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Pope John Paul II High School Receives \$50,000 Grant at The Catholic Foundation's 2025 Angel Award Presentation

The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia is pleased to announce that Pope John Paul II High School (Royersford) was named the 2025 Angel Award recipient and awarded \$50,000 in grant funding in support of the school's Family and Parish Bridge Project. The award was presented on Thursday, October 23, at The Catholic Foundation's annual Angel Award Presentation, held at Union League Liberty Hill.

The event convened nearly 100 business, civic, and philanthropic leaders dedicated to the future of the Catholic Church in Philadelphia. Together, they witnessed six finalist organizations present bold, mission-driven evangelization initiatives—each one a powerful example of Catholic innovation in action.

Now in its fourth year, the Angel Award celebrates excellence in Catholic evangelization by recognizing ministries and organizations working to renew and strengthen the Church in meaningful ways. Every project presented was deeply innovative, and the competition was notably fierce.

The 2025 Angel Award finalists included:

- AFIRE Ministries
- Martin Saints Classical High School
- Office for Ministry with Youth Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish (Doylestown, PA)
- Pope John Paul II High School (Award Recipient)
- Saint Laurence Parish (Upper Darby, PA)

"As a Catholic community foundation, we're called not just to steward generosity, but to convene faithful leaders to address the real spiritual challenges of our time," said Ted Qualli, President and CEO of The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia. "Every one of these finalists is planting seeds—through parish life, education, outreach, and innovation—that will bear fruit for generations to come. Tonight's presentations were a testament to the creativity and conviction that continue to energize the Church's mission."

"In the coming weeks, we'll be rolling out a new video podcast series spotlighting each of these incredible organizations," Qualli added. "Our goal is to connect their work with more donors and community partners who can help bring their missions to life in even bigger ways. While only one organization receives the Angel Award, every finalist deserves recognition and support."

About Pope John Paul II High School's Family and Parish Bridge Project

This project is designed to empower parents as spiritual leaders and foster deeper connections between families and parish communities. The program includes annual family retreats, quarterly fellowship nights, a parish mentorship network, and an online platform offering digital faith resources. With this initiative, the school

aims to revitalize Catholic family life and strengthen parish engagement in the face of declining clergy and the demands of modern life.

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