

T U R N I N G H O P E I N T O R E A L I T Y



Roman Catholic Foundation
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Building Relationships:

The fruits of Beyond Sunday are witnessed in the students enjoying the Catholic school experience and the critical projects in local parishes.



Support for the *Beyond Sunday* campaign continues to grow, with gifts currently totaling more than \$80 million. Clergy throughout the archdiocese have pledged a total of \$1,455,000, showing their strong support of Archbishop Carlson and his vision of the future of Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Fr. Kevin Schroeder, Pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Shrewsbury, notes that the campaign has strengthened his parish community, bringing together individuals and families for a common cause.

“As a new pastor, I wasn’t sure how the parish would greet the idea,” he notes. “I have been pleasantly surprised by the support and the excitement *Beyond Sunday* has generated for Catholic education and the projects we are planning with our proceeds.”

At St. Francis Borgia Regional High School, campaign gifts already are bearing fruit – and making a difference in the lives of students and their families. Nineteen *Beyond Sunday* scholarships totaling \$58,200 have been awarded to students for the 2017-2018 school year.



Beyond Sunday Team:

Left to right: Scott Watson, Mark Halter, Paul Gaines, Mark Guyol (Pres. Roman Catholic Foundation), Fr. Rickey, Lisa Cartee, Shirley Bieser and Sandi Brooks

While the principal focus of *Beyond Sunday* is on Catholic education, the funds raised by parishes are being used for a variety of projects. Fr. Rickey Valleroy, Pastor of St. Joseph Parish in Farmington, said the money raised through the *Beyond Sunday* campaign at the parish is being used to construct a new St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry. The current food pantry serves more than 250 families each month.

Thanks to the generosity of so many throughout the archdiocese, the *Beyond Sunday* campaign is impacting lives.

For ongoing updates *Beyond Sunday* updates, please visit: <http://rcfstl.org/beyond-sunday/>

Living a Stewardship Life:

Rosati-Kain Alumnae Build for the Future through Scholarship Funds

*Alumnae are upholding the three words of their motto:
"Believe. Achieve. Do."*

Located in the Central West End, Rosati-Kain High School, an all-girls, archdiocesan high school, has been producing women of leadership, service and faith since 1911. And for R-K alumnae, giving back to their alma mater is a way of life. Each year just before commencement, graduating seniors are welcomed into the Alumnae Association and invited to remain connected to the school and its future students. This year, several groups of alumnae are staying connected to R-K in a special way by establishing scholarships for the benefit of future students. Together, the three new funds will total more than \$260,000, with funds distributed annually to support students seeking an R-K education.

The Pratte family, whose mother Ruth Reiss Pratte graduated from R-K in 1931, established a \$200,000 endowed scholarship in support of the school and its students. Ruth's children are working to fulfill her wish of supporting the school into the future.

Another fund is being established by the class of 1969, who are working together, peer-to-peer, to raise \$30,000 by the time their class celebrates its 50th anniversary of graduation in 2019.

An alumna from the class of 1965 is also establishing a scholarship endowment fund in memoriam for her spouse who passed away suddenly. Memorial gifts were directed to R-K, with the remaining funds supplied by the family.

R-K's President, Sr. Joan Andert, SSND, notes that the scholarship assistance will help the school support students in a variety of ways: from individual families facing unexpected hardships, to ongoing support of middle-class families seeking a Catholic education for their students. This scholarship support helps retain the socioeconomic diversity that has characterized the school from its earliest days.



"Faith which is lived out in a serious manner gives rise to acts of authentic charity."

Pope Francis



Turning Hope Into Reality: Sharing Our Stories

Sharing our stories of success is important, not only to our donors and stakeholders, but also to the corporate and foundation communities.

As the Roman Catholic Foundation completes its second full year of operation, success is evident.

The Foundation currently holds \$13 million in assets under management, consisting of twenty endowed funds, four unendowed funds, three donor-advised funds and a charitable unitrust. A dozen additional funds are nearing establishment with the Foundation, from a variety of donors.

The *Beyond Sunday* campaign has raised \$80 million of the \$100 million goal, with extraordinary leadership support from the clergy.

Recently, the Foundation has partnered with a variety of schools to help support and establish scholarship funds to benefit students at schools throughout the archdiocese, from St. Francis Borgia Regional High School in Washington, Missouri, to St. Mary's High School, in south St. Louis.

The Foundation staff is working with individual donors, parishes, schools and organizations, apostolates of the archdiocese, and financial planners to assist individuals seeking to make gifts that will benefit Catholic organizations throughout Eastern Missouri now and for generations to come.

To stay current with Foundation news, please visit <http://rcfstl.org/about-the-rcf/news/>.



Intentional Stewardship:

You Worked to Build Your IRA, Now Let Your IRA Work For You (and our Catholic Community)!

At the end of 2015, Congress voted to make the IRA Charitable Rollover provision permanent law. For donors age 70½ or older with a traditional or Roth IRA, this law allows you to donate up to \$100,000 to charitable organizations without treating the distribution as taxable income.

In order to qualify, contributions must go directly to a public charity. Donors may receive no goods or services in return for their contributions, and they must obtain written documentation of their contributions from each recipient charity.

How might your parish, school or favorite ministry benefit?

- All or part of your mandatory annual IRA distribution can be used to establish a fund to benefit your favorite archdiocesan parish, school or ministry.

- By directing the distribution, you do not take possession of the funds, and therefore you are not taxed on them. This provides a greater gift to the organization and shields you from the tax on the distribution.
- You may make your distribution at any time – even before the end of the year. Contact the Foundation to complete the documentation for your gift. You can then make your request for distribution to your advisor, providing them with the details regarding the transfer.

To learn more about this and other gifting options, please contact Michael Weisbrod, Gift Planning Officer, at 314.918.2893 or michael.weisbrod@rcfstl.org.



A Generous Response

Dear Friends,

Happy Thanksgiving!

As we approach the final months of the year, it is natural to pause and take note of all for which we are thankful. Perhaps you have celebrated the joyful birth of a child or grandchild. Maybe you or a family member reached a birthday milestone or an anniversary of note. Has a special prayer been answered?

For the most part, these celebrations are about people – those we love and who love us – families, neighbors, and close friends. Our many “thanksgivings” help us measure the years.

As we look back, it is not hard to see how God’s love has flourished in our lives. Gratitude overflows in our hearts as we are reminded of the simple gifts of love and goodwill all around us.

The mission of the Roman Catholic Foundation is ***“inspiring giving and connecting donors to Catholic ministries, sustaining the local Church for future generations.”*** Please let us know how we can assist you in creating your own Catholic legacy to sustain God’s work here in our archdiocese.

I want to express my gratitude to all who have given their time and their financial resources to the *Beyond Sunday* campaign. The support from the clergy, both in terms of their pastoral leadership and personal gifts, has been extraordinary.

Warm wishes to you at Thanksgiving and throughout the Christmas Season!

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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