

# Amplify Your Generosity Through the Catholic Foundation

**Because we believe.** We can help you nurture, grow, and sustain your community by making sure your giving is as efficient as it is heartfelt. Whether you hope to make an impact today, tomorrow, or forever, our simple guide helps you get started.

## Prioritize Your Passions

Determining your giving priorities starts with understanding your passions. You can design a giving plan that celebrates your faith, honors your values, and makes the world a better place. In what ways are you called to make a difference?



### Sharing Your Catholic Faith

The rich traditions of the Catholic faith live in our parishes, in our communities, and in our world. You want to help others deepen their relationship with Christ and His Church.

- Catechesis Programs
- Marriage / Family Life
- Retreats
- Parish Leadership Development
- Youth Conferences
- And more...



### Educating Children and Young Adults

Inspired by Christ, Catholic schools form tomorrow's leaders and servants. You want to help children achieve their potential in school and in life.

- Scholarships
- Campus Improvements
- Campus Ministry
- Athletics
- Fine and Performing Arts
- And more...



### Supporting Religious Vocations

Serve the spiritual, academic, and pastoral needs of our community. You want to support those called to religious life.

- Vocations Awareness
- Diaconate Program
- Priest and Religious Retirement
- Seminarian Tuition
- And more...



### Helping the Poor and Vulnerable

As Catholics, we know all people are created in the image of God. You want to ensure continued support for basic human needs through critical social services.

- Food Banks / Pantries
- Counseling Services
- Immigration Legal Services
- Adoption / Foster Care
- Pregnancy Support Services
- And more...



### Caring for Creation

All creation — human, animal, natural — is a magnificent and sacred gift. Your gift celebrates and supports the God-given beauty and wonder of all creation.

- Catholic Relief Services
- Access to Clean Water
- Reducing Emissions
- Ecological Education
- Biodiversity Restoration
- And more...



## Set Your Time Horizon

What difference will your gift make? Determining a time horizon that speaks to your interests will help direct your giving strategy.



### Today

You want to make an immediate impact on current and emerging needs in our community.

### Tomorrow

You want to help charitable organizations serve others today while strategically planning for the future.

### Forever

You want to ensure an organization's mission endures to serve new generations even while supporting people today.



## Explore Giving Approaches

Where do you direct your funds? You can give gifts of cash, stock, real estate, and more to either give with others or open a new fund (in your own name).

### Give With Others

- Bishop's Angels \$2,500 (Annual)
- Grow an Existing Fund (Any amount)
- Honorary Gifts (Any amount)
- Memorial Gifts (Any amount)

### Open a New Fund

- Donor Advised Fund \$10,000 (Personal & Flexible)
- Endowment Fund \$25,000 (Personal & Forever)



## Determine How You'd Like to Be Recognized

Your generosity is celebrated as much, or as little, as you desire. Make a gift anonymously, or tell us how you'd like to be recognized.

### Name Your Gift

- Name the Fund
- Give in Your Name
- Give Anonymously
- Give in Honor or Memory of Someone (Personal & Forever)

**WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY BE? LET'S START A CONVERSATION.**  
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### About the Catholic Foundation of West Michigan

The Catholic Foundation of West Michigan is an independent, 501(c)(3) community foundation serving West Michigan Catholics and endorsed by the Diocese of Grand Rapids and its Bishop, Most Reverend David J. Walkowiak.