



Greater Lansing Catholic Education Foundation

Foundation Welcomes New President and Trustees

Danielle Casavant, President Danielle joined the GLCEF staff on January 21, 2008. She brings with her 16 years experience in the nonprofit sector, with her most recent six years in development at Michigan State University and The Nature Conservancy in Michigan. A product of Catholic schools (second grade through bachelor's degree), she has a deep appreciation for the positive influence a Catholic education has on the life of students now as well as into their future.

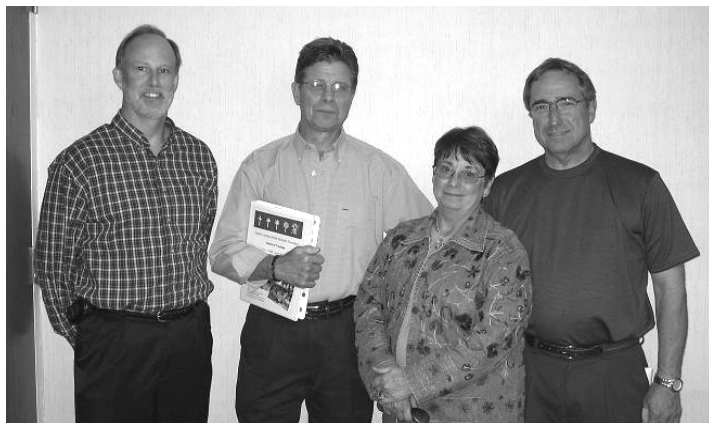
Mike Noeker, Chair Mike is retired from General Motors where his most recent position was manager of organizational development and training. Past volunteer activities for Mike include Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Scoutmaster, Pre-Cana Leader, parish and school councils and many other diocesan work groups and committees.

Terry McHoskey, Vice Chair Terry also serves as chair of the Disbursements Committee. He is a senior program consultant for the Children's Research Center. His career has included serving as the director of out-state operations for the Michigan Department of Human Services and program director for Catholic Social Services with the Diocese of Grand Rapids. Terry volunteers as a greeter and serves on the Catholic Adult Faith Enrichment committee at St. Gerard Parish.

Mary Jo Gilliland, Secretary Mary Jo also serves as chair of the Communications and Marketing Committee. After 24 years as the director of Liturgical Commission Publishings, Mary Jo retired in 2007. In addition to GLCEF board service, Mary Jo volunteers for the Diocese of Lansing Archives.

Joel Platte, Treasurer Joel is senior financial analyst at FinCor Holdings. He is actively involved at St. Michael Parish and school with PTO, Knights of Columbus and athletics.

Gary Adamo Gary is an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Ingham County. He is active with the YMCA Youth in Government Mock Judiciary Program and



Executive Committee L to R: Platte, McHoskey, Gilliland, Noeker

Knights of Columbus Council 7816. His past volunteer activities include St. Thomas Aquinas pastoral council, religious education instructor and board of directors of the Mother Teresa House for the Care of the Terminally Ill.

Robert Andretz Rob is an attorney in private practice. He is Grand Knight for the Knights of Columbus Council 11694 and volunteers for Adopt a River and the American Red Cross as a blood donor.

Mary Smith Mary is recently retired after serving as bookkeeper for Most Holy Trinity Parish for nine years and the same position at St. Mary Parish in Westphalia for the previous 11 years. Mary is co-owner/manager of the family construction business (Lawrence J. Smith Builders, LLC). She is currently a volunteer with Relay for Life. Her past volunteer work includes various school and parish councils and workgroups at St. Mary Parish in Westphalia.

Fr. David Speicher Fr. Dave is pastor of St. Thomas Aquinas, serves as the pastor representative on the Board of Trustees and is our most senior board member with over eight years of service to the Foundation.

Kay Wyszynski Kay is director of finance for the Michigan Association of Home Builders. With over 40 years of experience in finance and accounting, Kay is a valued member of the Finance Committee for the Foundation. Kay is active with the American Business Women's Association and previously volunteered for various school committees at St. Michael parish.

2008 Catholic Education Appeal

The Catholic Education Appeal (CEA) is the Greater Lansing Catholic Education Foundation's annual fundraising campaign. Proceeds are used to provide need-based tuition assistance grants for families choosing a Catholic school and to support education in the parishes throughout our region. This is the first year that a portion of the CEA is specifically dedicated to religious education. The Foundation is embracing its position as a region-wide foundation that supports all forms of Catholic education, while need-based tuition assistance remains the top priority.

2008 Catholic Education Appeal Goal

The goal for this region-wide campaign is \$125,000. This is an ambitious goal, but we feel confident that Catholics in our region recognize the long-lasting value that Catholic education provides their children, their family and the broader community. There is no doubt that we are facing difficult financial times here in Michigan and as a nation. Frankly, that is what makes contributions for need-based scholarships and support of parish programs more important than ever before. Please consider a gift for Catholic education and religious formation today! An envelope is provided with this newsletter for your convenience.

Gifts will be used as follows:

- ◆ 80% for tuition assistance grants for those families choosing Catholic schools in the Northwest Region of the Diocese of Lansing
- ◆ 10% for direct support of religious education programs distributed evenly among all parishes in the Northwest Region of the Diocese of Lansing
- ◆ 10% to underwrite the costs associated with this important fundraising campaign

Mother Seton Gifted Educator Award

On June 6, 2008, **Mrs. Lynn Fuller** received the 2008 Mother Seton Gifted Educator Award. The plaque and a check for \$2,000 were presented by Danielle Casavant, GLCEF President, and Mike Noeker, GLCEF Board Chair. The presentation was made at the end of school year Mass. It was an emotional day for the entire St. Gerard School community as this was also Mrs. Fuller's last official day as principal. We thank her for many years of dedication to the students and families at St. Gerard and wish her great happiness in her retirement.



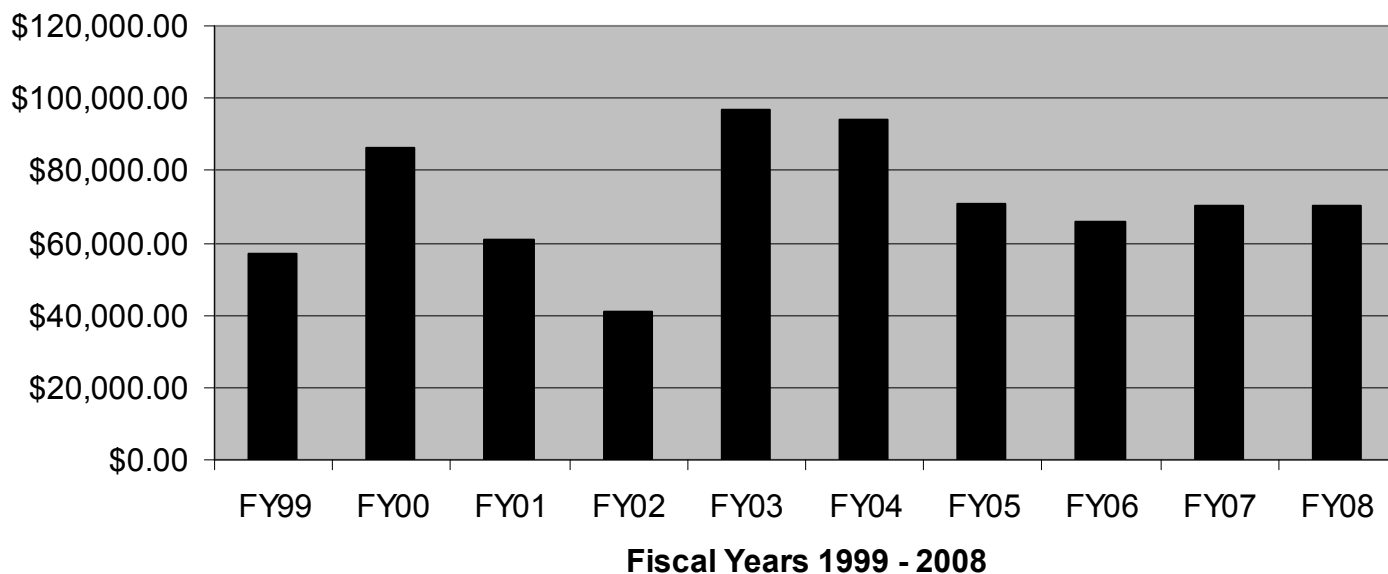
From L to R: Danielle Casavant, Lynn Fuller, Mike Noeker

The Mother Seton Gifted Educator Award is presented annually by the Greater Lansing Catholic Education Foundation to a teacher, religious educator or administrator who exemplifies Mother Elizabeth Ann Seton's philosophy of teaching and cultivating the whole child — mind, heart and spirit. Applications for 2009 will be available on the Foundation's website (www.glcef.org) by late January 2009. This award is made possible through the **Bishop James A. Murray Fund**.

Encouraging and Supporting Quality Catholic Education in the Greater Lansing Area

Over \$700,000 in Tuition Assistance Grants

10 Years of Tuition Assistance Grants



Over the past 10 years, the Greater Lansing Catholic Education Foundation has disbursed over \$700,000 in need-based tuition assistance grants. Applications are processed by an objective, third party vendor that analyzes and ranks the applicants according to need. Here is what some recipients of past awards had to say:

*“It is an enormous help to us as we struggle to afford Catholic education, which is a priority in our family.”
“Thank you very much and may God bless and reward you for all you do to help families keep their dream alive of sending their children to Catholic schools.”*

“I am writing with my most heartfelt and sincere appreciation and thanks for the wonderful news that my child’s tuition assistance grant application was approved.” “This grant means a lot to me as I have struggled for the past few years to maintain a decent standard of living for my children. By decent, I mean having enough food in the refrigerator, being able to pay for clothing and being able to choose a Catholic education. We still don’t take vacations to Florida or cruises during holiday break, but we are blessed to have so many more choices. Thank you for taking a large financial burden off my shoulders.”

While these families were thoughtful enough to send words of thanks to the Foundation, it is **you** who deserves their, and our, appreciation. With the generous contributions you have made to the Catholic Education Appeal in that past, you have helped families like these realize the important goal of a Catholic education for their children. So please, use the envelope included with this newsletter to show your continued support for Catholic schools and help more families in our community make a Catholic school education a reality! Consider encouraging your friends, family and fellow parishioners to make a gift too. Every gift, no matter the size, helps us provide direct support for tuition assistance grants and religious education in our parishes!

For more information or to make a gift online — visit our website at www.glcef.org



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The 2008 Lansing Squares was a great success! We appreciate the many sponsors that helped underwrite the costs, including:

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Thanks also to the local celebrities whose good humor and support made for a fabulous evening.

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