



Ten Individuals Honored

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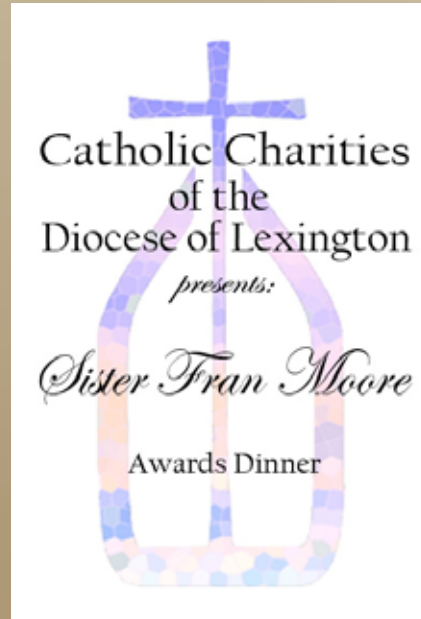
Over 200 people gathered at Christ the King's Hehman Hall Thursday, February 24 to join Catholic Charities in honoring ten exceptional men and women whose support and actions have helped the agency fulfill its mission of service to the residents of the Diocese of Lexington.

Honored were Elizabeth 'Biz' and Catesby Clay of Annunciation Parish, Maura and Clyde Graven of Pax Christi Parish, Catherine and Sal Nalli and Joann and Matthew Gandolfo, all members of the Cathedral of Christ the King and Cobie Cashman. Mrs. Cashman, an ardent supporter of Catholic Charities' adoption program, died in 2007 and was a member of Holy Spirit Parish. Her son Patrick Cashman, daughter, Mathilda Young, and her three grandchildren accepted the award in her memory.

The gifts these individuals have so generously offered on behalf of Catholic Charities have helped the residents of central and eastern Kentucky to improve their quality of life, said agency Director Ruslyn Case-Compton. "These exceptional individuals understand that we are called to be 'doers of the word, and not hearers only,'" Case-Compton said. "We are pleased to be able to honor their support in this way."

Bishop Gainer presented the awards and each honoree spoke briefly about their commitment to charity and service, thanking their friends, family and the agency for honoring them. It was an emotional moment for many in the crowd, especially when the Cashman family came to the stage to accept their mother's award.

The Sister Fran Moore Award, named for the agency's longest serving director, allows Catholic Charities to recognize generous supporters.



Our 2009-2010 Annual Report is now available online!

Report Highlights

Over 2,000 individuals benefited from services

1,500 hours of clinical counseling were provided

\$60,000 in rent and utility assistance was distributed

Services were provided to residents of 27 of the 50 counties of the Diocese

SISTER FRAN MOORE AWARD HONOREES

MOORE



Born and raised in Northern Kentucky, **Frances Moore** entered St. Anne Convent in Melbourne in

1956. She has taught every grade from

first through college, but spent most of her career working with high school students both as a teacher and as a principal.

She began her tenure as Diocesan Director for Catholic Social Service Bureau January 2, 1989 and in her words, “fell in love with the staff and the work immediately.” Throughout the sixteen plus years she worked at CSSB, Fran says she “was blessed with an energetic and supportive Board of Directors, an incredibly devoted staff who worked tirelessly in service

to the community and two great Bishops who offered support but always allowed the staff freedom to do its job.”

In 2004 she was elected by the sisters of the Congregation of Divine Providence to serve full time in provincial leadership and was re-elected to an additional term in 2009. Sister Fran recently celebrated her Golden Jubilee with her community.

CASHMAN

Cobie Blackerby Cashman was born December 15, 1934 in Lexington. After graduating from the University of Kentucky, she worked as a stewardess for Delta where she met her husband to be, Gerry Cashman. She had four children, Jamey, Bill, Mathilda and Patrick and was involved in all of their activities. In 1977, Gerry lost his battle with cancer, leaving Cobie to raise the children (ages 8, 12, 16 & 17) on her own. After putting all her children through college, she expanded her charity work. Besides counting the offertory every Monday at Holy Spirit Newman Center, she volunteered for



Meals on **Wheels**, helped deliver bread with the **Catholic Action Center** and spent almost 30 years selling tickets to the CSSB fundraiser. **A n y o n e** that knew

Cobie, knew her passion for the party and knew if you saw her at Suggins’ you would most likely be asked to buy a ticket!

She had 3 grandchildren, Margaret and Emily Cashman and Gerry Young. After Gerry joined the family, Cobie took on another volunteer role at Maxwell Street Presbyterian day care where she would go almost daily to see her grandson and help feed and rock the babies there. Cobie passed away in 2007 and is sorely missed by many. As a fitting tribute for her years of support, the agency named its fund which helps birth mothers, the Cobie Cashman Sanctuary Fund.

CLAY

Elizabeth “Biz” and Catesby Clay have been married for 51 Years. They are the proud parents of eight children and nine grandchildren. Lifelong residents of Bourbon County, they are members of Annunciation Parish. Biz and Catesby are very active and generous supporters of their parish, serving as lectors and Eucharistic Ministers. Both actively promote Pro-Life activities, and early on supported the Montessori School in Lexington. Catesby has served on various boards, including Fasig Tipton and Keeneland. In 2009 he received the Thoroughbred Club of America Honored Guest Award

at their 78th Annual Testimonial Dinner.

The Clays have been gracious hosts and longtime advocates of Catholic Charities, opening their beautiful home and Runnymede Farm on many occasions beginning in 1991 to host the agency’s annual La Fete du Mai. They are universally known as kind and generous people of faith, willing to share their treasure and talents to improve the lives of all.



Matthew and Joann Gandolfo celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last June. They have two children: a son, Peter, and a daughter, Nina.

They are temporary foster parents for Catholic Charities, providing loving, 24 hour care to infants whose parents are discerning whether parenting or an adoptive placement is the best situation for their child. They weather sleepless nights, colicky babies and diaper rash with patience and good humor.

As a result of their warmth and ability to “connect” with people, Matthew and JoAnn have established long-standing relationships with some of the families for whom they have provided temporary foster care. Very recently, one couple asked that they act as godparents for their son, placed in their family through adoption. They also receive visits, notes, letters and pictures from families that they have impacted over the years.



GANDOLFO

Married almost 68 years, **Clyde and Maura Graven** have been a team in all of their social service and voluntary endeavors. Clyde had a distinguished career in law enforcement and is a decorated WWII veteran. Maura recently published a novel, “Shamrocks in the Bluegrass.” They have two children, Mary Graven Peddicord and Sean Graven and 3 grandsons, Brian, Aaron and Michael.



and 86, Clyde and Maura remain involved in community life. They are

truly an inspiration to those who meet and interact with them. They have supported the mission of Catholic Charities by their combined 10 years of service as board members and as volunteers for the agency. Clyde and Maura have been inspiring to countless others not only in Kentucky but beyond our state borders. They continue to seek opportunities to lend a hand whenever and wherever the need arises and are a valuable resource to those who encounter them.

GRAVEN

Celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary this year, **Catherine and Sal Nalli** were both born and raised in Trenton, New Jersey. They have five children and ten grandchildren.

Sal is the recent past president of the

Cathedral council and the general chair of the Capital Campaign at the Cathedral. Catherine currently serves on the Cathedral council. In 2010, they were recipients of the Bishop’s Recognition Award for Diocesan Service.



Sal is a member of the Serra Club and Catherine is a docent at the Ashland Estate. She’s also a committee member for the Decorator’s Showcase which benefits the Nursing Home Ombudsman Program.

Catherine and Sal both serve on the board of Catholic Charities. Catherine recently replaced Sal as board president. Their service to the

agency began six years ago and their contributions include the development of a strategic plan for the agency, initiating the name change to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Lexington, and re-activating the subcommittee structure. They’ve also assisted in the management, catering and marketing of the annual La Fete du Mai fundraiser.

As members of the Parish Relationship subcommittee, Catherine and Sal have visited parishes in 10 communities. Those travels help assess the needs of outlying areas and promote the work of Catholic Charities.

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