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## Craig Willett Honors His Mother's Memory with Endowment

Growing up as one of eleven children in a loving Catholic family, Craig Willett had a wonderful role model. His mother Eugena Willett (known to all as Jeanne) was a long-time member of St. Andrew Catholic Church in Upper Arlington who let her Catholic faith guide all aspects of her life.



*Eugena Willett*

Family was Jeanne's priority. She made sure all eleven children received a Catholic education and was an active volunteer in their schools. She filled their childhood with outings and activities and support. In Jeanne's later years, grandchildren became her interest and the celebration of their lives her purpose.

Jeanne lived a life of service. Her volunteer work included the American Red Cross, church festivals, church Christmas bazaars, and feeding the homeless. She was passionate and involved with many issues that led to her membership in numerous secular organizations as well.

Sadly, cancer took Jeanne's life earlier this year at the age of 78. As Craig and his family worked through their grief, he wanted to do something to memorialize his mother.

After exploring a number of avenues, Craig has established **The Eugena H. Willett Endowment Fund for Catholic Education and Charities**. The proceeds from this endowment

will go to supplement the distributions from the Catholic Education Focus Fund and the Catholic Charities Focus Fund. Each year, a distribution will be made from the fund to address a critical need in both areas.

Craig said that as he considered his alternatives, it became apparent that this was the right choice. He has been especially pleased to find, as they go through his mother's personal papers, that she was a contributor to many of the schools and agencies that qualify for grants from this endowment.

"Mom was such a proponent of Catholic faith, Catholic education, and Catholic charity," he said. "I liked this because it was a way of glorifying God and honoring Mom. She had such a spirit of giving and promoting the faith. This will help keep her spirit alive in perpetuity."

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