



THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION AWARDS \$1.3 MILLION DURING VIRTUAL SPRING GRANT CEREMONY

The Catholic Foundation awarded \$1.3 million in grants to 26 Dallas-area Catholic churches, schools, and non-profit community organizations as part of its spring grants distribution. Celebrated through a virtual grant ceremony on April 23, the grants are funded through The Catholic Foundation's unrestricted Philanthropy Fund and other legacy field of interest funds.

"Our mission of serving the Dallas-area Catholic community continues as we support the year-round needs and new ones that have emerged from the pandemic," said Matt Kramer, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation. "With the help of our board of trustees and generous donors, we're pleased to provide these grants to so many organizations in our community."

Over time, The Catholic Foundation has provided more than \$225 million in grants to religious, charitable, and educational organizations. In 2020, The Catholic Foundation awarded more than 2,100 grants totaling over \$22.6 million.

Founded in 1955 by a group of dedicated Catholic laymen, The Catholic Foundation has spent decades building a strong community, helping donors fulfill their charitable goals, and preserving the founders' vision and philanthropic legacy. For additional information about The Catholic Foundation, call 972-661-9792 or visit catholicfoundation.com

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2021 SPRING GRANT RECIPIENTS**



TOGETHER, WE FORM A STRONG FOUNDATION

ST. MARK CATHOLIC SCHOOL LAUNCHES ALUMNI FACEBOOK PAGE

Since 1982, St. Mark Catholic School in Plano has educated Preschool-8th grade students in a spirit of faith, gospel values, and academic excellence. The school's alumni have gone on to enjoy success in high school, college, and careers around the world. Particularly in the age of COVID, the school feels a need to provide an online forum for these alumni to connect with each other, and as a result, recently launched a brand new Alumni Facebook group.

This page provides that forum, and also serves as a resource where alumni can network about job, intern, and community service opportunities; seek references for college applications, Greek organizations, and employment; and connect with others who have relocated outside of the area.

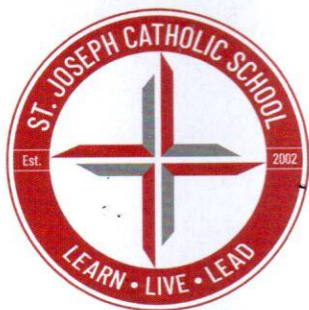
Second grade teacher and St. Mark alumnae, Lani Hernandez, is spearheading this effort on behalf of the school. "Through this Facebook page, St. Mark alumni have the opportunity to give back by sharing their wonderful gifts and resources with other former 'lions.'"

School Principal Pam Steinkirchner echoes this sentiment. "Our favorite saying on campus is, 'Once A Lion, Always A Lion,' and this is just one more way that we can help our former students maintain the strong bonds they formed during their time with us, and continue to benefit from the expertise of others within the community."

Are you a former St. Mark student? Follow the "St. Mark Catholic School Plano Alumni" group on Facebook!

- By Debbie Reed

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MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Monday May 31, 2021

St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church - Plano
Hosted by the St. Michael Society of St. Mark

10:00 AM - Mass in the Sanctuary

Celebrated by Father Jack Hopka
Featuring St. Mark Cantor singing Patriotic Hymns and ending with Taps played by Emily Hicks

11:00 AM - Reception in the Narthex

Come enjoy a treat provided by the St Michael Society and pick up a toy soldier reminder for your children to say a nightly prayer for the military