The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia is pleased to announce the addition of the following members to the Board of Directors. They began their board terms on July 1, 2026.

Catherine Markwalter, *Communications Committee,* holds a Bachelor of Arts from Emory University. She brings extensive leadership experience in fundraising, marketing, and strategic communications across nonprofit and corporate sectors. She most recently served as Director of Development for Reach for Excellence, a ministry of the Society of Mary based at Marist School. She has also worked as Vice President of Sales and Marketing for Zoo Atlanta and in marketing and account management roles at The Coca-Cola Company, Delta Airlines, and Proctor & Gamble. Previously, she served on the Marketing and Communications Committee of Cristo Rey Atlanta Jesuit High School, as President of the Marist Parent Club, and as Chair of the Trinity School Auction. Catherine and her husband, Charlie, who have three college-aged children, are parishioners at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church.

Brendan McGill, *Grants Committee,* holds a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from Duke University and a Juris Doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law. Brendan currently serves as Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary at Haverty Furniture Companies, Inc. Brendan has also served in legal and operational roles across a variety of industries, counseling senior management and Boards of Directors for investment management, real estate, and manufacturing companies on legal, corporate development, and strategy matters. Outside of the office, Brendan is active in community service and supporting Catholic organizations and serves on the board of Dynamo Swim Club. Brendan, his wife, Erica, and their two children are parishioners as the Cathedral of Christ the King. He is also a graduate of Christ the King School.

Bill Roche, *Governance & Nominating Committee,* completed his undergraduate studies at the University of Notre Dame and attended Law School at Stanford University. Bill began his legal career at King & Spalding in 1983 and retired as a senior partner 41 years later. Bill focused on corporate transactions, including private equity, complex services agreements, intellectual property, and joint ventures for clients including Roark Capital, The Coca-Cola Company, GE, and UPS. He currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Board at his alma mater, Marist School, and has served on the school's Board of Trustees for over 20 years. Bill and his wife, Susan, have two children and four grandchildren, who are their pride and joy. Bill and Susan are active parishioners at St. Jude the Apostle Catholic Church.

Eric Smith, *Development Committee,* holds a Bachelors in Marketing and Communications from the University of Akron. Eric is the founder of the EWS Financial Group, which offers financial services and promotes the importance of comprehensive financial planning and legacy building, educating clients on how to secure a promising financial future. Eric began his career at New York Life Insurance, where he advanced to be on the NYLIC Executive Council. Eric also has served as a consultant for The Atlanta Empowerment Zone Corporation, Workplace Learning Solutions LLC, The National Black Women's Health Project, and It's Cool To Be Smart – Saving Our Daughters. Eric has also delivered keynotes speeches at the National AMWAY Convention and For Sisters Only in Charlotte, North Carolina. Eric attends Christ Our Hope Catholic Church.

Catherine Markwalter

Brendan McGill

Bill Roche

Eric Smith

# # #

About the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia
The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia helps Catholics with faith-inspired giving and legacy planning while stewarding funds for the long-term sustainability of the Catholic organizations in our community. More information is available at cfnga.org.

Catholic Foundation of North Georgia
5871 Glenridge Drive, Suite 300 | Atlanta, GA 30328
404.497.9440 | cfnga.org