Board News

Congratulations to several of our Board Members who have received awards and appointments this year!

Joseph Exnicios: 2008 AFP Outstanding Volunteer Fundraiser, 2008 YLC Role Model
Dr. Emmett B. Chapital, Jr., M.D., MBA, F.A.C.C.: 2008 YLC Role Model
Michael E. Nolan: 2008 YLC Role Model
Mark C. Surprenant: Louisiana State Bar Association McKay Award for Outstanding Volunteerism
Lloyd A. Tate: Director Emeritus of The Catholic Foundation
John D. Becker: First Bank and Trust Jimmy Fitzmorris Award
Sharon Rodi and her husband Mark: Appointed to the Willwoods Community Board
Jack Donahue: Inducted into the LSU Department of Civil and Environmental Engineer's Hall of Distinction.
Leon "Trey" Reymond III: Listed as one of America's Leading Business Lawyers by Chambers USA.
Rev. Msgr. Francis G. Boeshans: Celebrated the 60th Anniversary of his ordination this year.
Executive Director Peter R. Quirk: 2008 AFP's Outstanding Fundraising Professional Award.

The Catholic Foundation
7887 Walmsley Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70125-3496

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Most Reverend Alfred C. Hughes
Chairman of the Board
John J. Weiler
President
John "Jack" Dartis
Vice President
Michael E. Nolan
Secretary
Brian E. Adorno
Treasurer

St. Anthony Baczykowski, D.C.
Reverend Rodney P. Bourg
Emmett B. Chapital, Jr., M.D.
Mason G. Couvillon
John J. Devlin, III
Brandt J. Dufrene
John L. Eckholt
James C. Exnicios
Joseph S. Exnicios
Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre, V.G.
James C. Farrelly
Frank A. France
Joan E. Gaulene
Patricia T. Hotard
Steven J. Hubbell
Norman R. Kerth
Thomas M. Kitchen
Reverend Philip G. Landry
Pierre F. Lapeyre
James E. LaPorte
David J. Lishnovich
Most Reverend Roger P. Morin, V.G.
Brian W. North
Larry D. Ongy
Claiborne W. Pentillia*
Leon K. Roché, Jr.
Leon J. Reymond, III
Sharon Ryan Rodi*
John A. Rouchell
M. Gordon Stevens, III
Mark C. Surprenant
Lloyd A. Tate*
Sr. Sylvia Thibodeaux, S.S.F.
Mary Ann Valentino
Earl L. Weiser
Dr. Everett J. Williams
Sally B. Wolfe
Charles E. Young

North Shore Chapter
John D'Arcy Becker*
Warren L. Berault
Rev. Rodney P. Bourg
Guy A. Chiappetta
Dr. F. Ralph Daunerive
Hon. John "Jack" L. Donahue
John F. Faherty
Rev. Msgr. Frank J. Girior
Deacon Charles "Rusty" Read, Jr.
Stephen F. Stumpf
Harry A. Warner

Emeritus Members
Rodney J. Abele, Jr.*
Lawrence J. Baldwin
John D'Arcy Becker*
Rev. Msgr. Francis G. Boeshans
T. Hartley Kingsmill*
William F. Finegan*
Berry V. Lauricella*
Paul A. Nalty*
Michael O. Read*
Jerome J. Reso, Jr.*
Leon J. Reymond, Jr.*
Albert J. Weizel*

Staff
Peter R. Quirk*
Robert L. Menard
Madelyn O'Brien
Allison T. Russell

*Past President

Non Profit Orgn.
U.S. Postage
PAID
New Orleans, LA
Permit No. 324

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

CF Focus
September 2008
The Catholic Foundation of the Archdiocese of New Orleans

2008 Pope John Paul II Award Recipient

Michael (Mike) O. Read has always enjoyed helping others. "This desire to give back was instilled in me at Jesuit High School and at the University of Notre Dame," stated Mike Read. "My dad was a great mentor and role model. By his actions and his example, he taught me the importance of giving back to your church and to your community; not just of your resources, but also of your time and your talent."

Mike's Archdiocesan volunteer work includes the Archbishop's Community Appeal, Serra Club, St. Elizabeth's Home, The Catholic Foundation, and Christopher Homes. His community volunteer list is extensive and includes serving on the boards of YMCA, United Way of Greater New Orleans, the Touro Infirmary Foundation, The Lighthouse for the Blind, The Greater New Orleans Foundation, The Educational Broadcasting Foundation (WLAE Television), Operation Smile and Louisiana Nature and Science Center, among many others.

"Through the years I have enjoyed a number of very satisfying experiences and accomplishments." Mike said about his philanthropic experiences. "We enjoyed the satisfaction of achieving our objective, but even more satisfying for me was the opportunity to work with groups of extremely talented volunteers, all of whom were committed to making our community a better place."

The Catholic Foundation is pleased to be awarding Mike Read with this year's Pope John Paul II Award. "I am honored because of all that the award represents and also for the opportunity to join the company of those outstanding individuals who have received the award over the course of the twelve years since its creation," said Mike.

continued on page two

2008 Annual Dinner Speaker: Sister Briege McKenna

Sister Briege McKenna will be speaking at The Catholic Foundation's 2008 Annual Dinner at the Hilton Riverside. She has traveled the world ministering to priests and bishops with the Lord's guidance.

Sr. Briege was born in Newry, County Down, Ireland and entered the Sisters of St. Clare at age 15. After coming to Tampa, Florida to teach, she became crippled by the onset of Rheumatoid Arthritis. At the age of 24, during the celebration of the Eucharist, she was miraculously and instantaneously healed. She also received the gift of healing in prayer some time later. After receiving the gift of healing, she was told by the Lord through prayer "You have my gift of healing. Go now and use it." Years later, in 1974, she was given a deep spiritual insight into the ministry of the priesthood.

Her best selling book, *Miracles Do Happen*, has been translated into many languages throughout the world.

The Catholic Foundation is pleased and excited to have Sr. Briege speak at the Annual Dinner, being held on October 30, 2008.

2008 ANNUAL DINNER
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2008
NEW ORLEANS HILTON RIVERSIDE
COCKTAILS AT 6:30PM
DINNER AT 7:30PM
CALL (504)596-3044
TO RESERVE YOUR SEAT
TICKETS ARE $125 PER SEAT,
$1250 FOR A TABLE OF 10

Giving a Legacy - Charitable Gift Annuities

A Charitable Gift Annuity is an excellent way to receive a steady fixed income each year. Any annuitants you name will receive fixed annual income for life, guaranteed by the general resources of The Catholic Foundation.

Donors qualify for a federal income tax deduction and your estate may enjoy reduced probate costs and estate taxes.

Several people are already enjoying the benefits of having a Charitable Gift Annuity…read on.

--Suzanne owned several rental homes around New Orleans and along with collecting monthly rent, she collected monthly headaches. She gave the homes to The Catholic Foundation. The Foundation sold them and with the funds collected from the sales, The Foundation created a Charitable Gift Annuity for Suzanne. She now receives monthly funds greater than the rent she was collecting, with none of the headaches. After her death, the residual value of the annuity will benefit Notre Dame Seminary and St. Joseph's Abbey. The funds are in memory of her parents and her deceased husband.

--Joseph, age 77, retired from a well known drug store chain with many shares of the company's common stock. Joseph established nine annuities ($800,000 in value) over the last several years with The Catholic Foundation. The residual values of the annuities are going to various ministries; his Parish Church, Catholic Charities, Aged and Infirmed priests, Notre Dame Seminary, and The Catholic Foundation. The two life annuities were split among his two sisters and one brother. He receives income in excess of $50,000 a year (2/3 non-taxed) vs. $8,000 in taxable dividends. He is very pleased and will probably continue to purchase more. A Charitable Gift Annuity with The Catholic Foundation was a perfect fit for him.

Suzanne and Joseph illustrate that by establishing a Charitable Gift Annuity with The Catholic Foundation, you can ensure your future while helping others, a win-win situation.

Archbishop Hannan Educational Fund

One of the greatest things the Archdiocese gives to the New Orleans community is a Catholic education. Unfortunately, there are some Catholic School students who cannot continue their education due to family financial emergencies. This is why The Catholic Foundation has created the Archbishop Philip M. Hannan Educational Fund. The Educational Fund allocates funds to current Catholic School students whose families face a financial crisis and cannot continue paying tuition. It is Archbishop Hannan's love for education and the betterment of the community that the fund was created.

"To me that's the best thing that you can give to community at large. You are priming them for the future and they can take care of themselves and the community if you only prepare them," Archbishop Hannan said, "To give the people an absolute security about the future, you've got to give them the feeling that their education will give them exactly what they need in the future."

An anonymous donor will match every dollar that is donated to the fund. The Foundation hopes that the community will help reach a $500,000 goal. Students and families who are in need of emergency tuition funds are urged to fill out an application form available at their school. Applications will then be reviewed by the trustees of the fund.

"And without education you can't guarantee the future at all," said Archbishop Hannan, "But you can guarantee the future if you do have a good education and if the students themselves develop strength in their own character toward getting ahead. That's what they need."

If you would like to donate to the Archbishop Philip M. Hannan Educational Fund, please mail donations to The Catholic Foundation, 1000 Howard Avenue, Suite 700, New Orleans, LA 70113. For more information about the Archbishop Hannan Educational Fund and other Field of Interest Funds, please contact Bob Menard, (504)596-3043, rmenard@archdiocese-no.org.

Read - *continued from page one*

The past recipients of the award include Joseph A. Childress, Frank H. Walk, Honorable Lindy Boggs, Juliet Maquar, Alden J. "Doc" Laborde, Jane and Paul Nalty, Elmo J. Cerise, M.D., Dr. Norman and Blanche Francis, Anne M. Milling, John D. and Mary Jane Becker, and Mary Ann Valentino.

"There are so many others who have done far more than I to contribute to the betterment of our Archdiocese and our community as a whole," Mike said, "I am extremely honored but also extremely humbled to have been selected."

St. Mary's Dominican High School: Future Funds for Extraordinary Teachers

Founded in 1860, St. Mary's Dominican High School has excelled at educating local New Orleans girls. The school has been a staple of education for many years.

St. Mary's Dominican has created an endowment fund through The Catholic Foundation that will attract, retain and reward teachers. The St. Mary's Dominican High School Endowment Fund, honoring Sister Mary Anne McSweeney, O.P., was started with funds granted by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation and other private foundations and alumnae gifts. Sr. Mary Anne taught and served as an administrator for 54 years. "She was a dedicated student centered teacher," recalled school President Cynthia Thomas. "[She] inspired students and is inspiring new generations of dedicated teachers." Sr. Mary Anne is now in her 90's and lives at Our Lady of Wisdom.

Peter R. Quirk, Executive Director of the Catholic Foundation accepts the first installment of St. Mary's Dominican High School Endowment Fund from Cynthia Thomas, President of the school.

"We had been looking to invest in The Catholic Foundation for quite a while," said Thomas. "We had heard great things about how the money is managed. [We wanted to] perpetuate our intentions. Boards and leaders change, but The Catholic Foundation will be around for generations."

Dominican is an all girl, college preparatory school which promotes intellectual growth and stresses a variety of disciplines. The school's main goal is to instill a knowledge of moral values while encouraging ethical behavior and decisions and that actions should reflect a belief in the Lord and respect for all God's creations. Dominican also fosters growth in spiritual, intellectual, social, emotional and physical qualities.

"So many schools are dependent on tuition. We are looking to become less dependent on tuition," stated Thomas about the Endowment. "Without an extraordinary faculty, there is no extraordinary school."

To donate to The St. Mary's Dominican High School Endowment Fund, please mail donations to The Catholic Foundation, 1000 Howard Avenue, Suite 700, New Orleans, LA 70113.

Meet The Board: Brian Adorno

It has been ten years since Brian Adorno joined the Board of Directors of the Catholic Foundation. He has served as a member and the chair of the Planned Giving Committee and was appointed Treasurer in 2007.

Brian, a self-employed CPA and attorney, attended Jesuit High School and later University of New Orleans where he earned a BS in Accounting. He also attended Loyola University Law School where he received his Juris Doctorate.

Brian enjoys serving on the Board and when asked why he serves he says he "enjoys giving back to the New Orleans Catholic Community." He also feels that people and organizations should take advantage of what The Catholic Foundation offers. "The Foundation is ensuring the long term viability of the Catholic community in the New Orleans area; ensuring the future of Catholic education and helping the poor and under privileged."

Brian resides in Metairie with his wife Marie and their five children.

Brian Adorno stands with the other officers of the Board; from left: Vice-President Jack Dardis, President John Weiler, Secretary Michael Nolan and Brian Adorno.