



2022 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

I was blessed to be named the first Executive Director of the Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation (CEOF) on February 1, 2020. I embraced this new chapter following a passion I long held of sharing the good news of all of our amazing schools in the Diocese of Lexington, as well as being able to provide tuition assistance to children of any faith. I dreamed of hitting the ground running and convincing everyone I met that they needed to join this effort as well. I hope, as you learn more about CEOF, you will consider joining us in giving children educational opportunities they deserve.

Looking back at the time the world shut down, I believe it was that quiet time I needed to prepare for CEOF to meet the public. In June of 2020, we began raising funds for children who may not have been able to return to their school due to financial or medical issues. Due to our efforts, we were able to send immediate relief funds to help those children return to their school family.

With the support of an amazing Board and Councils, we began spreading the word about CEOF and our vision to cultivate future servant-leaders in our communities – strong in values and academics. We have been blessed with donations from individuals, small businesses, corporations, grants, gifts of stock, real estate and the beneficiary of a sizable trust that was dissolved. We held our first event, Luminaria, which was a huge success, where we recognized two outstanding educators in the diocese! We are poised to double the number of children we are able to provide assistance to in a remarkably short amount of time.

We hope you will consider the Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation when planning your charitable contributions. Visit our newly redesigned website at www.ceoflex.org to learn about the ways you can give. Together, we can make a difference in a child's life by improving opportunities for their educational experience.

Gratefully,

Kim Thompson

CEOF Executive Director

MISSION

The mission of the Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation is to provide tuition assistance for students attending K-8 Catholic schools in the Central and Eastern Kentucky counties encompassed by the Diocese of Lexington.

VISION

The Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation will grow future servant-leaders strong in values, academics, and the Catholic faith.

Luminaria 2022



Members of the Hillenmeyer Family



Charlene Legere, Bill Hoskins, Kim Thompson, & Mary Joe Quinn

MONSIGNOR HERBERT HILLENMEYER MEMORIAL ENDOWMENT

The Monsignor Herbert Hillenmeyer Memorial Endowment was established by the Hillenmeyer family to honor the legacy of their family icon and his commitment to Catholic education.

Fr. Hillenmeyer served the Diocese of Covington as a priest for 73 years. He was named a Monsignor in 1936 and Vicar General of the Diocese in 1949. For 43 years, he was pastor of St. Thomas Parish in Ft. Thomas and established St. Thomas High School in 1945. On his 70th jubilee as a priest in 1972, Fr. Hillenmeyer's nieces and nephews honored him with the commitment to endow a lecture series at Thomas More College. The first Hillenmeyer Lecture was given in 1975. Fr. Hillenmeyer passed away shortly thereafter.

What began as a small fund grew over the years as a tax-exempt charitable Trust devoted to supporting the annual Lecture Series and numerous Catholic charitable and educational causes in both the Diocese of Covington and what became the Diocese of Lexington. In 2021, the Hillenmeyer family determined the best way to honor Fr. Hillenmeyer's commitment to Catholic education was to terminate the Trust and distribute 100% of its assets to Catholic educational charities positioned for longevity, including CEOF.

LUMINARIA AWARD WINNERS 2022

Congratulations to Charlene Legere and Mary Joe Quinn who were the first recipients of the Distinguished Educator and Alumnus awards.

For thirty-nine years, the Lexington Catholic High School community has been blessed to count Charlene Legere as a member of its faculty and school community. Over 4000 students have benefited from her instruction of the whole student - mind, spirit and body - and she has dedicated her entire teaching career and life's work to Catholic education.

Mary Joe Quinn has been a parishioner of the Cathedral of Christ the King for 70 years. From attending CTK elementary school, to graduating from Lexington Catholic High School, to earning a bachelor's degree from Eastern Kentucky University and an elementary education Certificate from the University of Kentucky, Mary Joe has carried her faith, her artistic talent and her unwavering dedication to Mary the Mother of Jesus every step of the way.



SAVE THE DATE!



A Celebration of
Catholic Education

Luminaria

April 13, 2023

Dinner and Awards Ceremony
with Guest Speaker
Rev. Joseph V. Corpora, C.S.C.
University of Notre Dame

The Campbell House
Lexington, Kentucky

Save the date · Formal invitation to follow



Father Joseph (Joe) Corpora is a Holy Cross priest at the University of Notre Dame. He is presently the Interim Director of Multicultural Outreach for the Campus Ministry and continues as a Consultant to the Alliance for Catholic Education (ACE) as well as a resident chaplain at Dillon Hall at ND's campus.

Father Corpora has long been engaged in promoting the benefits of Catholic education in the Hispanic, African-American and other under-represented populations in our Catholic school system. He is also a Papal Missionary of Mercy commissioned by Pope Francis.

Father Corpora is himself a graduate of the University of Notre Dame, and after graduating entered Moreau Seminary of the Holy Cross priests there at the university. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1984. Since ordination he has served at the University of Portland, at Saint John Vianney Parish in Goodyear, Arizona and Holy Redeemer Parish in Portland before returning to Notre Dame. He is an engaging presenter who is able to present challenging ideas while making his audience laugh. He has a life long commitment to Catholic education and decades of work trying to make it available to more and more people.

SCHOOLS SERVED BY THE FOUNDATION



Christ the King, Lexington
Good Shepherd, Frankfort
Holy Family, Ashland
Mary Queen, Lexington
Our Lady of the Mountains, Paintsville
St. Agatha, Winchester

St. John, Georgetown
St. Leo, Versailles
St. Mark, Richmond
St. Mary, Paris
Sts. Peter and Paul, Lexington
Seton Catholic School, Lexington



Pictured: Carol Steltenkamp, Julia Taylor, Kim Dugan Thompson, Dan Bork, David Bowling, Bishop John Stowe, Fr. Dan Noll, Tom Brown, Bill Hoskins.
Not pictured: John C. Stewart Jr. and new Superintendent, Dr. Kyle Lee.





Dr. Kyle Lee, the Superintendent of the Diocese of Lexington Schools and spelling bee representatives from each elementary school.

WAYS TO GIVE

The demand for tuition assistance has never been greater among our Catholic schools. You can help fund scholarships for low-income students this year in many ways.

Contact us to discuss any of the gifts below or visit (scan QR code):
<https://ceoflex.square.site/product/donate-to-ceof/1?cs=true>

You can support the Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation with gifts including:

- Gifts by cash, check or credit
- Gifts of stocks or bonds
- Gifts from an IRA – such as your Required Minimum Distribution or Qualified Charitable Distributions
- Distribution from your Donor Advised Fund
- Real estate, property, vehicles, etc.
- Gifts from bequests/wills, trusts or estates
- Matching gifts from employers
- In memory of a loved one, or to honor an alumnus, class teacher or priest.

SCAN QR CODE



November 29th - December 2nd



EQUINE FUND



The CEOF Equine Fund provides tuition assistance in grades K-8 for children whose parents/guardians work in the equine industry.

To make a donation please contact Kim Thompson kthompson@ceoflex.org or call 859-303-9555.



SCHOOL CHOICE

Recently the Kentucky State Supreme Court heard oral arguments regarding HB 563. This bill encourages private donations to be given to an Account Granting Organization to distribute tuition assistance funds to families who desire educational opportunities for their children, but face financial obstacles. At this time we are waiting for a decision from the Kentucky State Supreme Court. If the outcome is favorable, CEOF will apply to become an Account Granting Organization.



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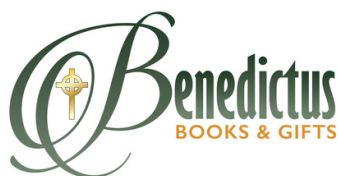
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OUR SPONSORS



The Catholic Education Opportunities Foundation is committed to raising funds for tuition assistance for Catholics and Non-Catholics in grades K-8 to attend Catholic school in the Diocese of Lexington. The Diocese of Lexington was established in 1988, from parts of the Archdiocese of Louisville and the Diocese of Covington. The Diocese of Lexington serves not only the "Horse Capital of the World" in Fayette and surrounding counties, but also the 40 Appalachian counties of Eastern Kentucky, where 74% of children live below the poverty line. The Diocese of Lexington is designated as a mission diocese within the United States.