



Catholic Education Foundation Provides Tuition Assistance for over 8,000 Students This Year

Santa Monica, CA (November 9, 2011)—The William H. Hannon Foundation has made a \$75,000 grant, payable over five years, to the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) for Tuition Awards Programs. Since its inception in 1987, the Catholic Education Foundation has granted more than 110,000 tuition awards to students for a total amount of over \$108 million, including the commitment to distribute \$9.4 million for 8,250 students in the 2010-2011 school year. Currently, schools of the Archdiocese enroll about 80,000 students in the counties of Los Angeles, Ventura and Santa Barbara. It is by far the largest, oldest and most effective non-public school system in California. Currently, 98.2% of students receiving financial assistance graduate from high school in four years and 98% attend college—many of them are the first in their families to do so.

“I always am struck by the fact that my late uncle, our Foundation’s founder, benefited from a Catholic education all the way through his earning a degree from then Loyola University (now Loyola Marymount University). He received financial assistance to earn his college degree, so our Foundation’s support of scholarship programs aligns directly with his own life story. He always believed that a student shouldn’t miss out on a quality education because of an inability to pay tuition, so he funded many scholarships during his life. We are proud to carry on that legacy through the Catholic Education Foundation today,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.