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Scholarship Fund Established in Name of Slain Cathedral Catholic High School Teacher

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SAN DIEGO – The Catholic Community Foundation of San Diego (CCFSD) announced today that a scholarship fund has been created in honor of Mario Fierro, the Cathedral Catholic High School teacher tragically murdered Monday in North Park.

“Mario was a gifted and beloved teacher and coach, who put the needs of his friends, family and students above his own” said Gary Rectenwald, executive director of the CCFSD. “Creating a new scholarship fund to honor Mario’s life and to celebrate his love for Cathedral Catholic High School is the natural thing to do. This fund will benefit current and future generations of students attending the school.”

Fierro was a product of Catholic schools and graduated from University of San Diego High School, the predecessor to Cathedral Catholic High School (CCHS) in 2002. He returned to CCHS in 2016 as a social science teacher, where he also helped coach the CCHS football team and served as athletic director at Notre Dame Academy, a feeder school to CCHS.

Donations to support Mario’s memory can be made at www.ccfspd.org/mario.

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