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**TRINITY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL RECEIVES \$2 MILLION COMMITMENT FROM FUND
ESTABLISHED BY ROMAN CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF EASTERN MISSOURI**

*Fund Enabling 22 North County Students to Benefit from Catholic Education this Year,
With 150 Students Expected to Benefit in Upcoming Years*

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 1, 2015 – Trinity Catholic High School in North St. Louis County has 22 additional students enrolled for the 2015-16 school year, thanks to the SOAR! Scholarship Fund, which was established earlier this year by the [Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri](#). The fund will distribute \$2 million – starting this year and spread out over the next several years – enabling approximately 150 additional students, who otherwise wouldn't have the chance, to attend Trinity Catholic.

The SOAR! (St. Louis Opportunity and Achievement Realized) Scholarship Fund provides tuition assistance to underserved students attending or who wish to attend select Catholic elementary or high schools in the City of St. Louis and North St. Louis County. Its initial assets resulted from a generous gift by the Enterprise Holdings Founder Jack C. Taylor and his family.

“We’re expanding minds and changing lives at [Trinity Catholic](#), a welcoming and caring community committed to graduating responsible citizens, who are grounded in Christian values, dedicated to service, and engaged in lifelong learning,” said Trinity Catholic Principal Sister Karl Mary. “I am humbled by the generosity of Mr. Taylor, which will assure that we can continue to provide an educational experience that is exceptional, comprehensive and college preparatory.”

Highlighting the value of Catholic education at Trinity Catholic, which has nearly 280 students enrolled this year, Sr. Karl Mary provided the following data points:

- 99% of Trinity Catholic students graduate, compared to only 67% of their public school peers
- 98% of its students go on to colleges, universities, or trade schools
- The 2015 Trinity Catholic senior class donated 8,600 hours to community service
- Its Industrial Technology students took top places in recent competitions held at Boeing, St. Louis University, and Lewis & Clark Community College (Godfrey, Ill.)
- Trinity Catholic athletes have won 31 district championships and have played in six state championship games

“Trinity has been a beacon of light in North St. Louis County for families who desire a faith based, superior, and affordable education,” said Mark Guyol, President and CEO of the Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri. “Providing these scholarships is a strong investment in the future of the Trinity students, as well as the entire North County community.”

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Plans call for a significant number of additional SOAR! Scholarships to be available starting in both the 2016-17 and 2017-18 school years. All scholarships will follow the students during their high school years through graduation.

“I’m hoping and praying that the multi-year gift we received at Trinity Catholic will encourage others to invest in the education of teens,” said Sr. Karl Mary, who has been involved in Catholic education for more than 35 years. “Bottom line, these scholarships will touch future generations and leave a living legacy of excellence.”

Trinity Catholic High School is fully accredited by the North Central Association, Commission on Accreditation and School Improvement, an accreditation division of AdvancEd and the Committee on Accredited Schools and Colleges at the University of Missouri, Columbia. Trinity Catholic is a member of the National Catholic Education Association.

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