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**THE ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF EASTERN MISSOURI
ANNOUNCES HISTORIC FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN THAT WILL
EXCEED \$100,000,000**

ST. LOUIS – The Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri on Monday officially announced *Beyond Sunday*, a historic fundraising initiative that will address two critical funding needs:

1. The creation of The Education Fund whose grant-making will increase access to Catholic education for lower and middle class families through scholarship support while working to strengthen Catholic schools' academic capacity and management systems to ensure their quality and competitiveness for all families in the Archdiocese of St. Louis; and,
2. Financial support for Archdiocesan parishes.

The Archdiocesan-wide fundraising campaign seeks to raise more than \$100,000,000 over the next two years in an effort to transform the Archdiocesan system of education, which currently serves more than forty-thousand students within the City of St. Louis, St. Louis County and nine additional counties of Eastern Missouri, as well as provide the 184 parishes with the financial support to address their local parish needs.

“Catholic education is both essential to the long-term vitality of our faith and to the communities they serve,” said Archbishop Carlson. “They play an essential role in the spiritual development of our children and the economic development of places where we live, work, and pray.”

The campaign was built around the results of an intense six-month study that engaged every pastor and more than a 1,000 key stakeholders in the Archdiocese. Funds raised in this campaign will be managed by the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri, established in 2013.

“The Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri is honored to assist in fulfilling Archbishop Carlson’s vision in the management and stewardship of this historic campaign,” said Mark J. Guyol, founding President & Chief Executive Officer. “We will work closely with Archdiocesan and parish leadership to ensure its success.”

Beginning in 2016, the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri will make an initial and substantial investment in the success of the programs designed to enhance the quality of Archdiocesan education.

“The trustees of the Foundation have agreed to enhance our distribution policies during the first five years of these initiatives, providing additional access to millions of dollars to ensure the long term success of Catholic schools,” noted Guyol.

The Archdiocese of St. Louis, established in 1828, serves the spiritual, pastoral, and temporal needs of those persons residing in the city of St. Louis and the ten counties of eastern Missouri.