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WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

Native Ministry Grants benefit Lakota Catholics and Others across Diocese

It's a privilege for the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation to provide resources for six Native American ministries in the Diocese of Rapid City.

In 2018, a \$10,000 WSDCF grant supported Red Cloud Indian School, a dynamic educational institution administered by a Jesuit-Lakota collaboration, on the Pine Ridge Reservation. Red Cloud serves 600 students in kindergarten through 12th grade at three different schools (Red Cloud Elementary and High School at Holy Rosary campus in Pine Ridge and Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary in Porcupine.) RCIS has fostered amazing student academic success in a place plagued by poverty, crime and social problems. It offers a rigorous and holistic education for both the mind and the spirit that is rooted in both Lakota culture and Jesuit spirituality.

Red Cloud also has pastoral responsibility for six parishes on the Pine Ridge Reservation and the 800 Lakota Catholics and others they serve.

WSDCF grant funds helped pay for Red Cloud's Mission and Identity Orientation programming for employees. "WSDCF's support very much bolstered our ability to give employees of Red Cloud a firmer sense of what it means to be part of the Lakota-Catholic collaboration here," said Fr. George Winzenburg, S.J., outgoing president of Red Cloud.

Winzenburg is retiring in 2019 after 14 years serving RCIS, (six as a board member and nine as president). The orientation contains different elements for new and returning staffers. Two full afternoon sessions, known as "Lakhota Afternoon with Ignatius," were implemented in 2018 for new, full-time staff at



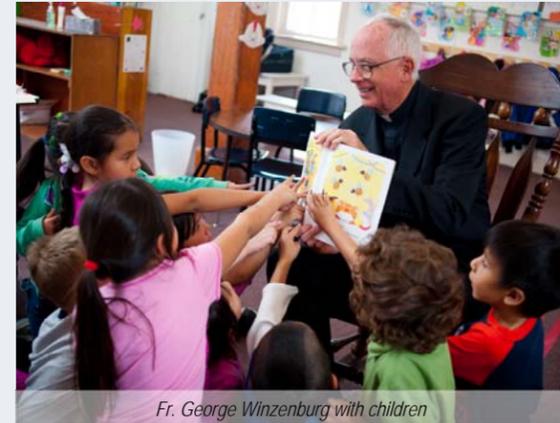
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both the Holy Rosary campus and at the Our Lady of Lourdes campus. Designed by Garrett Gundlach, an assistant for mission integration efforts, and Fr. Peter Klink, S.J., the formational curriculum is especially helpful as it provides new employees with the history, context, beliefs and "habits of the heart" that Red Cloud employs in its daily work with students.

"I like that the administration is setting the tone for what it means to be Lakota-Catholic, including acknowledging the complexities and difficulties of such a mission," one staff member said.

WSDCF grant funds also supported:

- The salaries of two Franciscan sisters who serve as part of the Standing Rock Reservation Ministry team in McLaughlin.
- The operations of the diocesan Native Ministry Office, including its work to promote the cause for canonization of Nicholas Black Elk, servant of God.
- Sioux Spiritual Center general programs and retreat offerings for Lakota Catholics.
- St. Francis Mission, a Jesuit institution working with the local Lakota Catholic community on the Rosebud Reservation to deliver education, dental care, addiction recovery programs, suicide prevention services, faith formation and other ministries to the Rosebud Reservation.
- A permanent annual endowment established by the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart and managed by WSDCF provides for pastoral and sacramental ministry to Catholics on the Cheyenne River Reservation.



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The Foundation is making an effort to identify financial professionals to begin focused estate planning seminars and consultations. Foundation Advocate Teams will be composed of priests and professionals. Please prayerfully consider participating in this endeavor.

ACKERMAN JOINS WSDCF BOARD



Tom Ackerman is the newest member of the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation board of directors.

Ackerman, 58, brings the job skills he developed from a career in pharmaceutical

sales and a debt of gratitude for WSDCF President Msgr. Michael Woster to the board.

"I have a couple of priests who I will be forever indebted to for my spiritual life. One of those is Msgr. Woster, so whenever he asks me for something, I respond. I don't have a lot of money. But I do have time and talent to bring to the board, so I'm glad to give

back in that way."

Among his goals as a board member is to increase awareness of what the foundation does and the importance of building an endowment fund through estate gifts. He wants people to know that leaving a gift of any size to the Diocese of Rapid City in their wills is important to help the foundation meet the future needs of parishes and Catholics all across western South Dakota. "We need to change the perception that if it isn't \$1 million, then it isn't enough. Whether people can give \$1,000 or \$1 million, it's all important," Ackerman said. "We do not have a lot of wealthy Catholics in western South Dakota, so just getting people to think differently is good."

When he's not working or volunteering at his parish, the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ackerman is a self-described "outdoors person" who loves to mountain bike, snow ski and spend time with his wife of 31 years, Monica. The Ackermans have two children, Alayna, 25, and Riley, 21.

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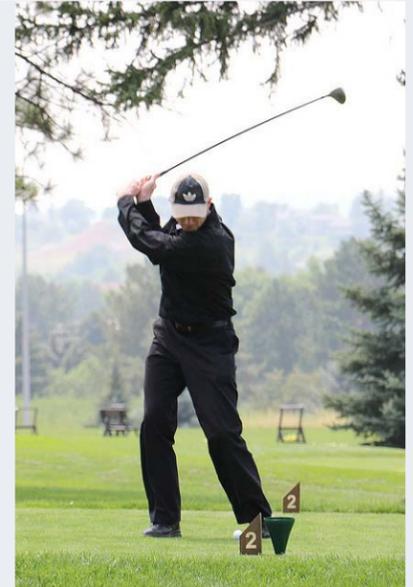
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ANNUAL BISHOP'S GOLF CLASSIC

A great field of 112 golfers played in the 5th Annual Western South Dakota Bishop's Golf Classic held at Arrowhead Country Club on August 13th. Players and sponsors helped to compile almost \$40,000 in

proceeds to benefit the Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation, Rapid City Catholic Schools, and Catholic Social Services.



Father John Paul Trask
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Tim Henderson presenting to the winners of the Parish Challenge:
Robert Sage, Fr. Adam Hofer, Jon Schaack, Steven Miller
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6th Annual Bishop's Fishing Tournament



Bishop Gruss

Fourteen teams enjoyed a day on Lake Oahe and Sharpe on June 1st in pursuit of South Dakota's state fish, the walleye. As you can see, our participants caught their fare share and Bishop Gruss won the prize for the largest one. The crew from Spearfish St. Joseph's won the team trophy.



Weigh-In



Seminarian Adam Johnson, Fr. Adam Hofer



Silent Auction

PROVIDING FOR OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

You have been working for many years building a nest egg for retirement. Even if your savings and investments seem to cover your future needs, you will want to make sure your children are provided for in the future. The Western South Dakota Catholic Foundation is very thankful for your faithful gifts, but appropriately the conversation often turns to your long-term planning goals.

You definitely want to continue making annual gifts to charity. Yet at the same time, you are concerned about sacrificing your children's inheritance. Your stock portfolio has appreciated significantly over the years and you want to pass these gains on to your family without paying a lot in gift or estate tax.

One way you could achieve your personal and charitable goals is through a charitable lead trust. The trust would pay income to the charity for a number of years. Then the full trust value, plus any growth, would go to your children. The plan would allow you to pass on substantial wealth to your family with little or no gift tax. It would also reduce the size of your estate in addition to helping the charity further its work.

Each of your children would receive their share of the trust assets in the future. At the same time, you could continue to make gifts to charity each year. The plan is a good one. It gives your children time to learn how to save and invest their future inheritance. So, consider setting up a charitable lead trust plan that would begin paying your favorite charity income each year. Helping your children succeed in the future while providing for your favorite charitable causes is a great component of a solid financial plan.

Is a charitable lead trust right for you?

A charitable lead trust can be an excellent part of many tax-planning strategies. If you have questions about lead trusts, please contact us.

