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Beyond Sunday Campaign Raises \$105 Million to Transform Catholic Education

ST. LOUIS, MO, October 17, 2017 – The Beyond Sunday campaign, an historic fundraising endeavor led by the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri, has ended with great success, with more than \$105 million in gifts and pledges from over 25,000 households raised to transform Catholic education in the Archdiocese of St. Louis and invest in local parish communities. Surpassing the \$100 million campaign goal, Beyond Sunday has already begun to make significant impact on Catholic families, schools and parishes.

Transforming Catholic Education

Sixty percent of Beyond Sunday funds (less campaign expenses) are allocated to Catholic education, offering scholarship support to meet the needs of middle-income families seeking Catholic education for their children. In addition to scholarships, Beyond Sunday also provides two types of grants to parish and archdiocesan schools; Academic Capacity Enhancement grants fund the development of competitive educational programs in the STREAM (science, technology, religion, engineering, arts and mathematics) disciplines, and Transformational Innovation grants fund the implementation of groundbreaking ideas to enhance schools' operational and business models.

Investing in Parish Communities

The remaining 40% of Beyond Sunday funds provide for the local needs of parishes throughout the archdiocese. Many parishes are using Beyond Sunday distributions to improve their schools and provide school families with additional scholarship support. Others are addressing longstanding maintenance needs, including roof and parking lot repair, tuckpointing and heating and air conditioning updates.

Beyond Sunday's Immediate Impact

With the success of Beyond Sunday, the impact to date in the Catholic community has been substantial:

- \$3.7 million in scholarships awarded to 1,520 students in the Archdiocese of St. Louis attending 132 Catholic elementary and high schools

- \$1 million in grants awarded to 50 elementary schools, high schools and parish schools of religion and the Catholic Education Office of the Archdiocese of St. Louis
- \$14.6 million in parish share distributions to 184 parishes, spanning from Perry to Lincoln to Franklin counties

As pledges are fulfilled, financial support will continue to flow back into the community through scholarships, grants and parish share distributions. "The support of our Catholic community has been amazing, and we are excited to see the positive effects that Beyond Sunday will continue to have on Catholic education and our parishes," said Mark J. Guyol, President & CEO of the Roman Catholic Foundation. "For generations to come, families across the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be grateful to Archbishop Robert Carlson for his focus on Catholic education, which inspired Beyond Sunday, and they'll be especially grateful to the thousands of families who contributed to the campaign."

For more information, please visit rcfstl.org or call 314.918.2890.

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