



Always & Forever

ENDOWMENT FUNDS, also referred to as endowments, are permanent funds that provide annual support to the Catholic causes you cherish. The principal remains intact while the earnings generate a steady stream of funding year after year. This means a gift made today will continue to impact Catholic education, parishes, vocations, and ministries long into the future.

GROWING A STRONGER CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FOR TODAY, TOMORROW, AND FOREVER

Endowments at the Catholic Foundation are already making a profound impact today through the generosity of faithful supporters. These funds provide for the future with annual grants for Catholic school tuition assistance, general parish support, help for the poor and vulnerable, support for seminarians, and more. Your generosity ensures that the Catholic faith continues to flourish throughout West Michigan now and for future generations.

Benefits of an Endowment Fund

Perpetual Support Your commitment to a parish, Catholic school, or cause you care about will continue beyond your lifetime.

Hassle-Free Stewardship The Catholic Foundation stewards your gift and ensures that grants distributed from the fund align with your defined purpose.

Start on Your Timeline Establish an endowment with a one-time gift, build it over multiple years, leave a gift in your will, or pool resources with a group.

Faith-Aligned Investments Our investment strategies align with Catholic teachings and are approved by the USCCB and the Michigan Catholic Conference.

“Trying to do a good thing shouldn’t be complicated. Thankfully, the process was professional, smooth, and quick. We’re grateful to know that our endowment will support the St. Charles Catholic School for years to come.”

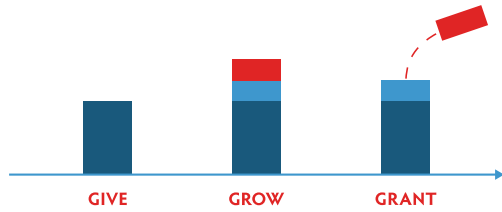
– Kenneth Lehman

Personalized Legacy Choose a fund name that honors your family, a loved one, or a beneficiary organization.

Diverse Gift Options You can gift cash, securities, mutual funds, real estate, business interests, IRA-qualified charitable distributions, or a gift in your will.



How Does it Work?



Give

Select a beneficiary and define a purpose to set up an endowment fund through the Catholic Foundation. Receive an immediate tax benefit with a one-time gift or gifts over a few years reaching the required minimum balance of \$25,000. Once established, anyone can make additional contributions to the fund in any dollar amount.



Grow

The principal gifts are protected, invested in accordance with your faith, to generate earnings allowing the fund to grow year over year.



Grant

Each year, 4% of the fund's balance based on a three-year rolling average is available for distribution. The Catholic Foundation ensures the intent of your gift is honored in each grant that is distributed.



Transform

With the fund, your generosity provides a source of income the beneficiary can count on year after year - allowing them to continue to carry out their mission for generations to come.

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ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF WEST MICHIGAN

The Catholic Foundation of West Michigan is an independent, 501(c)(3) Catholic community foundation endorsed by the Diocese of Grand Rapids and Bishop David J. Walkowiak. Established in 1995 by Bishop Robert J. Rose, the Catholic Foundation manages charitable funds and distributes grants for a variety of Catholic ministries throughout West Michigan.

GUIDED BY CATHOLIC EXPERTISE

At the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan, we help faithful donors like you make the most of your giving. Our team understands the region's most pressing needs and ensures your gifts create lasting impact for the ministries, parishes, and organizations closest to your heart.

Ready to make a gift that reflects your values and creates lasting impact?

Contact us to learn how your generosity can be a source of growth, strength, and renewal in our Catholic community.



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