



Catholic Community
FOUNDATION
OF MINNESOTA

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: TUE. JAN. 16. 2018

Angela Dimler, *Director of Strategic Communications*
Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota
651.389.0883 / dimlera@ccf-mn.org

Forbes' "Entrepreneurial Bishop" to speak at Catholic Community Foundation's anniversary celebration *Focusing on innovation, laity engagement, and business practices*

When [Forbes magazine called the Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano the "Entrepreneurial Bishop,"](#) it triggered a robust national discussion of how Catholic clergy and lay leadership can work more closely together, using successful business principles to strengthen their parishes.

Now Bishop Caggiano of the Diocese of Bridgeport, Connecticut, will join the [Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota](#) (CCF) to talk about his innovative ways to engage the laity more deeply. According to Caggiano, "We can learn from the corporate world. We have to be open, transparent, and financially accountable. In the Catholic Church, that's a whole new way of doing things."

Bishop Caggiano's philosophy is simple and compelling. He listens closely to the laity, leverages the business expertise and skills of his parishioners, and encourages the Church to heal divisions through community and hospitality. He asks Catholics to rediscover the power of the table. "We're not fully meant to be who we're meant to be," he says, "until we're all at the same table."

This approach is not without its challenges. In the Forbes article, Caggiano continues, "Pastors, priests, and deacons, Catholic school administrators, and advisory boards -- I sensed they were a bit uncomfortable with being change agents, with thinking outside the box, or looking outside the parish." But Caggiano is steadfast in his belief that "rebuilding trust, requires transparency, simplicity and authenticity." His actions clearly match his words.

This dynamic conversation with Bishop Caggiano will take place at CCF's 25th anniversary celebration on Thursday, April 26, at the Hilton Minneapolis.

In 25 years, CCF has grown to become the largest Catholic community foundation in the nation and the sixth largest public grantmaker in Minnesota. "Our success is a direct reflection of the entrepreneurial spirit in this local Catholic community," says CCF President Anne Cullen Miller. "We want to celebrate our collective success, and at the same time, we want even more Minnesota Catholics to know there's plenty of room at the table to participate and make a lasting impact."

All are welcome to attend CCF's anniversary celebration. Tickets may be purchased at www.ccf-mn.org/25th.

About CCF: In 25 years, the Catholic Community Foundation of Minnesota (CCF) has become the largest Catholic community foundation in the nation, managing more than \$320 million in assets and granting nearly \$14 million each year to important Catholic and nonprofit causes. Through partnership, financial stewardship, and grantmaking, CCF perpetuates the Faith, continually making Minnesota's Catholic community stronger and more robust. Learn more at www.ccf-mn.org.