



## **CCHS Foundation Awards \$43,000 in Grants, \$40,000 in Tuition Assistance and Scholarships**

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Cutting edge robotics, bonuses for teachers and aid to see the Holy Father are just some of the things on the way to Charlotte Catholic High School, its students and faculty because of generous donors to the Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation.

The Foundation is pleased to announce it has awarded \$43,000 in grants in 2015. The grants were made possible because of those who attended, supported and sponsored “The Gala” earlier this spring.

“Supporters of Charlotte Catholic are second to none. It’s why this year’s Gala was a huge success,” said CCHS Foundation President Cindy Grim. “Because so many people stepped up to the plate to help and to donate we were able to fund many worthwhile initiatives at our school.”

This year’s grant applicants presented a wide-range of needs in keeping with The CCHS Foundation mission “to enrich the spiritual, academic and cultural developments of our students.”

The following grants were approved for funding at the May meeting of The Charlotte Catholic High School Foundation’s board of directors.

- \$10,000 in the form of a matching grant to help provide end-of-year bonuses to CCHS teachers and staff

- \$10,000 to implement a humanoid robotics program in support of the school's engineering and computer science students
- \$10,000 for a pilot project involving Blackboard Learn, a virtual learning environment and course management system used at many universities, if successful it would replace Edline
- \$5,000 to replace a broken crucifix in the school chapel and add statues of Mary and Joseph to complete the Holy Family (An additional \$2500 was donated to The Foundation by Robert, William, Melissa and Joseph Kloiber, Jr to be earmarked for this project)
- \$2,392 will go to the Music Department for the purchase of an overhead projector and camera for use in choral classes
- \$1,800 for Guidance Services to conduct a "College Application Boot Camp" to aid students in the increasingly complicated common application process
- \$1,000 awarded to Campus Ministry to assist students in need who wish to attend this fall's visit to the U.S. by His Holiness, Pope Francis

"The grants from the CCHS Foundation help to support the mission of Charlotte Catholic High School across the spectrum, from our Catholic faith to 21<sup>st</sup> century technology," said CCHS Principal Kurt Telford. "All our students will benefit from these grants."

During the past school year, The CCHS Foundation also awarded \$26,000 in tuition assistance and \$2500 in a college scholarship through the Kara Kloiber Memorial Scholarship Fund. An additional \$11,000 was awarded in tuition assistance. All tuition assistance was need-based and paid directly to MACS on behalf of CCHS students. \$500 from the Foundation's general fund was also awarded to a 2015 CCHS graduate as a college scholarship.

"These are your donations at work, this is why the Foundation is in place," said Grim. "We will continue to push to provide the very best for our students, teachers and staff."

"The Gala" raised nearly \$95,000 in all for Charlotte Catholic High School. The remaining funds will be set aside for future needs at the school.

"This Foundation has been in place for more than 40 years now," said Grim. "It has had a positive impact on so many lives because of the support of the Charlotte Catholic family and it

happened again this year. On behalf of The CCHS Foundation Board we can't thank everyone enough for their continued support of your foundation and our school."

The CCHS Foundation Board also asks you to save the date for next year's Gala. It will be back to at "The Fillmore" in uptown Charlotte on **March 6, 2016**. We hope to see you all there!



**L-R Back Row: Lori Hoyle, CCHS Computer Science Department, Rev. Matthew Kauth, CCHS Chaplain, Norm George, CCHS Foundation Vice President, Cindy Grim, CCHS Foundation President, Diane Kloiber, CCHS Foundation Board Member**

**Front Row: Lorena Castillo-Ritz, CCHS Foundation Board Member, MJ Dawson, CCHS Campus Minister, Dottie Tippett, Chair CCHS Fine Arts Department, Greg Tucker, CCHS Science and Engineering, Kurt Telford, CCHS Principal**