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CATHOLIC SCHOOLS AWARDED \$780K IN *BEYOND SUNDAY* GRANTS

Funds will be distributed in July for immediate impact

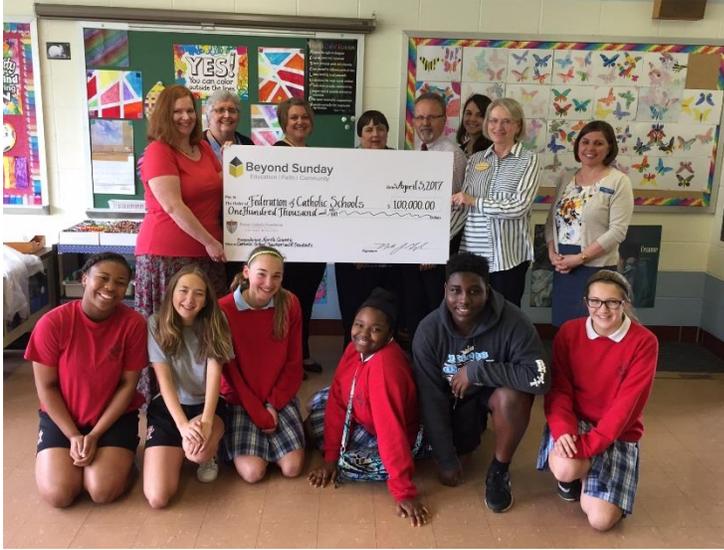
St. Louis, April 10, 2017 – The Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri has awarded \$780,000 in grants to 47 schools and PSR programs through the *Beyond Sunday* Education Fund, with \$735,000 allocated for the 2017-18 school year.

Of 54 applications received, 18 won grants for initiatives that will enhance academic capacity and spur transformational innovation. Funded projects include an outdoor classroom, several makerspaces—workspaces equipped with tools to stimulate creativity and collaboration—and various other programs that promote curricular integration of STREAM (Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics).

While most of the projects focus on academic outcomes, one is geared toward innovation at the organizational level. Parents as Teachers in Faith, a collaboration between Holy Trinity and St. Ann Schools in North St. Louis County, will adapt the highly successful Parents as Teachers model to a faith-based context, providing support and materials to parents as they catechize their children in the years between baptism and preschool. “We believe this program is a game-changer,” says Father Nicklaus Winker, parochial administrator of St. Ann Parish. “It has immense potential to strengthen families, equip parents, build Catholic school enrollment, and prepare students for success from the beginning.”

With funds set to be distributed in July, awardees are eagerly anticipating the impact of the grants on their schools. “If I could do a cartwheel, I would!” says Tamiko Armstead, president of Cardinal Ritter College Preparatory High School in St. Louis. “With the *Beyond Sunday* grant, we can enhance our curriculum in a way that has not happened before.” Cardinal Ritter was awarded \$65,000 to supplement its existing STREAM curriculum with a virtual reality lab. In the zSpace Lab, students will be able to apply their learning through simulated activities such as dissecting a frog and exploring the Sistine Chapel.

Beyond Sunday is a \$100 million capital campaign led by the Roman Catholic Foundation. Forty percent of funds raised are returned directly to parishes to address local needs, while the remaining 60%, less campaign expenses, is allocated to the *Beyond Sunday* Education Fund, which seeks to transform Catholic education in the Archdiocese of St. Louis through scholarships to middle-income families and grants to Catholic schools and PSR programs. To date, *Beyond Sunday* has raised over \$99 million, with nine parishes still active in the campaign.



Students (front row, left to right): Madison Alexander, Juli Anka Grgic, Paige Greco, Lauren Cunningham, Britt Nelson, Marin Ellington

Adults (back row, left to right): Cara Koen (Federation of Catholic Schools), Mary Ann Kauffman (St. Angela Merici), Addie Govero (Blessed Teresa of Calcutta), Sr. Mary Lawrence, SSND (Christ Light of the Nations), Kenneth Morr (St. Rose Philippine Duchesne), Kathryn Mayrose (Roman Catholic Foundation), Lois Vollmer (Sacred Heart - Florissant), Rebecca Nestor (St. Norbert)

Principals not pictured: Jacob Reft (St. Ann - Normandy), Peggy O'Brien (Our Lady of Guadalupe), Anna Davis (St. Ferdinand)

Nine schools in North County received a \$100,000 grant to implement Empowering North County Teachers & Students for the Future, which will enhance the current STREAM curriculum through professional development technology upgrades.



Tamiko Armstead, President of Cardinal Ritter College Prep High School, displays a check in the amount of \$65,985, presented by Mark J. Guyol, President & CEO of the Roman Catholic Foundation. Cardinal Ritter was awarded a grant to create a virtual reality lab.