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PRESS RELEASE

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Re: **Catholic Foundation Awards \$96,000 to Diocese, Parishes, Schools and Catholic Organizations**

Thanks to the generosity of its donors and to favorable earnings on its investment portfolio, The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lubbock, Inc., has awarded 2014 grants totaling \$96,000, including \$85,000 to the Diocese of Lubbock to use in its important programs and ministries, and another \$11,000 to parishes, Catholic schools and organizations. The 2014 grant recipients are:

- St. Isidore Church, Abernathy - \$750 to remodel restrooms and install handicap restrooms in parish hall
- St. Anthony de Padua Church, Anton - \$500 for purchase of projector with DVD player and screen for CCE, RCIA and other church events
- St. Mary Church, Aspermont - \$500 for purchase and installation of windows and air conditioners in hall
- Sacred Heart, El Ranchito - \$250 for the purchase of a computer and sound bar for liturgy
- St. Theresa Church, Hale Center - \$500 to repair porch overhang at back of church and replace rectory fire exit
- St. Margaret Mary, Lamesa - \$250 for a three day Confirmation retreat
- Cursillo Movement - \$1,000 to support the operating costs of the ministry
- Christ the King Cathedral School, Lubbock - \$1,000 for teachers to participate in the Dayton University Catechetical Program
- Diocese of Lubbock - \$85,000 for 2014-15 funding of seminarian education, clergy continuing education, diaconate formation and continuing education, youth ministry, marriage and family life ministry, evangelization and catechesis, vocations, communications and other outreach efforts
- St. Joseph Church, Lubbock - \$500 July Denver Colorado Steubenville youth conference
- St. Patrick Church, Lubbock - \$250 to purchase a laptop and clicker for music ministry
- St. Ann Church, Morton \$250 to purchase teen books and bibles

- Sacred Heart Church, Petersburg - \$500 to repair hall ceiling, restroom and water fountains
- St. Michael Church, Ralls - \$500 to purchase sound system for choir
- St. Joseph Church, Rotan - \$500 for dry erase whiteboards, CD player and projector in CCE classrooms
- St. Philip Benizi Church, Shallowater - \$500 towards concreting parking lot
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, Slaton - \$250 towards the purchase of a computer and software
- St. Joseph Catholic School, Slaton - \$1,000 for tuition assistance for the 2014-15 school year
- St. Isidro Church, Sundown - \$500 for Youth programs: Life Teen, Edge and Theology of the Body
- Blessed Sacrament Church, Wilson - \$250 to help rebuild church gazebo
- St. Francis Mission Community, Wolfforth - \$500 for vocations advertising in *Vision* magazine
- St. Francis of Assisi, Wolfforth - \$250 towards retreat for Guadalupanas at Cedarbrake Retreat Center in Belton, TX
- San Ramon, Woodrow - \$500 for Steubenville San Diego Youth Conference registration and van rental

“We are pleased to be able to provide funding to 23 different parishes, schools and Catholic organizations covering a wide variety of worthy projects,” said Gary Bellair, foundation chair. “I am grateful to the generous benefactors of the Catholic Foundation who make this possible.”

The Catholic Foundation is a separately incorporated non-profit organization that exists solely to support the parishes, schools and Catholic organizations within the Diocese of Lubbock. Its focus is to continue to build its assets – currently at \$2.9 million – through planned gifts such as estate bequests, annuities, life insurance, investment portfolios and endowment funds to create earnings for the long term support of diocesan ministries, Catholic parishes, schools and organizations.

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock encompasses 25 counties and a self-identified Catholic population of close to 73,000. The diocese includes 62 parishes, two elementary schools, one middle school, one high school, one Catholic health care system and a social service agency, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lubbock, Inc.

More information about establishing an endowment fund to benefit a parish, school, organization or ministry through the Catholic Foundation is available at www.catholicfoundationlubbock.org or by contacting Managing Director Renée Underwood at 806-792-3943 or runderwood@catholiclubbock.org.