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Dear Priests, Deacons and the Curia,

In my tenure as the Archbishop of St. Louis, I have come to know and understand the good work of the Roman Catholic Foundation and appreciate its significant impact on our local parishes, schools and ministries. In the 8 years since the Foundation's establishment, it has:

- Led the Beyond Sunday capital campaign raising \$110 million to benefit parishes and Catholic education throughout the Archdiocese of St. Louis.
- Had an impact of \$86.6 million on our parishes and schools from the Beyond Sunday campaign
- Granted an additional \$5 million from Endowment Funds and Donor-Advised Funds to local parishes, schools and ministries and other non-profits
- Established over 175 funds—Endowment Funds, Donor-Advised Funds and others—currently valued at over \$60 million
- Educated thousands of Catholics on the End-of Life Planning topics of Catholic Bioethics, Estate Planning, Funeral Planning and Charitable Gift Planning.

The work of the Foundation is critical to the future of the Archdiocese of St. Louis. This is why I am writing today to encourage you, the leaders of our parishes, schools and ministries, to engage with the Foundation to establish your own endowment fund to benefit your organization, if you have not already. Thank you to the 63 organizations who have already started endowment funds with the Foundation.

The Roman Catholic Foundation serves as your professional gift-planning partner, providing expertise, education, marketing, and support to build your organization's planned giving program. With the help of the Roman Catholic Foundation, you can establish and grow an endowment fund that will fortify your organization's mission for the future while solidifying your current annual giving. Your donors will feel secure in their charitable giving decisions, knowing their gifts will be responsibly stewarded by the Foundation.

I fully endorse the Roman Catholic Foundation and urge you to consider partnering with the Foundation to establish an endowment fund as an investment in the future of your organization. Please help your Catholic community *Plan with Heart. Invest for Good.*

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mitchell T. Rozanski".

Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski
Archbishop of St. Louis