

Mark D. Pacione Foundation launches to continue legacy, support youth



Continuing a legacy and supporting youth, the Mark D. Pacione Foundation Launches August 9th

A “giant” in youth ministry: Honoring Mark D. Pacione’s thirty years of shaping youth ministry, youth leadership and youth faith formation, the Foundation exists as a charitable organization to continue his legacy by supporting the faith life and development of young people and the adults who minister with them.

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A nationally respected leader in youth ministry, Mark D. Pacione had a passion for helping youth and young adults engage in their faith, take leadership roles in the community, and be empowered to serve others. After his unexpected death on December 29, 2014, his legacy and love for young people and those who serve them continues through the foundation created in his name. The Mark D. Pacione Foundation, a charitable organization, began on August 9th to continue his lifelong mission of serving the young church.

Through charitable gifts, the foundation provides scholarships for youth and youth ministers to participate in programs that empower young people to encounter the Gospel and that provide support for those who minister to youth and young adults. One-time gifts and ongoing pledges may be made online at www.pacionefoundation.org. In the first year, scholarship support includes attendance at World Youth Day (WYD), the Pinkard Scholars Program for Youth, the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC 2015), and the National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry (NCCYM 2016).

“No one was a stranger when meeting Mark.” This simple yet telling statement sums up Mark Pacione’s life and ministry. Whether you had known him for decades or had just met him, Mark’s deep faith, passion for empowering young people, joy and complete presence were obvious. In his more than thirty years of ministry in the Archdiocese of Baltimore, Mark was on the forefront of shaping youth ministry into a nationally recognized and respected field. During his tenure, Mark was responsible for producing the morning program at Camden Yards for Pope John Paul II’s visit to Baltimore, instituted the Archdiocese of Baltimore’s Annual Youth Pilgrimage during Holy Week, led the High School Leadership Institute for youth helping it become a model for the training of youth, assisted in the development of the Pinkard Scholarship Program at St. Mary’s Seminary and Ecumenical Institute, and trained hundreds of youth ministers in qualified and competent service to the church.

Individuals and organizations are invited to help continue the legacy of Mark D. Pacione. For more information and to donate, visit the Foundation website at www.pacionefoundation.org



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