



# Roman Catholic Foundation of EASTERN MISSOURI

## Quarterly Investment Report

### Our Mission

*Inspiring giving and connecting donors to Catholic ministries,  
sustaining the local Church for generations.*

### Our Investment Philosophy

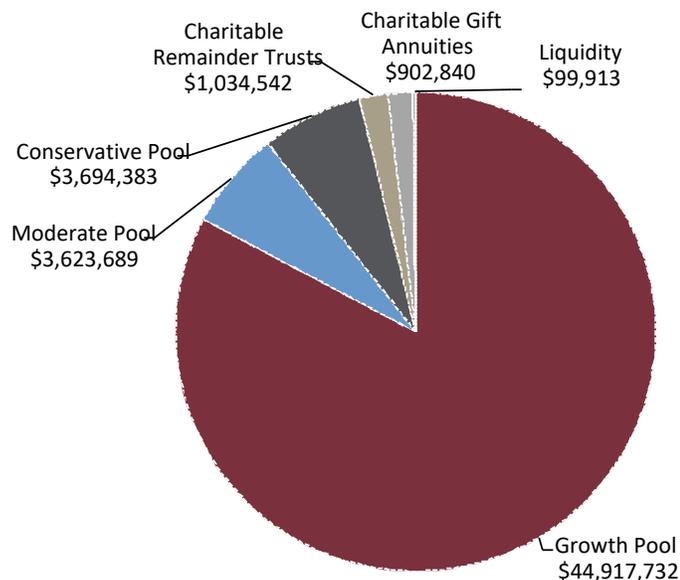
The Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri offers world-class, Catholic-screened investment options to help donors achieve their charitable goals and to help Parishes, Schools, and Ministries of the Archdiocese of St. Louis meet their long-term financial needs.

We believe in responsible stewardship and seek a competitive financial return in a manner consistent with social teachings of the Catholic Church.

We invest in a well-diversified mix of risk-appropriate assets to achieve a rate of return that will support the Foundation's distribution rate schedule while protecting assets from inflation and market volatility. All investments are screened in accordance with the Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines set forth by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

### Assets Under Management

\$54,273,099 as of December 31, 2022



Platinum  
Transparency  
2022

Candid.



Better Business  
Bureau Accredited

## Growth Pool

Inception Date December 1, 2014

### Pool Overview

#### Fund Assets Under Management

\$44.92 million

#### Objective

Capital appreciation consistent with Catholic values.

#### Annual Investment Management Costs

Investment management costs are 0.49%. For Foundation management fee please see the fee schedule provided by the Foundation at <https://rcfstl.org/frequently-asked-questions>.

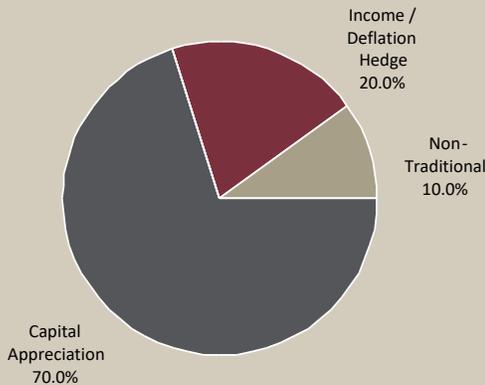
#### About Performance

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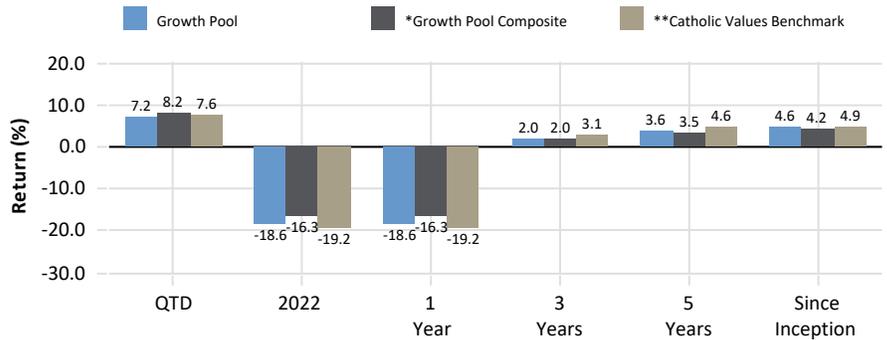
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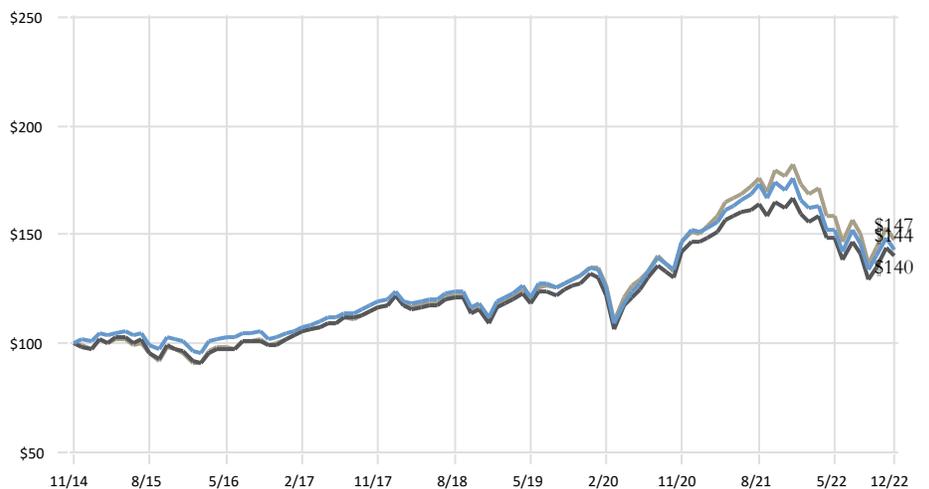
#### Target Asset Allocation



### Multi-Period Performance Analysis



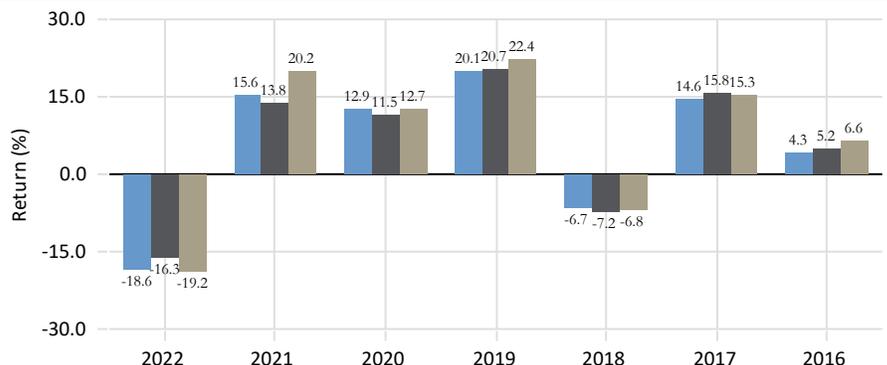
### Growth of \$100



### Since Inception Risk Statistics

	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Maximum Drawdown	Alpha	Beta
<b>Growth Pool</b>	<b>12.46</b>	<b>0.35</b>	<b>-24.07</b>	<b>-0.03</b>	<b>0.93</b>
*Growth Pool Composite	12.74	0.32	-22.66	-0.45	0.96
**Catholic Values Benchmark	13.19	0.36	-24.87	0.00	1.00

### Calendar YOY Performance Analysis



\* and \*\* See Important Disclosures on page 5



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**Moderate Pool**

**Inception Date December 1, 2017**

**Pool Overview**

**Fund Assets Under Management**  
\$3.62 million

**Objective**

Balance of capital appreciation and income consistent with Catholic values.

**Annual Investment Management Costs**

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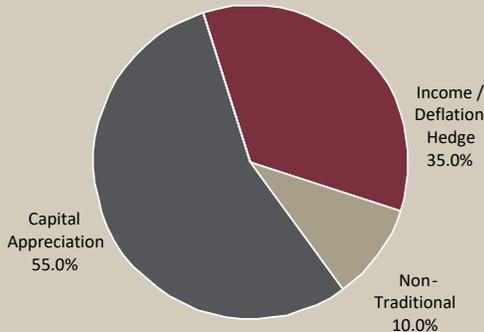
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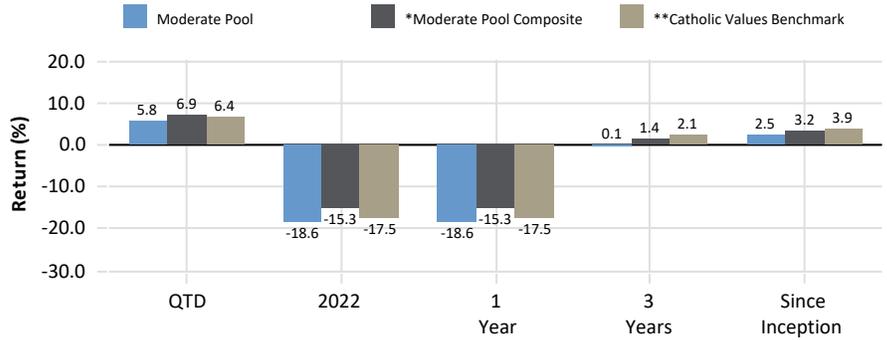
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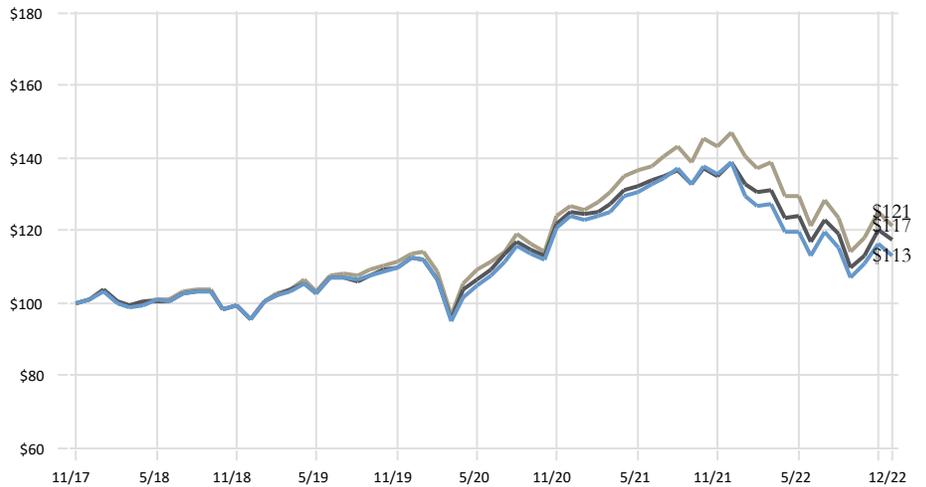
**Target Asset Allocation**



**Multi-Period Performance Analysis**



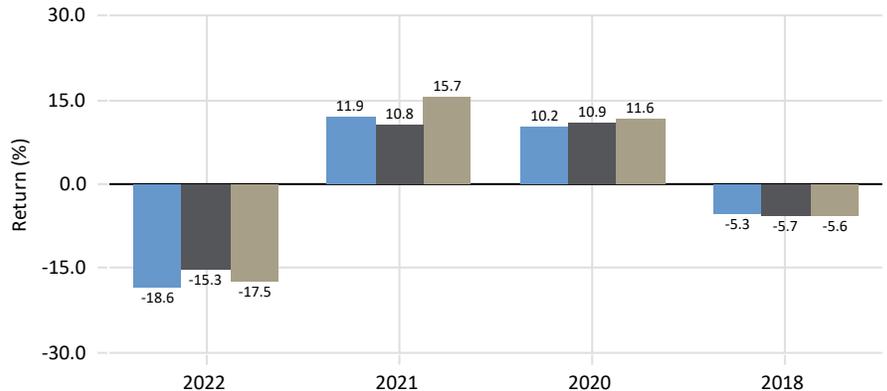
**Growth of \$100**



**Since Inception Risk Statistics**

	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Maximum Drawdown	Alpha	Beta
<b>Moderate Pool</b>	<b>12.32</b>	<b>0.16</b>	<b>-23.08</b>	<b>-1.17</b>	<b>0.94</b>
*Moderate Pool Composite	12.28	0.22	-20.80	-0.46	0.94
**Catholic Values Benchmark	12.92	0.26	-22.49	0.00	1.00

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## Conservative Pool

Inception Date November 1, 2015

### Pool Overview

#### Fund Assets Under Management

\$3.69 million

#### Objective

Capital preservation and income consistent with Catholic values.

#### Annual Investment Management Costs

Investment management costs are 0.40%. For Foundation management fee please see the fee schedule provided by the Foundation at <https://rcfstl.org/frequently-asked-questions>.

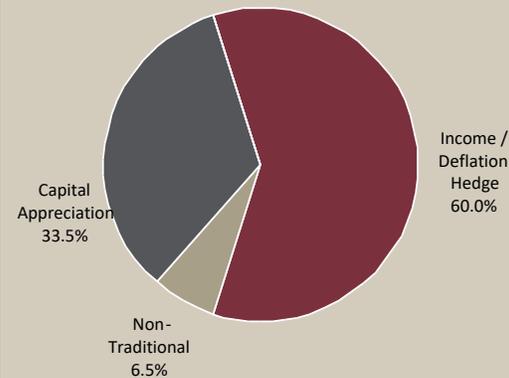
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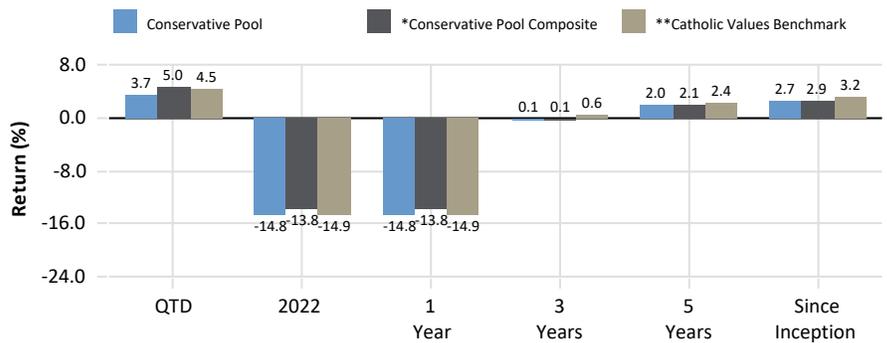
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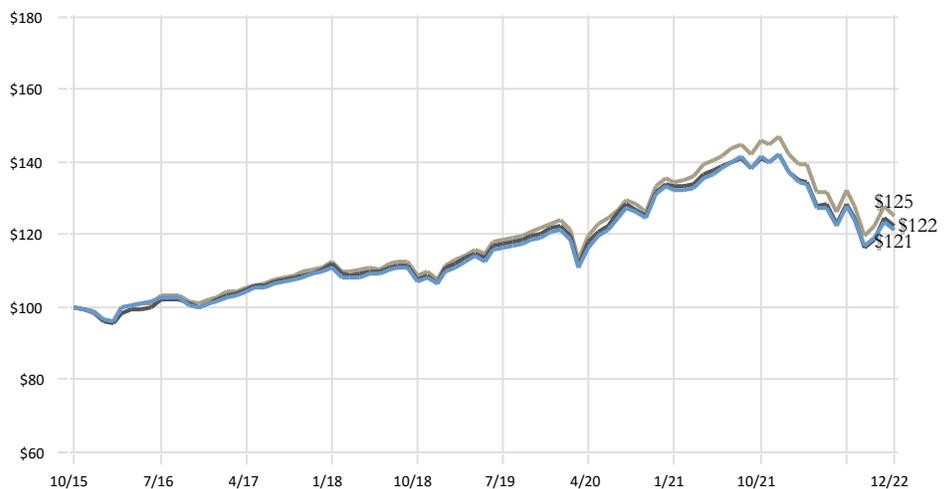
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### Multi-Period Performance Analysis



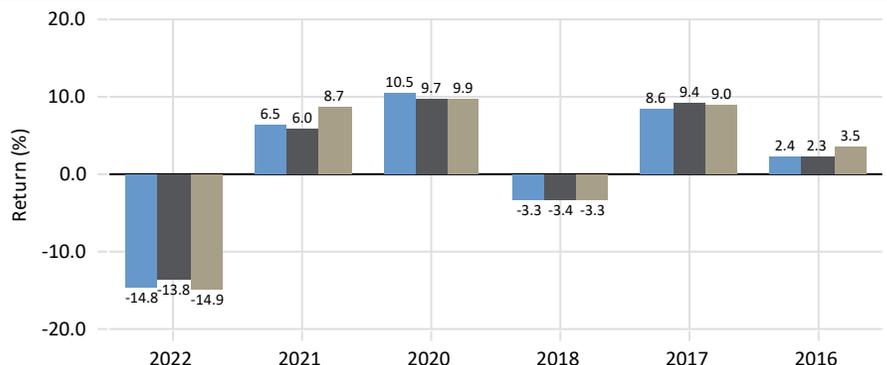
### Growth of \$100



### Since Inception Risk Statistics

	Standard Deviation	Sharpe Ratio	Maximum Drawdown	Alpha	Beta
Conservative Pool	7.30	0.27	-17.84	-0.27	0.94
*Conservative Pool Composite	7.46	0.28	-17.87	-0.20	0.96
**Catholic Values Benchmark	7.70	0.31	-18.51	0.00	1.00

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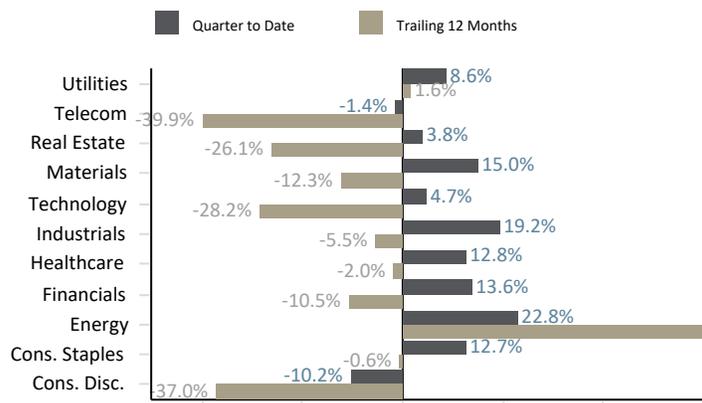
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## Market Commentary

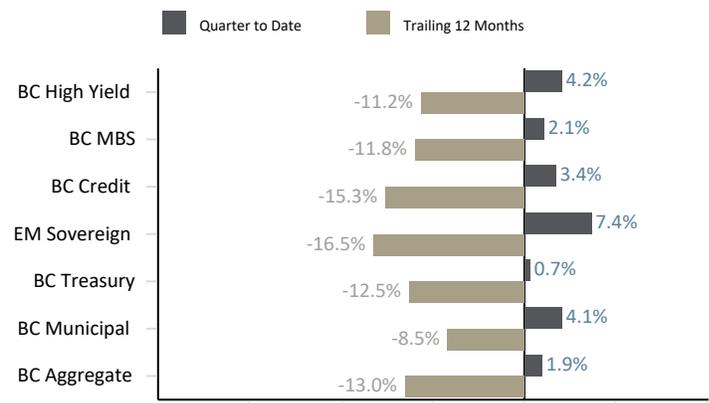
In 2022, persistent global inflationary pressures and coordinated central bank rate hikes led equities to decline to bear market lows and fixed income to experience the sharpest losses in decades. This was the first time in modern history where both US stocks and long-term bonds declined by double digits in a year. The traditional 60% stock/40% bond portfolio lost -16.1% in 2022, the worst return in more than 50 years. Meanwhile, as interest rates rose following the FOMC rate-hiking campaign, which was structured to lessen the highest level of inflation in 40 years, US investment grade fixed income posted a decline of -13.0% for 2022, the weakest annual total return for this index since its 1976 inception.

Inflation remained elevated even as the US Headline CPI Inflation cooled to 7.1% year-over-year in November, a decline from the June peak of 9.1%. Since the inflation rate remained well above the FOMC's target of 2%, the Committee raised interest rates 1.25% during 4Q. This brought the total amount of the FOMC's rate increase to 4.25%. The FOMC does not anticipate inflation will come down quickly due to the strength of the labor market and notes that additional hikes are possible.

### S&P 500 Sector Performance



### Bond Market Performance



## Catholic Screening Methodology

In addition to emphasis on competitive investment performance, Foundation assets are managed in accordance with the moral teaching guidelines of the Catholic Church set forth through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops investment guidelines document. The management of the investment assets of the Foundation focuses on a profound respect for the dignity of the human person.

**Portfolios are built and continuously screened to avoid investment in companies with violations of human life and dignity.**

#### ZERO TOLERANCE FOR PARTICIPATION IN:

- Abortion - includes day hospitals performing abortion and direct abortion drugs like RU486
- Contraceptives - includes morning after pill and abortifacients
- Pornography - includes sexually explicit media, video games, production, audio, etc.
- Embryonic stem cell research

#### AVOID PARTICIPATION IN:

- Tobacco
- Gaming
- Weapons of mass destruction (nuclear), land mines, cluster munitions

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- Income/Deflation Benchmark consists of Barclays Aggregate Index and 90-Day T-Bill in the same allocation as the pool constituents.

Non-Traditional Benchmark consists of S&P 500 Global Infrastructure, S&P BMI Property Dev and Bloomberg Commodity Index in the same allocation of the pool constituents.

- Capital appreciation Benchmark consists of S&P 500, MSCI EAFE Net, and FTSE Treasury Bill 3 month in the same allocation as the pool constituents.

\*\*Catholic Values Benchmark: Same allocation as Pool Composite, except utilizing MSCI World Catholic Values Benchmark for equities.

**Sources:** FactSet, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management GIC.

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