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PRESS RELEASE

Catholic Schools Foundation announces inaugural class of CSF Scholars

The Catholic Schools Foundation (CSF) announced its inaugural class of CSF Scholars on Tuesday, May 24th at a Mass Celebrated by Sean Patrick Cardinal O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. Archbishop of Boston. Nearly 100 incoming high school freshmen attended the mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston's South End. Following the mass, students, their families and school representatives were treated to a reception in the gymnasium of Cathedral High School, where students had their photos taken with Cardinal O'Malley.

CSF Executive Director Michael Reardon announced that as a whole, this inaugural class of CSF Scholars includes 172 students and is receiving \$411,960 in scholarship aid, with an average grant of \$2,574. The scholars were selected by their high schools as students who were determined in their educational endeavors and showed leadership in their communities. Mr. Reardon addressed the congregation, thanking the families in attendance and encouraging each of the scholars to continue to believe in themselves and the potential of their educations.

Catholic Schools Superintendent Dr. Mary Grassa O'Neil was also on hand and made a special point to thank the faculty and staff of Boston's Catholic Schools for their commitment to their students.

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The Catholic Schools Foundation, Inc. is a non-profit, tax-exempt organization which provides tuition assistance and program aid to financially needy students in Catholic schools in the Greater Boston area. Financial assistance is granted based on need without regard to race, color, gender or creed. To find out more about the Inner-City Scholarship Fund, please call 617-778-5981.