

SERVICE, PRAYER CRUCIAL TO CATHOLIC FOUNDATION BOARD

For Bob Crowley of Warren, life is all about service to others.

He learned that as a boy growing up at St. Raphael Church in Eldred, as a student at St. Bonaventure University in western New York, and throughout his long business career.

Now retired, he sits on many community boards, including the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania.

“There’s no better way to learn about your faith than to walk in the footsteps of Jesus,” Crowley says of the life of service.

Last year, he and his wife, Barbara, and Tom and Chris Grana, all of St. Joseph Parish in Warren, joined a pilgrimage to the Holy Land, led by Father Richard Toohey, pastor of Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie.

During the trip, everyone participated in an ancient tradition of placing prayer requests in the Western Wall, located in Jerusalem.

“As a board member of the Catholic Foundation, my own prayers included two near and dear to my heart: for faith formation initiatives being developed throughout the Erie Diocese and for the projects funded by the recent Catholic Foundation evangelization endowment grants to support these efforts,” Crowley says.

At the Wailing Wall, he also prayed for Bishop Lawrence Persico, for vocations to religious life, and for the homeless and hungry of the Erie region.

“Bob exemplifies the type of authentic and caring individuals who serve on our Catholic Foundation board. He takes his role personally and helps the diocese spread the faith in northwest Pennsylvania,” says Lisa Louis, executive director of the Catholic Foundation. ✝

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