

REFLECTING ON 200 YEARS OF FAITH IN ST. LOUIS

COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT 2025

Strengthening our Catholic Community



Roman Catholic Foundation
of
EASTERN MISSOURI



A Letter from Our Board

Dear Friends,

As the Archdiocese of St. Louis approaches its 200th anniversary, we pause to express our gratitude for the faith, sacrifice, and generosity that have sustained the Church across two centuries. The Bicentennial Jubilee theme, *"One Church: Encountering Jesus, Living His Mission,"* calls us to honor this legacy while looking responsibly to the future.



The Roman Catholic Foundation exists to serve this mission. Through prudent stewardship and championing legacy giving, we help ensure that the ministries entrusted to us today remain strong for generations to come. Our work unites donors, parishes, schools, and ministries around a shared purpose: extending the encounter with Christ well beyond our own lifetimes.

Those who came before us built enduring institutions through faith-filled generosity. Today, we are entrusted with carrying that legacy forward. Stewarding present-day gifts, endowed funds, and testamentary estate commitments allows Catholic families to express discipleship in a lasting way, providing stability and confidence for Church leaders planning not just for tomorrow, but for the next century.



"The Bicentennial Jubilee reminds us that the Church is always built with an eye toward the future. Every endowed fund, every scholarship, and every legacy gift is an act of hope, an affirmation that the mission of the Church will continue long after we are gone. At the Roman Catholic Foundation, we have the privilege of helping donors translate faith into foresight, generosity into permanence, and love for the Church into lasting impact. Together, we are not only honoring the past 200 years, but we are also prayerfully building the next 200, confident that God will bless what is entrusted to Him." – Joe Bestgen, President & CEO

We are living in a pivotal moment as a historic transfer of wealth unfolds. When guided by prayer and intention, legacy gifts can strengthen the Church's mission in profound and enduring ways. The impact of legacy giving through the Roman Catholic Foundation is evident in the \$90 million returned to parishes, schools, and ministries across the archdiocese.

As we celebrate 200 years as one Church, we invite you to consider how your legacy can help carry Christ's mission forward today, tomorrow, and for generations yet to come.

Sincerely,

Mark & Joan Guyol Board Co-Chairs

The Words of a Modern-Day Saint

A Perpetual Blessing to the Community

Originally from central Illinois, Paul and Renee Hughes and their family moved to St. Louis for Paul's career. As faithful practicing Catholics, they heard and chose to live by Pope St. John Paul II's message when he visited St. Louis in 1999: that we should start to build God's kingdom right here in St. Louis!

Paul and Renee truly took his message to heart and found the perfect outlet for their work in the Missionaries of Charity Sisters, who were living and working in North St. Louis on the campus of the parish then known as St. Theresa and St. Bridget, now St. Josephine Bakhita. The Hughes said the sisters worked tirelessly and joyfully to make things better in a very challenged neighborhood. The entire Hughes family joined the parish and began volunteering at the soup kitchen.

They came to know the children and parents the sisters served, and were amazed and inspired by their experiences. They witnessed the families raising themselves to a level of self-sustenance, which included the children attending secondary schools such as De Smet, Rosati Kain, and Cardinal Ritter Institute. Not an easy task! The Sisters worked diligently to find tuition assistance for students to break the generational cycle of poverty.



During their years as parishioners, they witnessed a woman with a beautiful soul: Miss Oralynn Allen. She was an elderly lady, wheelchair bound when they came to know her. She embodied the heart and soul of the parish.

A pillar of the North St. Louis community, Mother Teresa met with Miss Allen to discuss the area, its needs, and the potential for a positive future before she selected the parish campus for the soup kitchen. She was a quiet inspiration to everyone who witnessed her Christ-like love.

After several years as parishioners, the Hughes family was transferred away from St. Louis. They were first transferred to Switzerland, then back to the United States, but the beautiful memories of Miss Allen and her love for all God's children remained with them for the decade they were away.

Paul and Renee are now retired and living in Memphis, Tennessee. However, the miles and years have not diminished the memory of the glow of Oralynn's smile as she greeted the children. Nor do they believe that they have completed their commitment to the message heard here in St. Louis more than two decades ago. They began by discussing their desire to make a difference with their attorney in Memphis, who suggested that they explore avenues to fulfill their dreams here in St. Louis. They ultimately found the Roman Catholic Foundation and began a dialogue over breakfast during the Christmas holidays in 2024.

After meetings with the Foundation professionals and the pastor of St. Josephine Bakhita Parish, they elected to create the **Oralynn Allen Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund** at the Foundation. The scholarship endowment fund will provide qualified students with the opportunity to enjoy the blessings of a Catholic education, giving them the foundation for a strong and faith-filled life. The hope is that these young students will also feel the power of God through their education and become disciples of our Lord's Word!

Thank you, Paul and Renee, for hearing God's message and living His teachings!





RECOGNIZING OUR LEGACY CIRCLE

Since 2018, the RCF Legacy Circle has recognized devoted Catholics who commit to supporting the future of our local Church through a planned gift. The Foundation honors members with special recognition and invites them to the annual Legacy Circle Mass and Breakfast with the Archbishop of St. Louis.

As of December 31, 2025

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A Commitment of Generosity and Faith

Drawing on their professional expertise and life experiences, board members serve on a range of committees that provide essential leadership and oversight. Through this work, they help steward investment performance, support fundraising efforts, oversee financial audits, and offer thoughtful recommendations on grant and scholarship distributions, among other key responsibilities.

A few Trustees shared their thoughts on the committees' work and the board's overall work:



"Our dedication to this work is rooted in stewardship and faith. The Finance Committee approaches its work with deep respect for the trust placed in us. Disciplined oversight and thoughtful decision-making allow the Roman Catholic Foundation to remain strong, stable, and well-positioned to serve parishes, schools, and ministries well into the future."

– Mike Walsh, Chair



"Our commitment on the Audit Committee is rooted in faith, responsibility, and respect for the generosity of those who give. Through careful review and independent oversight, we help ensure that the Roman Catholic Foundation

remains transparent, well-governed, and worthy of the trust placed in it. This work supports not only sound financial practices but also the Church's spiritual mission, allowing ministries to flourish and donors to give with confidence. Stewardship done well is an act of service, and we are honored to help safeguard the Foundation's integrity in support of Christ's work."

– Jen Hempstead, Chair



The strength and effectiveness of the Roman Catholic Foundation are closely tied to the dedication of its Board of Directors. Board service is far more than ceremonial; members actively guide and advance the Foundation's mission.

"The Board of Trustees approaches its oversight with humility and conviction, recognizing that our work serves something far greater than ourselves. By providing clear governance, accountability, and long-term vision, we help ensure that the Roman Catholic Foundation remains a faithful steward of the blessings entrusted to it. This oversight creates stability, inspires donor confidence, and supports the Church's mission across generations. It is an honor to serve in this role and to help guide the Foundation in advancing Christ's work through responsible and prayerful stewardship."

– Buzz Eckelkamp, Trustee



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ARCHDIOCESE OF SAINT LOUIS BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The Archdiocese of St. Louis is celebrating its Bicentennial Jubilee Year from January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, marking 200 years since the founding of the Diocese of St. Louis.



Our regions' Catholic roots, however, reach back more than 350 years, to the earliest days of faith on the American frontier. In 1764, one of the first Masses was offered in the early settlement of St. Louis on the very site where the Basilica of St. Louis, King of France, our beloved old cathedral, now stands. At that time, the Church in this region was part of a growing frontier mission. In 1826, Pope Leo XII formally established the Diocese of St. Louis, which then stretched across the Louisiana Purchase Territory. The 2026 jubilee year marks the 200th anniversary of that historic moment. The diocese was later elevated to an archdiocese by Pope Pius IX in 1847.

Celebrating the vibrant, living history of the Catholic faith, the bicentennial celebration officially began on January 1, 2026, as parishes throughout the archdiocese rang their bells at 10:00 am in joyful unity. Archbishop Rozanski invites the faithful to embrace the spiritual richness of our Bicentennial Year through pilgrimage and prayer. Special pilgrimage sites have been designated in each of the archdiocese's three vicariates, and each month of the year is accompanied by a dedicated prayer so that, as faithful people, we can easily participate in this celebration.



The archdiocese has also provided resources and ideas to encourage meaningful and creative celebrations that honor each community's unique Catholic heritage. As we celebrate with joyful hearts, we honor a legacy of faith that has guided generations and wish to inspire a future full of hope for all who call the Archdiocese of St. Louis home.

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As we look back on our founding and growth, we are grateful to our patron saints, who continue to provide inspiration for our daily lives:



**Saint Louis IX,
King of France**

Teaches us to lead with virtue, to seek justice with courage, and to serve others with humility.



Saint Vincent de Paul

Reminds us to see Christ in those who are most in need and to respond with compassion, generosity, and loving service.



**Saint Rose
Philippine Duchesne**

Inspires us with her courageous missionary spirit and her lifelong devotion to prayer, faith, and education.

"In every age, God raises up witnesses of faith, hope, and love."



"One generation, shall praise your works to another." – Psalm 145:4



Beyond Sunday's Impact

as of December 31, 2025

25,800
total pledges made



\$44.4M
distributed
to parishes

\$3.1M
awarded in
school grants



\$44M
endowed for
Catholic education

\$21M
awarded in
scholarships



Forming the Next Generation of Catholic Leaders

The **Beyond Sunday High School Fellows Program** empowers young Catholic leaders to grow in faith, scholarship, and service. Supported through the generosity of the Beyond Sunday campaign, Fellows receive tuition assistance to attend a Catholic high school and participate in a program focused on leadership, spirituality, and community engagement.



Each year, Fellows gather for Mass and reflection with Archbishop Rozanski, celebrating their shared commitment to living their faith boldly and serving others with joy. This year, it was followed by a conference with Father Charlie Archer. Together, these students represent the next generation of faithful stewards, carrying forward the mission of the Church and the legacy of Catholic education in our community.



Testamentary Intention Recipients

Stewarding \$52,000,000+ in Testamentary Intentions

Access Academies St. Louis, MO	Life Teen Camp – Cana St. Louis, MO	St. Joseph Catholic Church Wentzville, MO
Aid to the Church in Need Brooklyn, NY	Life Teen International, Inc. Atlanta, GA	St. Joseph's Community of Secular Discalced Carmelites St. Louis, MO
American Life League Falmouth, VA	Little Flower Catholic Church Richmond Heights, MO	St. Joseph Neier Catholic Church Cemetery Neier, MO (2)
Annual Catholic Appeal St. Louis, MO (15)	Little Sisters of the Poor St. Louis, MO	St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital Memphis, TN
Aquinas Institute of Theology St. Louis, MO	Marian Middle School St. Louis, MO	St. Justin Martyr Catholic Church Sunset Hills, MO
Archbishop Robert J. Carlson EF St. Louis, MO	Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers Maryknoll, NY	St. Louis Area Food Bank St. Louis, MO
Archdiocese of St. Louis Office of Evangelization and Discipleship St. Louis, MO	Mission of Our Lady of Mercy Chicago, IL	St. Louis University St. Louis, MO
Association of the Miraculous Medal Perryville, MO	Mission of The Sisters at Our Lady of Guadalupe Convent St. Louis, MO (2)	St. Louis University High School St. Louis, MO
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Augustine Institute St. Louis, MO	Missouri National Veterans Memorial Perryville, MO	St. Margaret of Scotland Elementary School St. Louis, MO
Benedictine Mission House (Christ the King Priory) Schuyler, NE	Mount Hope Cemetery – St. Boniface Cemetery Perryville, MO	St. Martha's Hall St. Louis, MO
Beyond Sunday Educational Endowment St. Louis, MO (5)	Mt. Grace Convent (Pink Sisters) St. Louis, MO	St. Mary's of the Barrens – National Shrine Perryville, MO
Birthing Counseling of St. Louis St. Louis, MO (2)	National Shrine of St. Joseph and Friends St. Louis, MO	St. Mary's South Side Catholic High School St. Louis, MO
Bishop DuBourg High School St. Louis, MO	National Shrine of St. Jude Chicago, IL	St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church Shrewsbury, MO
Bugumiro Foundation Uganda Uganda	National Shrine of St. Odilia Onamia, MN	St. Norbert Catholic Church Florissant, MO
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Cardinal Ritter High School St. Louis, MO	Parochial Grade School Scholarships St. Louis, MO	St. Paul Catholic Church & Cemetery Berger, MO
Cardinal Ritter Senior Services St. Louis, MO	Pontifical North American College Rome, Italy	St. Paul VI Institute Omaha, NE
Carmelite Community of Nuns Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	Priests for Life Coco, FL (2)	St. Peter Catholic Church fbo St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Charles, MO
Carmelite Sisters of the Divine Heart of Jesus St. Louis, MO (2)	Priests Mutual Benefit Society St. Louis, MO (3)	St. Pius X High School Festus, MO
Catechist of the Good Shepherd St. Louis, MO	Regina Cleri St. Louis, MO (3)	St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church DeSoto, MO
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis St. Louis, MO (4)	Relevant Radio Green Bay, WI	St. Simon the Apostle Catholic Church Green Park, MO
Catholic Bishops of North Alaska Fairbanks, AK	Respect Life Apostolate St. Louis, MO (3)	St. Stephen Catholic Church Richwoods, MO
Catholic Charities of St. Louis St. Louis, MO (10)	Retired Archdiocesan Priests' EF St. Louis, MO	St. Theodore Catholic Church Wentzville, MO
Catholic Education – Archdiocese of St. Louis St. Louis, MO	Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri St. Louis, MO (2)	St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Perryville, MO
Catholic Near East Welfare Association New York, NY	Rosati-Kain Academy St. Louis, MO	St. Vincent de Paul Parish Elementary School Dutzow, MO (2)
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Christian Brothers of the Midwest District Burr Ridge, IL	Salesian Missions New Rochelle, NY	St. Vincent Education Foundation Perryville, MO
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Covenant Radio St. Louis, MO (4)	Sisters of St. Francis of the Martyr St. George Alton, IL	The Carmel of St. Joseph St. Louis, MO
Cross Catholic Outreach Boca Raton, FL (2)	Sisters of the Society Devoted to the Sacred Heart Northridge, CA	The Companions of St. Anthony Ellicott City, MD
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Food for the Poor Coconut Creek, FL	St. Elizabeth, Mother of John the Baptist Catholic Church St. Louis, MO	Visitation Academy St. Louis, MO
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Glenmary Home Missioners Fairfield, OH	St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church Washington, MO (2)	Woodlawn Foundation Chicago, IL
Gregorian University Foundation Washington, D.C.	St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church Elementary School Washington, MO (2)	World Bird Sanctuary Valley Park, MO
Holy Cross Academy, St. Michael the Archangel Campus Shrewsbury, MO	St. Francis Cabrini Academy St. Louis, MO	
Holy Trinity Catholic Church St. Louis, MO	St. Francis Community Services St. Louis, MO	
Immacolata Catholic Church Richmond Heights, MO	St. Gabriel Catholic Church St. Louis, MO	
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Cemetery, Old Monroe Old Monroe, MO	St. Gianna Catholic Church Wentzville, MO	
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Roman Catholic Foundation: Hosting the Consortium of Catholic Foundations Annual Symposium

This year, the Roman Catholic Foundation is honored to host the Annual Symposium of the Consortium of Catholic Foundations, a national network of Catholic foundations serving 62 dioceses across the United States.

Together, these foundations steward charitable resources in service of the Church's missions, supporting parishes, schools, ministries, and charitable works that strengthen the life of faith across the country.

The Consortium gathers each year with a shared commitment to prayer, collaboration, and excellence. Because our member foundations serve distinct dioceses and geographic regions, there is no competition among us, only a shared conviction that the Church is best served when ideas, materials, and best practices are freely shared for the greater good. This spirit of generosity reflects the very heart of Catholic stewardship.

The 2026 Symposium will be held at the Augustine Institute in Florissant, Missouri, overlooking the Missouri River. Appropriately, the theme of this year's gathering is Confluence, the coming together of faith, ideas, energy, opportunity, and passion in service of the Church. Just as the Illinois, Mississippi, and Missouri rivers merge nearby to become stronger and more life-giving, this symposium draws leaders together to deepen impact through shared wisdom and collective purpose.

At the core of our work is the sacred responsibility of helping individuals and families prayerfully discern how to share the blessings entrusted to them. Through wills, beneficiary designations, charitable trusts, and other legacy gifts, donors are invited to participate in the Church's enduring mission, ensuring that the Bride of Christ remains vibrant and faith-filled for generations to come. Legacy giving is not merely a financial strategy; it is an expression of gratitude, stewardship, and hope rooted in the Gospel call to give freely as we have received.

Hosting the Consortium's Annual Symposium is both a privilege and a reflection of our shared mission: to connect donors to the Catholic ministries they love, to steward resources with integrity and faith, and to strengthen the Church today and for generations yet to come.



A Life of Faith, Service, and Lasting Generosity

Reverend Robert “Rosy” Rosebrough grew up in a faith-filled family. His father, a project manager for Johns Manville, was often away for months, leaving Mrs. Rosebrough to raise their six children. Rosy, the fourth sibling, was part of a lively, close-knit household. After early years in Texas, the family settled in St. Ann, Missouri, in 1951, joining St. Mary’s Parish, where the children attended school.

After one year at Mercy High School, Rosy felt a deeper call and transferred to the Archdiocesan seminary prep school. He continued to the Seminary, where summer work was encouraged. In 1966, he lived in the Pruitt-Igoe Housing Project and worked in

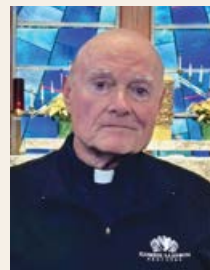
a factory – an eye-opening experience that deepened his understanding of working families’ struggles.

Ordained in 1969, Father Rosy began at St. Hedwig Parish and later served at St. Mark’s in North City. In 1977, he moved to St. Joachim in Old Mines, then to Holy Infant in Ballwin as pastor in 1984. His sixteen-year tenure at Sacred Heart in Valley Park began in 1988. There, he led a major parish expansion and successfully challenged the Missouri Highway Department’s attempt to claim parish land. Around 2004, he guided the combined parishes of Good Shepherd and Sts. John and James in Ferguson, helping unify

their campuses with thoughtful planning.

While proud of his parish leadership, Father Rosy’s greatest passion has been Catholic Marriage Encounter. Since 1973, he has supported countless couples, a mission he continues in retirement.

In 2024, Father Rosy established a permanent endowment through an IRA distribution, thoughtfully supporting ministries close to his heart. His lifelong faith, service, and generosity continue to bless the Archdiocese of St. Louis.



CLERGY CARING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

A Legacy of Gratitude and Faith

Like many of his generation, Monsignor Joseph Simon was raised in a traditional Catholic home. He attended St. Catherine of Siena Grade School, Mercy High School, and later graduated from Saint Louis University with a degree in Commerce and Finance.

After college, Joe Simon joined McDonnell Aircraft, working on the contract team for F-4 fighter jets during the height of the Vietnam War. Though grateful for the opportunity, he felt a persistent sense that God was calling him to something more. Encouraged to seek spiritual direction, he visited Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. There, he discovered the deeper purpose he had been seeking.

Following ordination, Father Simon began his priestly ministry at

St. Joseph Parish in Manchester and went on to serve as Associate Pastor at four additional parishes. He was later appointed Pastor of St. Bridget Parish in Pacific, followed by pastorates at Holy Redeemer in Webster Groves and Queen of All Saints in Oakville. Monsignor has often reflected that he never had a favorite assignment – each parish possessed its own unique spirit and faithful community.

He eventually retired as Rector of the Cathedral Basilica and later assisted at St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish. In early 2025, he moved to Regina Cleri on the Cardinal Rigali Campus, grateful for the opportunity to continue celebrating Mass and hearing confessions.

Inspired by reading about the Roman Catholic Foundation’s work,

Monsignor felt called to create a lasting gift. The modest savings account he had opened as a young man, carefully tended but never spent, became the instrument of that generosity.

Deeply grateful for his formation at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and for the support of the Priests’ Mutual Benefit Society, Monsignor established an endowment to benefit both. His gift ensures future seminarians receive strong formation and that retired priests are cared for with dignity – an enduring testament to faith, gratitude, and love for the Church.





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2025 Participating Parishes

NORTHERN VICARIATE

Annunciation
Church of the Annunziata
Epiphany
Holy Redeemer
Our Lady of Lourdes
Our Lady of Providence
Our Lady of the Pillar
Seven Holy Founders
St. Clement of Rome
St. Gerard Majella
St. James the Greater
St. Margaret of Scotland
St. Michael the Archangel
St. Peter (Kirkwood)
St. Raymond - St. Elizabeth

SOUTHERN VICARIATE

Assumption (Mattese)
Christ the Savior (Brewer)
Mary Mother of the Church
Our Lady Queen of Peace (House Springs)
Our Lady of Victory (Sereno)
Sacred Heart (Valley Park)
St. Agnes
St. Anthony of Padua
St. Francis of Assisi
St. Joseph (Apple Creek)
St. Lawrence
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
St. Vincent de Paul (Perryville)

WESTERN VICARIATE

All Saints (St Peters)
Assumption (O'Fallon)
Holy Family
Immaculate Heart of Mary (New Melle)
Incarnate Word
Our Lady of Lourdes (Washington)
St. Alphonsus (Millwood)
St. Ann (Clover Bottom)
St. Anselm Parish
St. Bridget of Kildare (Pacific)
St. Clare of Assisi (Ellisville)
St. Gertrude (Kracow)
St. Gianna Catholic Church (Wentzville)
St. James (Catawissa)
St. John Gildehaus
St. Mary of Perpetual Help

FAITH ACROSS GENERATIONS

In November 2025, the Roman Catholic Foundation successfully launched **"LEGACY SUNDAY"** across the Archdiocese of St. Louis, with 44 parishes participating in this inaugural pilot program. As an emerging annual initiative, Legacy Sunday offers a gentle, pastoral invitation for the faithful to support the long-term future of their parish through planned giving. By encouraging parishioners to remember the Church when thinking about their planned giving, this program ensures that the faith, traditions, and local ministries cherished today will be sustained for future generations.

*Let us be the generation that plants the seeds of a stronger Church.
Let us be remembered as faithful stewards who said,
"All that I have is a gift from God, and I return it with joy."*

In most of the 44 parishes, Legacy Sunday was held on All Souls Day, a profound gesture of gratitude to our predecessors who gave of themselves so we might know the Lord. We honor their sacrifices: long hours in prayer, humble offerings of love, churches built by hand, and the courage to carry their faith through hardship and persecution. Because of their devotion, we now walk a path made firm by their witnesses. Together, we prayed to be worthy of this legacy, asking for the inspiration to live generously and plant seeds of faith for those who come after us.

To support this initiative, the Foundation enlisted dedicated volunteers. Speaking from the heart, our Legacy Sunday Ambassadors delivered pulpit talks, inviting fellow parishioners to reflect on the lasting impact of their faith. Where possible, the Ambassadors shared a special video, reminding parishioners that, as Catholics, we are called to be good stewards not only of what we have today, but also of what we leave behind.

"As a pastor, I am grateful the Foundation is making efforts to educate parishioners about the importance of remembering the Church, and believe it is equally important to thank those who have already generously provided for the Church." – Father Mike Grosch, St. Gerard Majella



Legacy Sunday is about hope. It's about planting seeds today that will grow tomorrow. It's about gratitude for what we've received and generosity for what we can still give.

"We think this is so important, we would like to continue educating our parishioners about the many ways to make a planned gift leading up to Legacy Sunday 2026."

– Bruce Buerkle, Mary Mother of the Church



After Mass, our Ambassadors spoke with parishioners who had questions or wanted to learn more.

Following Legacy Sunday, we gathered with our Pastors and Ambassadors to thank them for their generous yes to hosting Legacy Sunday and for their leadership, hospitality, and faithful presence. During those meetings, our Pastors and Ambassadors shared their reflections, feedback, and stories to help us strengthen Legacy Sunday and make it even more fruitful for the years to come.

"The materials were all very organized. I appreciate how you made everything easy to follow and adaptable. The organization is very professional and engaging, and I am grateful the Roman Catholic Foundation is taking the time to prepare this information for parishes." *– Mike Salmo, Saint Michael the Archangel*

Through prayerful estate planning, you can create an enduring legacy that sustains your parish, Catholic education, and vital ministries that serve the poor and vulnerable. When you do, your final act on earth becomes a powerful witness to the Gospel.

The Roman Catholic Foundation provides free, confidential, individualized assistance to donors of all walks of life who wish to leave a legacy to the Catholic organizations they love. We educate, inspire, and guide as much as you desire; there is no expectation that you must do something. We can help you leave a gift to a Parish, School, or Ministry that you love through:

Wills & Trusts	IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions
Beneficiary Designations	Donor-Advised Funds
Gifts of Real Estate	Charitable Gift Annuities
Gifts of Insurance	Endowment Funds
Gifts of Highly-Appreciated Assets	Charitable Remainder Trusts



Honoring the Past, **Shaping the Future**

We pause with deep gratitude for the generations who came before us, faithful men and women whose sacrifice, vision, and generosity laid the foundations of our Catholic life. Through their gifts of time, talent, and treasure, parishes were built, cathedrals rose toward heaven, and schools, ministries, and institutions took root to serve both God and neighbor.



As we celebrate the Bicentennial of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, we honor not only the passage of 200 years but also the enduring legacy of stewardship that made this milestone possible. The commitment of those before us ensured that the Gospel was proclaimed, the sacraments celebrated, and faith handed on from generation to generation.



Standing on their shoulders, we are both beneficiaries and stewards, called to carry forward the same spirit of generosity so that the Church may remain vibrant and faithful for centuries to come.

“This Jubilee Year invites us to honor the past, celebrate the present, and commit ourselves anew to the mission of Christ.” – Archbishop Rozanski



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**"We are heirs to this missionary legacy...
Now, in our own time, we are called
to carry that light forward
with courage, joy, and faith."**

– Archbishop Rozanski



Endowment Fund (EF)

Endowment funds managed through the Roman Catholic Foundation strengthen the benefiting organization's financial future by providing perpetual annual income. Donors feel confident that their planned gifts will make a lasting difference. Once the fund is established, the RCF partners with the benefiting organization to educate other donors and market the fund. The fund grows with planned gifts over time, increasing its impact on the ministry.

Bequest

A bequest is a gift made through a will or trust. It is the simplest type of planned gift and the easiest to implement. It can be made to a designated beneficiary with a specific dollar amount or asset, as a percentage of an estate, or from the balance of an estate.

IRA Rollover

An IRA rollover allows donors age 70½ and older to reduce their taxable income by making a charitable gift directly from their IRA. Their gift may satisfy their required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year, and can reduce their taxable income, even if they do not itemize their deductions.

IRA Beneficiary Designation

Recent changes in the tax code make it much more beneficial for donors to name their favorite charities, supported through the Foundation, as beneficiaries of an IRA. Many financial advisors have recommended that their clients designate charitable organizations as the IRA beneficiary rather than family to avoid a hefty tax burden while leaving their assets to their families.



Donor-Advised Fund (DAF)

Donors establishing a DAF with the RCF receive a charitable income tax deduction. Often called a "charitable checkbook," donors can gift to their favorite organizations from the fund as frequently as they would like. The Foundation staff consolidates donors' record keeping and screens all gift recipients to ensure that their work is in keeping with the teachings of the Catholic Church.

Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)

A charitable gift annuity is an excellent way for donors to receive an income for life and make a gift to their favorite organization. When donors give a gift to the RCF, they receive a charitable tax deduction and an income stream for themselves or another annuitant for life. After their passing, the endowment named in the CGA will continue to support their favorite charities.

Gift of Life Insurance

Donors can transfer an existing policy or create a new policy with the Foundation as the owner and beneficiary. After their lifetime, the proceeds support the donor's favorite charities.

Life Estate Reserved

Donors can transfer the ownership of their personal residence to the Foundation and continue to reside there. When they pass away or move, the property is sold to fund an endowment to support their favorite charities.

Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)

For larger donors, the CRT provides the ability to structure their income stream for life. After their lifetime, the trust will distribute to an endowment at the Foundation to support their favorite charities.



Planning for the Future

Treat the Church Like One of the Kids

Since Archbishop Robert J. Carlson founded the Roman Catholic Foundation in 2013, thousands of Catholics throughout Eastern Missouri have learned more about incorporating planned giving into their legacy, regardless of their financial situation. A simple strategy to make planned giving more accessible came to Archbishop Carlson during a unique experience many years ago when he served as bishop of the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He recalls:

"When I was in the diocese of Sioux Falls, a wealthy farmer passed away, and he left everything to the diocese, though he had nine children. So I said I wanted to go up and meet with them. You could have cut the tension in the room with a knife when I walked in. I told them that, first of all, I wanted to talk about their father's generosity, but I'd like to suggest that we take a look at the funds available and treat the church just like one more child. That way, you'll each get the funds, and the church will get the funds, but we're going to share. They liked that idea, so it was divided in ten different ways. Interestingly, three of the children sent their share to the Diocese of Sioux Falls!

Since then, I have suggested to many people that when making your estate plans, just treat the church like one of the kids."



Strong Roots Flourishing

The **St. Martha Giving Circle** continues to set a remarkable example of faith-filled generosity. Over the last four years, this dedicated group of women has grown their fund to cumulatively award nearly \$200,000 in grants to local organizations within our Archdiocese all while steadily expanding their membership.

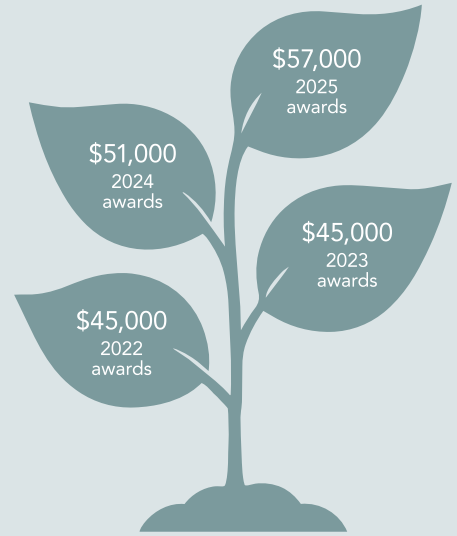
In 2025, the Marthas nominated 21 organizations to receive a grant. Ten of those 21 organizations were randomly selected to present their work at the Marthas' annual "10 for 10" event. Marthas then voted on all nominated organizations to determine which would receive grants. The Marthas proudly made 12 grants this year and, in a moment of great anticipation, announced winners at their award ceremony.

So much of being a Martha comes from the heart. Marthas give their time, talent and treasure for the sake of others. Founding member Phyllis Fresta captures the spirit of the group:



"Surrounded by generous, like-minded women, I've witnessed how collective generosity can transform good intentions into powerful change. When we pool our resources, our voices, and our hearts, we're able to meet charities where the need is greatest and create an impact that is deeper, broader, and more lasting than a single act of giving." – Phyllis Fresta

The Marthas are truly making a meaningful difference in our Catholic community! Additionally, Marthas from all over the Archdiocese get to know one another, share their faith, and build friendships. Each year culminates in a gathering at the Archbishop's residence, where he welcomes the Marthas to celebrate their work.



Total awarded: **\$198,000**

38 total organizations nurtured

2025 Awarded Organizations:

- Immigrant Task Force
- St. Louis Samaritans (St. Richard Parish)
- LifeBridge Ministries
- Revitalization 2000, Inc. (dba Claver House)
- One Classroom
- Marygrove
- Covenant House Missouri
- Gabriel's Retreat Ministry
- Colton's Cause
- Bree's Gift
- Mother of Good Counsel
- The Sycamore House



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Funds & Other Planned Gifts

\$90M+ in Cumulative Grants and Distributions

Long-Term Funds

Ascension Catholic Church Fund

Ascension Catholic Church (Chesterfield, MO)

Kevin Beckmann Fund

St. Anselm Catholic Church (Creve Coeur, MO)

Conoyer Family Scholarship Fund

Duchesne High School (St. Charles, MO)

Faithful Catholic Families Scholarship Fund

Multiple schools within the Archdiocese of St. Louis

Rosario Gasquet Memorial Fund

St. Austin School (Creve Coeur, MO)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church Fund

Holy Rosary Catholic Church (Warrenton, MO)

Holy Rosary Catholic School Fund

Holy Rosary Catholic School (Warrenton, MO)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church

Long-Term Fund

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Old Monroe, MO)

Ryan Kelly Memorial Fund

Holy Redeemer Catholic School (Webster Groves, MO)

Robert and Geraldine Lammert Memorial College Scholarship Fund

St. Dominic High School (O'Fallon, MO)

Christopher M. Locher (Class of 1999) Memorial Scholarship Fund

St. Francis Borgia High School (Washington, MO)

Louis and Maude Riegel Family Memorial Fund

St. James the Greater Catholic Church (St. Louis, MO)

Roman Catholic Foundation Fund

Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri (St. Louis, MO)

SOAR! Scholarship Fund

Select North County and St. Louis City Catholic Schools (St. Louis, MO)

St. Agatha Center Long-Term Fund

St. Agatha Center (St. Louis, MO)

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic School

Tuition Aid Fund

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque School (Oakville, MO)

Donor-Advised Funds (DAF)

Anonymous (16)

Baalmann Family Charitable Fund

Baranowski Family Charitable Fund

The BVC Catholic Impact Fund

Charles Family DAF

Mike & Brenda Dempsey Charitable Fund

George B. Desloge Family Charitable Fund

Reverend Mark A. Dolan Charitable Fund

Evergreen Hills Home Fund

Footwear Unlimited DAF

Con Franey & Stephanie Re DAF

Gannon St. Raymond Learning Centre, Archdiocese of Kisumu, Kenya

John & Rosemary Gorrell Memorial Fund

H. Wayne & Cynthia L. Groner DAF

Gummersheimer Family Fund

Joan & Mark Guyol Family DAF

Michael J. Heck Family Charitable Fund

Gerard & Jennifer Hempstead Family Charitable Fund

Daniel & Staci Huth DAF

Virginia Doody Kline Charitable Fund

Raymond Kreienkamp & Dr. Patricia Amato DAF

Joan & Joseph Lipic DAF

Reverend Michael J. Lydon DAF

Our Lady of La Salette Charitable Legacy (OLLSCL)

Our Lady of Guadalupe DAF

Ross Family DAF

Larry & Patty Schneier Giving Fund

Sisters of the Most Precious Blood - (O'Fallon) DAF

Molly M. & Douglas G. Sansone DAF

Timothy & Susan Sansone Family DAF

Don & Deby Schlaprizzi Family DAF

James & Karen Shaughnessy Family Charitable Fund

Joseph & Rosemary Shaughnessy Fund

Perry & Mary Simeroth DAF

Terrance Michael Smith Fund

Terry & Patty Smith Charitable Fund

Sodality of St. Peter Claver for the African Missions Fund

James & Jacquelyn Spellmeyer DAF

St. Martha Giving Circle of the Roman Catholic Foundation

Reverend Robert J. Suit DAF

The St. Charles Group Foundation

Steve & Donna Thielker Charitable Fund

Tim & Kathy Thompson Charitable Giving Account

The Tracy Family Fund

Lisa L. & Michael W. Walsh DAF

Charitable Gift Annuities

Anonymous (2) All Souls Catholic Church EF (Overland, MO)

Anonymous Annual Catholic Appeal / Perpetual Light Society Fund at the Roman Catholic Foundation EF

Anonymous Assumption (Mattese) Catholic Church EF (St. Louis, MO)

Anonymous Catholic Charities of St. Louis EF (St. Louis, MO)

Anonymous Daily World Missionaries EF (St. Louis, MO)

Anonymous Michael P. McMillan Scholarship EF

Anonymous Roman Catholic Foundation EF (St. Louis, MO)

Anonymous St. Joseph Catholic Church EF (Apple Creek, MO)

Anonymous St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church EF (Brentwood, MO)

Anonymous St. Mary's South Side High School EF (St. Louis, MO)

Anonymous St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church - Perryville EF (Perryville, MO)

Anonymous Sts. Joachim & Ann Care Services EF (St. Peters, MO)

Rev. Msgr. Francis Blood Annual Catholic Appeal/Perpetual Light Society EF (St. Louis, MO)

Patricia Helen Clendenin Annual Catholic Appeal/Perpetual Light Society EF (St. Louis, MO)

Mark Hanneke Catholic Charities of St. Louis EF (St. Louis, MO)

Rev. Msgr. Michael Witt Kenrick-Glennon Seminary EF & All Saints Catholic Church EF (University City, MO)



Living a Life of Faith

On a farm near Council Bluffs, Iowa, Constance J. "Connie" Osborn was born, the first girl among seven children. Her older brothers shielded her from many of the tougher farm chores, a kindness she never forgot. When Connie was eight, her mother passed away, and not long after, her father sold the farm and moved the family to Missouri.

In her new hometown, Connie completed high school and enrolled in a three-year nursing program. Determined to become a Degreed Nurse, she finished her studies at the University of Missouri in Columbia. There, she met Anthony "Tony" Berni, a medical student at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. Their friendship blossomed into romance, and soon they were married.

Charitable Gift Annuities

Gift Completed

Anonymous* Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church EF (Washington, MO) (2)

Anonymous* St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church EF (Washington, MO) (2)

Anonymous* St. Francis Borgia High School EF (Washington, MO) (2)

Msgr. Jerome Buchheit* Retired Archdiocesan Priests' EF (St. Louis, MO)

Leonard Knobbe* St. Mary's South Side Catholic High School EF (St. Louis, MO)

Leonard Knobbe* Washington University Catholic Student Center EF (Clayton, MO)

Rev. Ronald Rubbelke* (2) Latin America Apostolate & Retired Archdiocesan Priests EF (St. Louis, MO)

Rev. Harold Voelker* (10) Retired Archdiocesan Priests' EF (St. Louis, MO)

**Deceased*

Charitable Remainder Trust

Anonymous Anonymous EF (Archdiocese of St. Louis)

Anonymous Today & Tomorrow Educational Foundation (Archdiocese of St. Louis)

Endowment Funds (EF)

Al J. Bushman Memorial Scholarship EF
St. Mary's South Side Catholic High School (St. Louis, MO)

All Souls Catholic Church EF
All Souls Catholic Church (Overland, MO)

Annual Catholic Appeal EF
Archdiocese of St. Louis

Annunciation Catholic Church EF
Annunciation Catholic Church (Webster Groves, MO)

Anonymous EF #1
Multiple Benefitting Organizations

Anonymous EF #2
St. Patrick Catholic Church, Cemetery and Grounds (Catawissa, MO)

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski EF
Priests' Mutual Benefit Society (Archdiocese of St. Louis)

Archbishop Robert J. Carlson EF
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary and Respect Life Apostolate (St. Louis, MO)

Assumption Catholic Church (Mattese) Education Fund
Assumption (Mattese) Catholic Church (St. Louis, MO)

Assumption Catholic Church (Mattese) EF
Assumption (Mattese) Catholic Church (St. Louis, MO)

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church (O'Fallon) Chapel EF
Assumption Catholic Church (O'Fallon, MO)

Beyond Sunday Education EF Catholic elementary and secondary schools (Archdiocese of St. Louis)

Bridge Family Scholarship EF
St. Pius X High School (Festus, MO)

Cadet Thomas M. Surdyke Memorial Scholarship EF
St. Pius X High School (Festus, MO)

Captain James R. and Annie Amantea Blum Pfeffer Organ EF
Shrine of St. Joseph (St. Louis, MO)

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis EF
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)

Catholic Charities of St. Louis EF
Catholic Charities of St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)

Catholic Faith Formation Scholarship EF
Lwanga Center (St. Louis, MO)

Catholic Youth Apostolate EF
Catholic Youth Apostolate (St. Louis, MO)

Cheatham Family Scholarship Fund
St. Pius X High School (Festus, MO)

Christopher J. Grimaud Memorial Scholarship EF
St. Mary's South Side Catholic High School (St. Louis, MO)

Church of the Annunziata EF
Annunziata Catholic Church (St. Louis, MO)

Coach Duane Haddox Memorial Scholarship EF
St. Francis Borgia High School (Washington, MO)

Donna L. Koelling Memorial EF
Marygrove (Florissant, MO)

Duchesne High School EF
Duchesne High School (St. Charles, MO)

Edward A. & Kevin G. Koenig Memorial Scholarship EF
St. Dominic High School (O'Fallon, MO)

Edward J. Auer Memorial Scholarship EF
St. Mary's South Side Catholic High School and St. Francis Cabrini Academy (St. Louis, MO)

Elmer L. & Julia O. Unnerstall Memorial Scholarship Fund
St. Francis Borgia High School (Washington, MO)

Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church EF
Epiphany of Our Lord Catholic Church (St. Louis, MO)

Eugene A. and Mary Kathleen Hanneke Scholarship EF
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (St. Louis, MO)

Father Bob Lane Scholarship EF
St. Dominic High School (O'Fallon, MO)

Father Dempsey's Hotel EF
Father Dempsey's Charities (St. Louis, MO)

Francis and Margaret Monahan Memorial Scholarship EF
Bishop DuBourg High School (St. Louis, MO)

Friends of the Cathedral Basilica EF
Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)

Gloria Schraut EF
St. Joseph Catholic Church (Imperial, MO) and St. Pius X High School (Festus, MO)

Henning Family EF
St. Vincent DePaul Society of St. Peter Church (St. Charles, MO)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Cemetery EF
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church Cemetery (Old Monroe, MO)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church EF
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church (Dardenne Prairie, MO)

Immaculate Conception Parish and Cemeteries EF
Immaculate Conception Catholic Church & Cemetery (Park Hills, MO)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church EF
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church (New Melle, MO)

Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church EF
Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church (St. Louis, MO)

James A. and Theresa Unnerstall Scholarship EF
St. Francis Borgia High School (Washington, MO)

Jane T. Sohm Memorial Scholarship EF
St. Mary's South Side Catholic High School (St. Louis, MO)

Jacqueline D. Post Miller Memorial EF
St. Francis Borgia High School (Washington, MO)

John and Marilyn Kluesner EF
Cardinal Glennon Children's Foundation (St. Louis, MO) and St. Francis Borgia Regional High School (Washington, MO)

J.W. and Mildred A. Kisling Scholarship EF
Today and Tomorrow Educational Foundation (St. Louis, MO)

Kathleen Ann Gau Memorial Scholarship EF
Bishop DuBourg High School (St. Louis, MO)

Kathleen McCann & Peter J. Palumbo, Jr. Scholarship EF
Rosati-Kain Academy (St. Louis, MO)

Kathy Hertlein Scholarship EF
St. Francis Borgia High School (Washington, MO)

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary EF
Kenrick-Glennon Seminary (St. Louis, MO)

Leo T. Holzem Memorial Scholarship EF
St. Francis Borgia High School (Washington, MO)

Loretta & Linus Glosemeyer Memorial EF
St. Ignatius of Loyola School (Marthasville, MO)

Lynn Ryan EF
Beyond Sunday Educational Endowment, ACA/Perpetual Light Society Endowment (St. Louis, MO) & St. Dominic Scholarship Endowment (O'Fallon, MO)

M. Rosalie Fusz EF
Archdiocese of St. Louis

Tony's Italian immigrant grandparents had settled in North St. Louis, worshipping at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish. After their wedding, Connie and Tony returned to St. Louis, where Tony began a radiology practice serving rural hospitals. The long days and travel were demanding, and eventually he joined the practice at DePaul Hospital in Bridgeton. He later concluded his career at the Veterans Hospital, where he felt honored to serve America's heroes.

Connie and Tony were blessed with two children. April, a free spirit, lives on a farm in southern Kentucky, tending her animals. Anthony Jr. followed his father into medicine and now practices orthopedics and sports medicine in O'Fallon, Missouri, with his family nearby.

After Tony's passing in 2016, Connie downsized to a smaller home within her parish; one she says, "hugs her." Faith remains the cornerstone of her life through regular Mass and active involvement in religious societies.

Introduced to the Foundation through a team member, Connie was inspired by its mission. She established a Charitable Gift Annuity, providing lifetime income and, ultimately, lasting support for the Roman Catholic Foundation Endowment Fund – strengthening the Church for generations to come.

Endowment Funds (EF) continued

Messengers of Peace EF

Messengers of Peace (religious order) (Colombia, South America)

Michael & Carol Wolken Memorial EF

to Benefit Adoption & Foster Care

Good Shepherd Children & Family Services (St. Louis, MO)

Michael & Richelle Weisbrod Memorial EF

Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis, St. Louis Cathedral Concerts and Beyond Sunday EF (St. Louis, MO)

Michael P. McMillan Scholarship EF

Bishop DuBourg High School (St. Louis, MO)

Monsignor James E. Pieper Scholarship EF

St. Clement of Rome Parish School (Des Peres, MO)

Monsignor James T. Telthorst – St. Louis Cathedral Concerts EF

St. Louis Cathedral Concerts (St. Louis, MO)

Monsignor John M. Costello Special People in Catholic Education (SPICE) EF

St. Peter Catholic Church (Kirkwood, MO)

Monsignor Patrick J. O’Laughlin EF

St. Louis Annual Catholic Appeal (Archdiocese of St. Louis)
Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet (St. Louis, MO)

Most Sacred Heart Catholic Parish – Eureka EF

Most Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Eureka, MO)

One Classroom EF

One Classroom (St. Louis, MO)

Our Lady of Life Apartments EF

Our Lady of Life Apartments (St. Louis, MO)

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church EF

Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church (Washington, MO)

Our Lady of the Holy Cross Catholic Church EF

Our Lady of the Holy Cross Catholic Church (St. Louis, MO)

Phillip J. and Helen C. Piontek Memorial Scholarship EF

St. Francis Borgia Church Elementary School (Washington, MO)

Queen of All Saints Parish and School EF

Queen of All Saints Catholic Church (Oakville, MO)

Retired Archdiocesan Priests’ EF

Priests’ Mutual Benefit Society (Archdioceses of St. Louis)

Reverend James T. Edwards Memorial EF

Priests’ Mutual Benefit Society and Regina Cleri (Archdiocese of St. Louis)

Reverend Robert T. Rosebrough EF

Sacred Heart (Valley Park, MO) St. Joachim Catholic Church (Old Mines, MO)

Reverend Monsignor Joseph M. Simon EF

Kenrick Glennon Seminary and Priests’ Mutual Benefit Society (Archdiocese of St. Louis)

Reverend Timothy M. Foley EF

Society for the Propagation of the Faith and Peace and Justice Commission (Archdiocese of St. Louis)

Richard P. Terry and Urban C. Terry Family EF

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Archdiocesan Council (St. Louis, MO)

Robert and Geraldine Lammert Memorial EF

St. Dominic High School (O’Fallon, MO)

Rose and Omar Tobben (RCF) Memorial Scholarship EF

St. Francis Borgia High School (Washington, MO)

Roman Catholic Foundation EF

Roman Catholic Foundation of Eastern Missouri (St. Louis, MO)

Rosati-Kain Academy Class of 1988 Memorial Scholarship EF

Rosati-Kain Academy (St. Louis, MO)

Rosati-Kain Academy EF

Rosati-Kain Academy (St. Louis, MO)

Rural Parish Clinic EF

Rural Parish Clinic (Archdiocese of St. Louis)

Ruth Reiss Pratte Memorial Scholarship EF

Rosati-Kain Academy (St. Louis, MO)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Crystal City) EF

Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Crystal City, MO)

Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Troy) EF

Sacred Heart Catholic Church (Troy, MO)

Sandra J. Kanik Scholarship EF

St. Joseph Elementary School (Imperial, MO)

Sister Joan Andert, SSND, President’s Scholarship EF

Rosati-Kain Academy (St. Louis, MO)

Sisters of the Most Precious Blood Cemetery EF

Sisters of the Most Precious Blood Cemetery (O’Fallon, MO)

St. Ann Catholic Church – Clover Bottom EF

St. Ann Catholic Church (Washington, MO)

St. Charles Lwanga Center Scholarship EF

St. Charles Lwanga Center (St. Louis, MO)

St. Clare of Assisi Parish EF

St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church (Ellisville, MO)

St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church EF

St. Clement of Rome Catholic Church (Des Peres, MO)

St. Cletus Parish EF

St. Cletus Catholic Church (St. Charles, MO)

St. Dominic High School Scholarship EF

St. Dominic High School (O’Fallon, MO)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church EF

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church (Oakville, MO)

St. Francis Borgia Church (Washington, MO) EF

St. Francis Borgia Catholic Church (Washington, MO)

St. Francis Borgia High School (Washington, MO) EF

St. Francis Borgia High School (Washington, MO)

St. Gabriel the Archangel Parish EF

St. Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church (St. Louis, MO)

St. Gertrude Catholic Church EF

St. Gertrude Catholic Church (Kirkwood, MO)

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church EF

St. Ignatius Loyola Catholic Church (Marthasville, MO)

St. James the Greater Beyond 28 EF

St. James the Greater Catholic Church (St. Louis, MO)

St. John the Apostle Parish and Cemetery EF

St. John the Apostle Catholic Church & Cemetery (Bismarck, MO)

St. Joseph’s Academy EF

St. Joseph’s Academy (Frontenac, MO)

St. Joseph and St. Michael Cemeteries EF

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Apple Creek, MO)

St. Joseph Catholic Church (Apple Creek) EF

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St. Louis Archdiocesan Priests’ Doctoral Education EF

Archdiocese of St. Louis

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic Church EF

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Catholic Church (Oakville, MO)

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque Parish School EF

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque School (Oakville, MO)

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church EF

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church (St. Louis, MO)

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church EF

St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church (Brentwood, MO)

St. Mary Parish EF

St. Mary Catholic Church (Hawk Point, MO)

St. Mary’s South Side Catholic High School EF

St. Mary’s South Side Catholic High School (St. Louis, MO)

St. Matthias the Apostle Catholic Church EF

St. Matthias Catholic Church (Lemay, MO)

St. Maurus (Biehle) Cemetery EF

St. Maurus Catholic Church (Biehle, MO)

St. Monica Catholic Church EF

St. Monica Catholic Church (Creve Coeur, MO)

St. Patrick Catholic Church EF

St. Patrick Catholic Church (Wentzville, MO)

St. Paul (Berger) Catholic Church Cemetery EF

St. Paul Catholic Church Cemetery (Berger, MO)

St. Peter Catholic Church (Kirkwood) EF

St. Peter Catholic Church (Kirkwood, MO)

St. Pius X High School EF

St. Pius X High School (Festus, MO)

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church Scholarship EF

St. Robert Bellarmine Catholic Church (St. Charles, MO)

St. Theodore Catholic Parish EF

St. Theodore Catholic Church (Wentzville, MO)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church – Perryville EF

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church (Perryville, MO)

St. Vincent de Paul Knights of Columbus EF

St. Matthias Catholic Church – St. Vincent de Paul Conference (Lemay, MO)

Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church EF

Ste. Genevieve Catholic Church (Ste. Genevieve, MO)

Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Services EF

Sts. Joachim and Ann Care Services (St. Peters, MO)

Teacher Innovation in Education EF

St. Francis Borgia High School (Washington, MO)

The Immacolata Catholic Church EF

Immacolata Catholic Church (Richmond Heights, MO)

The Marjorie Fleming Endowment for Mental Health Awareness, Education, and Support

Catholic Charities of St. Louis (St. Louis, MO)

Theresa Cova Szwabo Memorial Scholarship EF

Rosati-Kain Academy (St. Louis, MO)

Trinity Catholic High School EF

Cardinal Ritter College Prep (St. Louis, MO)

Virginia Celeste Piontek Memorial Scholarship EF

Pontifical Paul VI Institute (St. Louis, MO)

Vision of Peace Hermitages EF

Vision of Peace Hermitages (Pevely, MO)

Washington University Catholic Student Center EF

Washington University Catholic Student Center (Clayton, MO)

Young Catholic Musicians EF

Catholic Grade School Band Programs (Archdiocese of St. Louis)

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Reverend Harold Voelker: A Man for All Ages

Reverend Harold Voelker, ordained in 1954, was the priest with the most seniority in the Archdiocese of St. Louis when he passed away in November 2025. In the year before his death, he reflected on his 70+ years of humble service in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. Raised as the only child of German immigrant parents during the Great Depression, his life is rooted in faith and gratitude. Despite his parents expecting to remain childless due to health and personal struggles, they were blessed with Harold, who felt called to the priesthood from a young age. Throughout his ministry, serving parishes, seminarians, and archdiocesan programs, he lived simply, avoiding material excess and emphasizing generosity.

Until the end, Father Voelker continued to embody his belief that priests should serve both spiritually and financially. With minimal personal needs, he donated his surplus funds through charitable gift annuities, supporting the Retired Archdiocesan Priests’ Endowment Fund. His actions reflected deep gratitude and a commitment to ensuring future priests are cared for as he has been.

Translating God’s Word into Daily Life

When Larry and Patty Schneier were asked to share their story, their first response was humble: “Why us? We’re just ordinary people from North County.” Yet their lives reveal the quiet power of faith lived with purpose.

Both were raised in devout Catholic families – Larry at North American Martyrs, Patty at St. Norbert – where their parents were founding members and parishioners for decades. They met at St. Thomas Aquinas High School and later at UMSL, where friendship turned into lifelong love. In a fitting blend of celebration and commitment, their college graduation party doubled as their engagement party.

Expecting their first child, they made a pivotal decision: Patty would leave teaching to become a full-time mother. Though it stretched their finances, they trusted God’s plan for their growing family. They settled in St. Ferdinand Parish, building not just a home but a community. “No fences, just open backyards,” Patty recalls. “It was a neighborhood in every sense.”

About twenty years ago, Patty experienced a spiritual renewal that deepened their faith and led them to tithing – no small step for a one-income family with children in Catholic schools. “God will provide” became their lived reality, and He did provide in many unexpected ways.

Larry, now CFO of a local company, and Patty, a national Catholic speaker and radio voice, see their gifts as complementary. Seeking a way to align their philanthropy fully with their faith, they established a Donor-Advised Fund with the Roman Catholic Foundation. Guided by Catholic investment principles and careful vetting of charities, the fund ensures their giving reflects their values – and, by naming their children as successor advisors, secures a legacy of faithful stewardship for generations to come.





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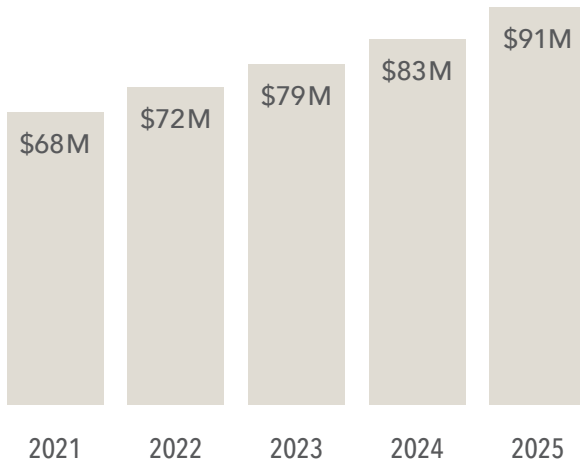


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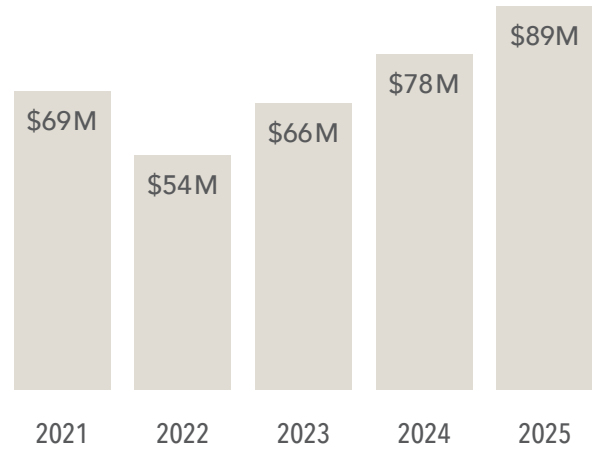


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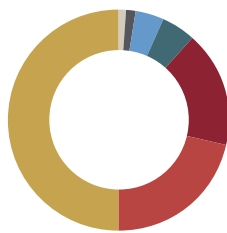
Cumulative Grant Distributions



Cumulative Growth by Year



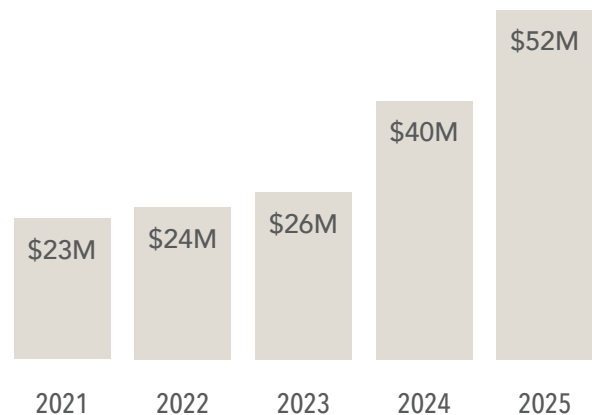
Assets Under Management



2025 Breakdown by Fund

- Beyond Sunday Education Endowment 50.2%
- Endowment Funds (all others) 21.6%
- Donor-Advised Funds 17.2%
- Long-Term Funds (unendowed) 4.9%
- Agency Advised Funds 3.7%
- Charitable Remainder Trusts 1.4%
- Charitable Gift Annuities 1.0%

*Cumulative Future-Estate/
Legacy Gifts*



Statement of Financial Position

As of December 31, 2025	2025	2024
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 1,817,210	\$ 1,171,117
Investments - At Fair Value	\$ 87,508,325	\$ 78,039,729
Promises to Give - Net	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Other Assets	\$ 340,080	\$ 408,272
Total Assets	\$ 89,673,115	\$ 79,626,618
LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$ 141,250	\$ 173,796
Funds Held for Others	\$ 1,452,409	\$ 1,489,802
Grants Payable	\$ 3,333,234	\$ 3,434,245
Beneficiary Endowments	\$ 5,857,970	\$ 4,794,895
Agency Advised Funds	\$ 3,303,619	\$ 2,926,742
Total Liabilities	\$ 14,088,482	\$ 12,819,480
NET ASSETS		
Without Donor Restriction	\$ 1,752,110	\$ 1,577,406
With Donor Restriction	\$ 73,832,523	\$ 65,229,732
Total Net Assets	\$ 75,584,633	\$ 66,807,138
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	\$ 89,673,115	\$ 79,626,618

Statement of Financial Activities

As of December 31, 2025	2025	2024
REVENUE		
Total Contributions, Including Amounts Raised for Others	\$ 7,803,421	\$ 8,554,255
Less: Amounts Raised for Others		
Less: Amounts Received for Beneficiary Endowments	\$ 454,479	\$ 335,316
Net Contributions	\$ 7,348,942	\$ 8,218,939
Other Income	\$ 269,897	\$ 172,858
Interest and Dividends	\$ 1,699,326	\$ 1,457,141
Investment Gains (Losses)*	\$ 8,259,936	\$ 5,052,679
Total Revenues	\$ 17,578,101	\$ 14,901,617
PROGRAM GRANTS		
Grants	\$ 7,661,430	\$ 5,809,333
Less: Grants Made on Behalf of Beneficiary Endowments	\$ 102,468	\$ 94,467
Total Grants	\$ 7,558,962	\$ 5,714,866
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Program	\$ 403,893	\$ 404,241
General and Administrative	\$ 496,876	\$ 454,681
Fundraising	\$ 340,875	\$ 284,208
Total Expense	\$ 1,241,644	\$ 1,143,130
Change in Net Assets	\$ 8,777,495	\$ 8,043,621
Beginning Net Assets	\$ 66,807,138	\$ 58,763,517
Ending Net Assets	\$ 75,584,633	\$ 66,807,138

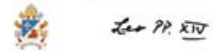
*Net of Investment Fees



2026-2027 LITURGICAL CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

- MAY 17 The Ascension of the Lord
MAY 24 Pentecost Sunday
MAY 31 Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity
JUN 7 Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
JUN 12 Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus
JUN 24 Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist
JUL 04 Independence Day
AUG 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
AUG 25 Feast of St. Louis, King of France
OCT 31 Halloween
NOV 01 Feast of All Saints Day*
NOV 02 Feast of All Souls Day
NOV 22 Feast of Christ the King
NOV 26 Thanksgiving
NOV 29 First Sunday in Advent
DEC 06 Feast of St. Nicholas
DEC 08 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
DEC 12 Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe
DEC 17 Deadline to recommend grants for 2026 Donor-Advised Funds
DEC 25 Christmas Day*
DEC 28 Deadline for 2026 Wire Transfer, Stock, and Securities Contributions
DEC 27 Feast of the Holy Family
DEC 31 Conclusion of the Jubilee Year
Deadline for 2026 Online and Postmarked Contributions
JAN 01 Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*
JAN 3 Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord
JAN 22 Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
FEB 02 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord
FEB 10 Ash Wednesday
MAR 19 Solemnity of St. Joseph
MAR 28 Easter Sunday
APR 5 Solemnity of the Annunciation

*Holy Day of Obligation



2025 brought great joy to Catholics around the world, particularly here in the United States, with the election of **Pope Leo XIV**, the first American-born pontiff in history.

Pope Leo XIV invites us to reflect on what it means to serve faithfully in our own communities. His life of missionary service and gentle leadership provides a living example to us that holiness begins with simple acts of love and generosity, the same spirit that guides our work each day.



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Transfer your Donor-Advised Fund (DAF) to the Foundation

Many of our current fund holders have transferred their DAF from Schwab, Fidelity, and other secular institutions because of the benefits the Roman Catholic Foundation provides. The process is completed with a simple two-page document and will not cause a tax impact in any way.

Working with the RCF, you can be assured of:

- 1 Personalized concierge service
- 2 Funds invested in alignment with Catholic values
- 3 Grant recommendations are screened to ensure the recipient's work aligns with Catholic values
- 4 Benefits include becoming a Legacy Circle Member



Learn More!

Scan the code or visit bit.ly/RCF-DAFT to watch a brief video.

Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)

There are several significant benefits associated with a Charitable Gift Annuity:

- 1 Fixed payments for life
- 2 Income is partially tax-free
- 3 Partial charitable deduction when you fund the gift with personal assets
- 4 Partial bypass of capital gains when the CGA is funded with appreciated securities or real estate
- 5 Fund from your IRA with your Required Minimum Distribution (RMD)
- 6 Upon the donor's passing, the remaining balance will be transferred to an endowment of their choosing at the Foundation benefitting a parish or Catholic organization they love.

The CGA is available to anyone aged 60 or over (those between 60 and 65 will create a deferred CGA, which begins paying at age 65).



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*As part of the Secure Act 2.0, the government authorized, for the first time, distributions of up to \$54,000 (adjusted for inflation) from an IRA to fund a CGA. The distribution must occur in one year; there is no carryover to the next year for any unused portion of the \$54,000. Since the funds have not been taxed, there is no charitable deduction for making the gift and all distributions are fully taxed as earned income in accordance with the tax regulations in effect at the time of the distributions.