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ATLANTA—According to Board Chairman, Michael J. Keough, the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia approved 37 grants totaling \$100,000 for their Fall 2011 cycle. These grants will provide support to a variety of causes throughout the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

***The following 27 grants came from the General Grants Program which is funded by the Foundation's General, Goizueta, and Community Services Endowment Funds:***

**Action Ministries, Atlanta** \$2,000.00 : to support the operating needs of Action Ministries-Atlanta's educational programs for homeless children.

**Archdiocese of Atlanta – Office of Archives & Records** \$1,600.00 to purchase broadcast-quality audio recording equipment to support an oral history program.

**Archdiocese of Atlanta** \$10,000.00 to support costs in hosting the 2012 Eucharistic Congress which serves about 30,000 people.

**Cristo Rey School, Atlanta** \$5,000.00 to provide the capital necessary to launch a feasibility study with the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

**CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center, Atlanta** \$3,000.00 to support the salary of the part-time registered nurse to oversee ultrasounds and medical services.

**Catholic Church of St. Monica, Duluth** \$2,000.00 to offset costs for 30 couples to attend the new Natural Family Planning classes.

**Chastity Matters/Family Honor, Inc., Dalton** \$2,000.00 to provide for cost of the local program which promotes chastity conversations between parents and eighth grade children.

**Christ Our Hope Catholic Church, Lithonia** \$3,000.00 to enable the parish to expand the spring break and summer programs serving youth ages 8-18 during critical times when they are unattended.

**Community Action Center, Sandy Springs** \$3,000.00 to support the Emergency Assistance Program that helps disadvantaged families pay utilities and rent during financial hardship.

**Eagle Ranch, Chestnut Mountain** \$3,000.00 to purchase and install Automated External Defibrillator around their campus as a safety measure for children.

**Fayette Pregnancy Resource Center, Fayetteville** \$3,000.00 to pay operating costs of the Earn While you Learn program for pregnant mothers.

**Go F.I.S.H. Outreach, Alpharetta** \$2,500.00 to support costs associated with marketing and hosting Catholic Underground events, which seek to attract young adults and their friends back to the faith.

**HealingVeterans.org, Atlanta** \$1,560.00 to provide healing retreats to Veterans of war.

**Homestretch Temporary Housing, Roswell** \$2,000.00 to support services for homeless working families.

**Interfaith Airport Chaplaincy, Inc.** \$2,500.00 to purchase much needed items for their altar, a security system, and improve technology in the office.

**Jerusalem House, Atlanta** \$5,000.00 to support general operating costs of providing housing programs for homeless and low-income families living with HIV/AIDS.

**Monastery of the Holy Spirit, Conyers** \$5,000.00 to support the monastery's Season of Renewal Campaign for the Monastic Heritage Center.

**Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Atlanta** \$5,000.00: to illuminate and disseminate the 100-year history through an exhibit and video production which will be used at website, Alumni reunion, and other local historic venues.

**Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, Jasper** \$1,000.00 to support a youth pilgrimage to Baltimore, Annapolis, Washington D.C., St. Mary's City and St. Clement's Island.

**Renovacion Conyugal, Acworth** \$4,440.00 to sustain and expand the work of the *Renovacion Juvenil* program, which targets Latino teens that are at risk of negative or destructive behaviors.

**St. Joseph's Mercy Senior Care, Inc., Rome** \$5,000.00 toward the match of a \$25,000 grant that will help purchase a handicapped-accessible lift van.

**St. Luke the Evangelist Church, Dahlonega** \$3,400.00 toward a youth pilgrimage seeking to educate teens about Catholic history throughout the East Coast.

**St. Michael the Archangel Church, Woodstock** \$1,750.00 to support repairs and improvements to a deck and handicap ramp utilized for ministry meetings, classes and social functions.

**St. Pius X Catholic High School, Atlanta** \$4,000.00 to provide resources and development for faculty that will assist in the transition to a tablet-based learning environment.

**Totus Tuus Catholic Radio, Oakwood** \$5,000.00 to provide programming costs for a Catholic radio broadcast on WDUN AM 550 every Sunday.

**Transfiguration Catholic Church, Marietta** \$1,250.00 to offset fees and travel expenses of a musician conducting the *High School Praise and Worship* event for teens.

**Transition House, Atlanta** \$3,000.00 to help with the recent unanticipated fare increases of public transportation affecting the homeless veterans that Transition House supports.

***The following ten grants were issued from the Parish Enrichment Grants Program funded by the General Fund and approved by the Catholic Foundation's Pastors Advisory Council:***

**Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, Atlanta** \$1,000.00 to support the cost of purchasing new classroom chairs needed in the Religious Education Program.

**Our Lady of the Mountains Catholic Church, Jasper** \$1,000.00 to purchase a TV, mount and "smart" enhancement that will allow for improved teaching technology.

**Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Milledgeville** \$1,000.00 to create a Pastoral discretionary fund for the Helping Hands Ministry for people in need.

**St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Cartersville** \$1,000.00 to rent space at Red Top Mountain State Park and purchase refreshments for a day retreat for teens

**St. Helena Catholic Mission, Clayton** \$1,000.00 to purchase sound equipment that will allow for parishioners to better hear homily and readings.

**St. Luke the Evangelist Catholic Church, Dahlonga** \$1,000.00 to support a youth pilgrimage to Baltimore, Annapolis, Washington D.C., St. Mary's City and St. Clement's Island.

**St. Mary's Catholic Church, Rome** \$1,000.00 to support the Program for the Enrichment of Religious Knowledge (PERK), an adult religious education outreach program.

**St. Oliver Plunkett Catholic Church, Snellville** \$1,000.00 to replace playground equipment that is irreparable and potentially unsafe.

**St. Paul of the Cross Church, Atlanta** \$1,000.00 to provide the textbooks and materials for the religious education program for children and families that cannot afford the costs.

**St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church, Roswell** \$1,000.00 to provide better resources and instructional materials for children with disabilities enrolled in religious education programs.

**The next deadline for the General and Parish Enrichment granting programs is March 31, 2012 (due to the weekend, applications will be accepted until the end of the day on April 2). To receive the current application, please email the Foundation at [grants@cfnga.org](mailto:grants@cfnga.org) or visit the website at [www.cfnga.org](http://www.cfnga.org).**