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Your CSF Board of Trustees undertakes the receipt of your contributions and distributions to the schools with a high degree of purpose. Our typical year involves soliciting new contributions (thank you!! – See our donor list later in this mailing) and managing existing investments. You can count on us sending our schools an average of \$200,000 per year to support the important mission of Catholic education in the Winona area. Voting to approve the final distribution amount to support our schools is one of the most satisfying actions that any volunteer can experience!

Fr. Paul Nelson, one of CSF's founders, passed away this past summer on June 25, 2016. Many of us in Winona lost a great friend. Your connection to Fr. Paul could have been through a variety of ways. Besides CSF, it may have been his time as an educator at Cotter, or through his leadership of Cathedral of the Sacred Heart Parish. Many people knew him simply because he was a gentle and loving part of our Winona community for many years. Regardless of how any of us connected with Fr. Paul, we were all blessed by his genuine interest in and care for everyone that he met.

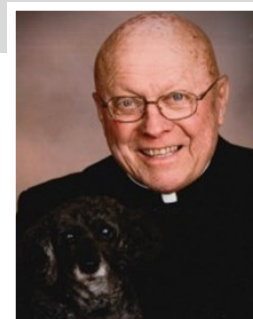
The passing of Fr. Paul Nelson marks a one-time event in the history of CSF. We invite you to remember him as you consider a gift to our annual appeal this year. Fr. Paul was a leading voice in the effort that started CSF in 1986. On June 3, 2016, in one of his last public appearances, Fr. Paul attended our annual CSF dinner and joined us in celebration of 30 continuous years of CSF support for Catholic Schools in Winona. We are proud to continue the vision and legacy of this faithful priest and Catholic educator.

Thank you for all your support.

Sincerely,  
Ted Biesanz  
2016 CSF Board of Trustees

## FATHER PAUL NELSON MAY 24, 1935 - JUNE 25, 2016

Father Paul Nelson was priest, educator, administrator, and proponent of Catholic education for 55 years. He served as a religion teacher and principal at Cotter High School and rector at Cathedral of the Sacred Heart. He was instrumental in consolidating the Catholic schools of Winona, stating "Working together to support Catholic schools is key to ensuring our future. I believe that Catholic schools are a significant force for hope in healing, rebuilding and nurturing our Catholic church."



Father Nelson Fun Facts: ▪ Baptized over 2,500 babies ▪ Married more than 1,500 couples ▪ Presided over more than 2,000 funerals of friends and parishioners ▪ Listened to over 50,000 confessions ▪ Served under 5 popes and 5 bishops

Father Nelson's contribution to Catholic education has been honored with the creation of the Father Paul Nelson Legacy Society. The society recognizes individuals who have provided for the future of Catholic education in Winona through an estate gift. The Society allows the Foundation the opportunity to thank donors now by acknowledging gifts that will extend over generations. Membership in the Father Paul Nelson Legacy Society is open to anyone who has made provisions for CSF through a variety of estate planning tools such as, bequests in a will or trust, charitable remainder trusts, pooled income funds, or through gifts of life insurance. Please see the enclosed insert for more information. Your gift and your support of Catholic education in Winona are greatly appreciated.

## ANNUAL APPEAL

During this 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of celebrating the success of the Catholic Schools Foundation we are asking for your help in continuing our mission. This annual appeal will help grow our endowment and provide funding for resources for Winona Area Catholic Schools and Cotter Schools. Today, CSF has over \$6 million in assets and has given over \$3 million to WACS and Cotter Schools to ensure the progress and sustainability of Catholic education.

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 EDUCATOR AND FRIEND.

CSF HAS RECEIVED GENEROUS  
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 YEARS. PLEASE HELP US  
 CONTINUE OUR MISSION OF  
 MAKING CATHOLIC  
 EDUCATION IN WINONA A  
 VIABLE OPTION FOR EVERY  
 STUDENT.



2016 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS  
 FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPEAL.

**IN CASE YOU MISSED US!  
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