon her death, so Mary can make her earthly blessings more meaningful without hurting her quality of life now. She received a tax deduction when the policy is transferred and can even deduct her policy payments as gifts. She can also receive income tax deductions and the money is out of her estate.

Gifts of Life Insurance can be as little as \$1,000 or as large as you want. Life Insurance Policies are a wonderful way to remember you Church parish, school or other ministry without affecting your current cash flow. The Catholic Foundation can make your wish to help the future come true.

Past President Col. Al Wetzel Dies

Past President and one of the founding Directors Colonel Albert Wetzel has returned to the Lord. Col. Wetzel worked with Archbishop Hannan in 1976 to help form the Catholic Foundation and served for many years as a Board Member and later as a Director Emeritus. He was a recipient of the Holy Cross Pro Ecclesia et Pontifica Award, and was also a member of the Order of the Holy Selpuchre and the Knights of Columbus. He was on the boards of the Crippled Children's Hospital (now Children's Hospital) and CODOFIL, an organization designed to strengthen the French language and culture in Louisiana. He was well known for his commitment to Tulane University, the Louisiana Television Authority, and the United States Military. Col. Wetzel was chosen to head the Titan Missile Program during the Cold War and is a member of the Air Force Space and Missile Pioneers Hall of Fame. He is survived by his wife Helen, his two sons, Albert Wetzel Jr., and E. Russell Wetzel, two daughters, Elizabeth McCormick and Joan Wetzel and three grandchildren. The Catholic Foundation sends its prayers to his family.



2010 NEW OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

The New Officers were approved at the December 15, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting held at Notre Dame Seminary. The new officers are: President: Jack Dardis, of Dardis, Couvillon and Associates, Vice-President: Michael Nolan, President of Fifth District Savings and Loans, Secretary: Brian E. Adorno, Attorney, CPA, and Treasurer: M. Gordon Stevens, President of New Orleans Steamboat.

New Board Members appointed to the Board of Directors are: Willard M. Dumas, D.D.S., Dumas Dental Clinic, Deacon Charles "Rusty" Read, Very Rev. John-Nahn Tran, V.F., Ralph W. Junius, Jr. of Linfield, Hunter and Junius, Inc., Jamie Lassere, VP of Finance, St. Mary's Dominican High School, John Theriot, Managing Partner of Malcolm M. Dienes, and Patsy Hotard.

Woman's New Life Center Receives gift of \$100,000

Woman's New Life Center, a Christian organization promoting the sanctity of life, the dignity of women, and the sacredness of sexuality by assisting girls and women who are unprepared for pregnancy, has received a \$100,000 gift through The Catholic Foundation from an anonymous donor. The Center will use the funds to grow their Pro-Life Emergency Room and add a Nurse Practitioner to their already long list of services.

The Center, which is next door to an abortion clinic, offers a wide range of services including: counseling, ultrasound, pregnancy testing, STD testing, material assistance, post-abortion counseling, and parenting classes. The Center also offers family and group counseling as well as spiritual counseling. Since its founding in 2001, the Woman's New Life Center has saved more than 500 babies.

Peter Quirk presents Susan Mire with a \$100,000 check.



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Archbishop Chapelle and Archbishop Rummel High Schools in Metairie. Approximately \$9,500 has been made available for providing tuition support. Richard Stoulig and his brother, Lawrence, are delighted with the performance and distribution to assist needy students as determined by the respective high schools. "As long as it helps kids learn," stated Richard Stoulig about the endowment.

Cathedral Academy provides significant financial support to many inner city families who have limited ability to pay the tuition. This support is made available through an endowment managed by The Catholic Foundation. Cathedral Academy has been a beacon of light for the Catholic Church in the French Quarter by providing a safe, secure Christian environment for learning.

The Catholic Foundation is committed to facilitating scholarships and tuition support for schools in the Archdiocese. For several Catholic school students, without the tuition support given to the schools through The Catholic Foundation, they would not be able to stay at the school.

For more information about Scholarship Endowments or other types of planned gifts, contact Bob Menard at 504-596-3043 or rmenard@archdiocese-no.org.

Fiscal 2009 Disbursements

Young People (Elementary, Secondary & college education, scholarships, Scouting, Summer Witness, troubled Youth)	\$396,963
Pro-Life	\$145,800
Families - (community centers, food banks & food programs, homelessness)	\$262,388
Parish Support	\$597,013
Evangelization	\$60,100
Medical Research	\$130,275
Vocations	\$77,940
Missions	\$125,300

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$1,795,778.00