



2024 COMMUNITY IMPACT REPORT





# Dear Friends in Christ,

It is my honor to lead the board of directors of the only community foundation in northwest Pennsylvania guided by Catholic values. This is a ministry right for its time, offering financial resources and services to donors and Catholic organizations for today and tomorrow. No doubt, challenges lie ahead for our Catholic community. Opportunities do also. Our Catholic Foundation is one way to unite us, bridging the financial support of today's faithful Catholics to provide a hand up for tomorrow's Catholic community with secure, prudently invested financial resources. The pages that follow in this impact report demonstrate the Foundation's work, commitment, and mission during 2024. We are making a difference with hope for the future.

Christ stated in John 13:34 "Love one another." We need to love one another in the world we live today. We can all follow this lesson with the help of the Holy Spirit to guide us in faith and service. May we all plan for the future with our talents and gifts for a vibrant Catholic community.

With Hope and Faith for the future,



Kenneth Kane  
Chair, Board of Directors



## Honored As Outstanding Foundation

Nominated by Jim Gallagher, Diocese of Erie Superintendent of Catholic Schools, the Catholic Foundation was honored as the 2024 Outstanding Foundation during the National Philanthropy Day celebration hosted by the Association of Fundraising Professionals, NW PA Chapter.

**"It is an honor to be recognized in this way, and especially meaningful to be nominated by Jim Gallagher, whose work and ministry mission we greatly admire."**

- Lisa Louis  
Executive Director



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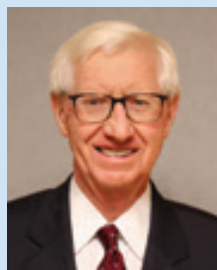
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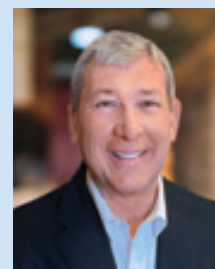


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## The Catholic Foundation

of Northwest Pennsylvania:

- 1 Is the only community foundation in northwest Pennsylvania guided by Catholic values
- 2 Is an independent 501(c)(3) corporation
- 3 Is governed by a board of lay Catholics representing the 13 county Diocese of Erie
- 4 Is guided by expert oversight in partnership with The Concord Advisory Group to ensure Catholic values-based, institutional-quality investing
- 5 Is the most reliable way to help a particular ministry important to you remain active and vibrant





# Where Catholic Giving Grows

When you partner with the Catholic Foundation, you are joining others in supporting the organizations and ministries that have shaped our souls and strengthened our faith. This support will make a difference in the Church now and for future generations.

## About Our Funds

- Simple to set up, with our fund agreement providing confidence your funds will be used exactly as you intend.
- Easy to contribute using a variety of gift options.
- Support a parish, cemetery, school, or nonprofit now and FOREVER.
- Know your funds are professionally invested, aligned with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' guidelines for Catholic investing.
- Your fund may be established to memorialize or honor your name, family, or others special to you.

You want to give gifts in thanksgiving to causes that mean the most to you.

We work together to identify the giving options that reflect your interests.



The Catholic community and its ministries are supported both now and forever.

We invest, professionally manage, and grow your gifts.

## Our Types of Funds

Whether you want to give now or later, the Catholic Foundation offers a variety of options to suit your personal philanthropic goals. As a donor, you may contribute to any of our existing funds or establish one specific to your interests. Unrestricted gifts are also welcome and provide general support for the current needs of the Foundation to continue its work for the Church in northwest Pennsylvania.

### Non-Endowed Fund

A non-endowed fund allows you to be responsive to today's needs with the full value of your fund available for grantmaking. You determine the beneficiary and the purpose of the fund as well as the timing and frequency of grants. When the full balance has been granted, the fund ceases to exist.

### Endowed Fund

An endowment offers you a way to fund a cause you believe in, FOREVER. Permanent gifts can bring you peace of mind and our fund agreements provide assurance that the parishes, cemeteries, schools, and ministries you care deeply about will be funded on a regular and sustainable basis, both now and beyond your lifetime.



The Catholic Foundation Legacy Society recognizes devoted Catholics who have committed to providing for the future of our shared Catholic community with an estate gift or by establishing an endowment fund. These gifts from the heart will provide financial support to the Catholic ministries they love for generations.

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Any individual or institution can **establish an endowment or non-endowed fund.**

Anyone can **donate to an existing fund at any time.** Gifts of cash, contributions from Donor Advised Funds, Qualified Charitable Distributions, and many non-cash giving options are welcome.





# Bringing Order to Life with Gift Planning

In her elegantly simple living room, Yvonne Gralak smiled, “I like to live in order and neatness — that’s one reason I was a good Sacristan.” A lifelong member of Saint Joseph Parish in Force, PA, she served as Sacristan for more than 33 years.

Yvonne’s life experience and natural talents tell a story of faith that led her to establish the *Yvonne Gralak and Dorothy Chiodo Endowment* for Saint Joseph Cemetery. She earned her teaching degree through the Sisters of Saint Joseph Cadet program and taught in both Catholic and public schools. “From

the time I started working I knew I wanted to share my blessings with the church,” she said.

Yvonne first learned about the Catholic Foundation in Faith Magazine, reading how cemetery endowments provide funds for mowing and snow removal — something meaningful to her.

As part of her estate plan, she assigned beneficiary status from an insurance policy to the Catholic Foundation to fund the endowment. Working with the Foundation, she developed the plan she wanted



without affecting her living expenses. Providing for the cemetery’s perpetual care feels like a natural extension of her life, offering the peace of mind a donor-designated endowment brings.

Yvonne named the endowment for her sister, Dorothy, and herself. Their headstones are just steps apart. “I wanted her to be with me on the endowment, too,” Yvonne said.

“I hope that beyond my lifetime the cemetery will be as pretty as it is today, to honor all who rest there.”

You too can create or contribute to an endowment through your estate — a gift that lasts beyond your lifetime.

**“This is a gift that keeps on giving. It’s good stewardship and I’m glad to know the endowment ensures that my gift won’t be used for something I wouldn’t want.”**  
-Yvonne Gralak



Yvonne Gralak chose to set up an endowment to give charitably through her estate. You, too, can choose to **establish or give to an existing endowment through your estate** to give a gift that extends beyond your lifetime.



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# Enduring Gift of Faith & Family



Treasured photo of Monsignor Bob Malene (l) and Sam Malene (r) on Monsignor Bob's 70th birthday, 2017



Sam and Joanne's wedding at Saint Stephen Church, Oil City, with their parents

Although they both grew up in Oil City, Joanne and Sam Malene never met there. Their families lived on different sides of the Allegheny River. Sam went to Catholic school and Joanne went to public school. As young adults they both moved out of town, then years later were introduced to one another in Washington, D.C.

That introduction led to over 50 years of marriage and what the Malenes describe as a blessed life. Over the years their hometown of Oil City has experienced significant population and economic decline.

**"There is such need there. We have often shared memories with our family about growing up in Oil City, so we were inspired to plan a lasting gift by our family, our faith, and our belief that it is important to help those in need."**

Joanne and Sam learned of the Catholic Foundation through Sam's late brother, Monsignor Robert Malene, who years earlier established an endowment through the Foundation. With that insight they also chose to work with the Foundation to establish the *Sam and Joanne Malene Endowment* to

benefit those in need in the Oil City, PA region through Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Center, The Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie Catholic Rural Ministry, and Mustard Seed Mission of Venango County.

"Our Catholic faith is very important to us," they share. Sam and Joanne belong to two different parishes, one in Canton, OH, where they live, and one in Scottsdale, AZ. Both encourage parishioners to share with others.

When completing their endowment paperwork, Sam and Joanne were touched to realize the timing enabled them to sign their agreement on December 18, "Monsignor Bob's" birthday.



Sam and Joanne at their 50th anniversary dinner with daughters (l to r) Devon M. Kuehne, Katie M. Dunlap, and Erin M. Boyd



Like the Malenes, you can **be intentional** choosing the beneficiary of the endowment you establish.



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## rant Sparks Community Worship

A grant from the Catholic Foundation supported funding for Saint Tobias Parish in Brockway to bring in young Christian music duo, The Scally Brothers, for a community-wide music and mission worship opportunity.



This event served multiple purposes: an outreach experience to welcome an influx of new families, a way to breathe life into what felt like stagnant parish life, and a means to build upon the excitement youth were feeling about their faith after returning from a conference.

“We provided an energizing atmosphere of love and joy for Christ,” Tara Starr, Director of Religious Education, shared. “It was great to see so many people of all ages from not just our parish, but the local and surrounding communities as well.”



Father John Detisch, pastor of Saint Tobias Parish, high fives one of The Scally Brothers during their concert

**“I can’t begin to express how thankful I am for all the Foundation provides. Thank you so much for helping us make this event a possibility.”**

– Tara Starr



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## The Catholic Foundation: Funding Ministry, Education & Outreach

The Catholic Foundation supports the mission of the Church by helping parishes, schools, and organizations build resources for their ministries, and by providing grants and annual distributions that meet the needs of Catholic communities in northwest Pennsylvania. In 2024, the Catholic Foundation distributed over \$734,000 to

fund programs and projects throughout the Diocese of Erie.

### Granting Endowments

In 2024, the Foundation distributed over \$195,000 to 37 nonprofit organizations through its competitive grants program. The diverse initiatives supported everything from providing

emergency support for families in crisis to funding important faith formation programs throughout the diocese, reflecting the Foundation’s commitment to respond to the ever-changing needs of our Catholic community.

### Total Grants & Distributions in 2024

Capital Improvements	\$40,985
Cemetery	\$26,006
Education	\$47,200
Ministry & Outreach	\$129,250
Parish Life	\$147,390
Clergy & Religious	\$105,485
Faith Formation	\$101,161
Scholarship	\$137,513
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$734,990</b>



We welcome you to be part of our collaborative generosity and **grow our grant pool by making a donation to an existing granting endowment or starting a fund specific to your interests.**



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*Meet our grantees.*



# Pilgrimage to Saint Peter

A grant from the Catholic Foundation supported DuBois Central Catholic School in their mission to provide students a solid and fruitful spiritual education. The grant helped to fund a variety of student retreat and spiritual opportunities, including a pilgrimage to Erie to visit Saint Peter Cathedral and Saint Mark Catholic Center. Students in eighth and eleventh grade as well as eighth

grade students from Saint Francis School in Clearfield were able to make the pilgrimage. “Because of the distance, this was the first time many of our students had visited the diocesan headquarters,” the school shared. “The impressive architecture and art on display at the Cathedral left many of the students awestruck. It was a wonderful experience for our students from both schools!”



**“We thank all the generous donors of the Foundation who have provided our young people with these opportunities to draw closer to their Catholic faith and, more importantly, to God.”**  
– Amber Winkler



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Saint John Parish, Tidioute



Villa Maria Cathedral Preparatory School, Erie



Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Mercer

## 2024 Endowment and Grant Beneficiaries

All Saints Parish, Waterford  
Anawim Ministries, Frenchville  
Beloved Disciple Parish, Grove City  
Benedictine Sisters of Erie  
Blessed Sacrament Parish, Erie  
Camp Notre Dame, Fairview  
Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services, Inc.  
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Inc  
Diocese of Erie  
Diocese of Erie - Catholic Schools Office  
Diocese of Erie - Chancery  
Diocese of Erie - Clergy Personnel Office  
Diocese of Erie - Faith Formation Office  
Diocese of Erie - Office for Women Religious  
DuBois Central Catholic School, DuBois  
Erie Catholic School System, Erie  
Erie Diocesan Cursillo Movement, Erie  
Gannon University, Erie  
Good Shepherd Parish, West Middlesex  
Holy Cross Parish, Fairview  
Holy Redeemer Parish, Warren  
Holy Spirit Parish, DuBois  
Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, Mercer  
Inner-City Neighborhood Art House, Erie  
L'Arche Erie

Maria House Project, Erie  
Mercyhurst Preparatory School, Erie  
Notre Dame Parish, Hermitage  
Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Harborcreek  
Our Lady of Peace Parish, Erie  
Our Lady of the Lake Parish, Edinboro  
Our Lady, Queen of the Americas Parish, Conneaut Lake  
Prince of Peace Center, Farrell  
Queen of the World Parish, St. Marys  
Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, Erie  
Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Cambridge Springs  
Saint Bernard of Clairvaux Parish, Bradford  
Saint Boniface Parish, Erie  
Saint Boniface Parish, Kersey  
Saint Callistus Parish, Kane  
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Parish, Smethport  
Saint Francis Catholic School, Clearfield  
Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Clearfield  
Saint Francis Xavier Parish, McKean  
Saint George Parish, Erie  
Saint Gregory Parish School, North East  
Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish, North East  
Saint John Parish, Tidioute  
Saint Joseph Catholic School, Warren  
Saint Joseph Parish, Force  
Saint Joseph Parish, Lucinda

Saint Joseph Parish, Oil City  
Saint Joseph Parish, Sharon  
Saint Joseph Parish, Warren  
Saint Joseph School, Lucinda  
Saint Jude the Apostle Parish, Erie  
Saint Mark Parish, Emporium  
Saint Martin Center, Erie  
Saint Mary Parish, St. Marys  
Saint Patrick Parish, Erie  
Saint Patrick Parish, Franklin  
Saint Peter Cathedral Parish, Erie  
Saint Raphael Parish, Eldred  
Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish, Corry  
Saint Tobias Parish, Brockway  
Saints Cosmas & Damian Catholic School, Punxsutawney  
Shenango Valley Catholic School System, Hermitage  
Sisters of St. Joseph of Northwestern PA  
Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network, Erie  
St. Elizabeth Center, Oil City  
St. Patrick's Haven, Erie  
The Epiphany of the Lord Parish, Meadville  
Venango Region Catholic School, Oil City  
Villa Maria Cathedral Preparatory Catholic School System, Erie





## A Legacy That Honors Those He Loved

Father Rocco Tito had a reputation as a very pastoral priest. His longest assignment took him to Saint Walburga Parish in Titusville in 1979, where he spent 23 years immersed in the community.

As an only child, Father Tito was quite devoted to his parents and made a planned gift to honor them. After he passed away in August 2022, the *Reverend Rocco A. Tito Endowment in Memory of Joseph and Vittoria Tito* was established in the Catholic Foundation.

Grateful for his parents' commitment to his Catholic education, this endowment will support the education of students in the Diocese of Erie as well as seminarians and priests.



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## Donor Endowments

- Advance the Mission Endowment for the Catholic Foundation
- **Anonymous Endowment**
- Anonymous Scholarship Endowment for Kennedy Catholic High School
- Bill and Joy Steger Family Endowment
- Bishop Donald W. Trautman ‘Feed My Sheep’ Endowment
- Bishop Lawrence T. Persico Endowment for Pastoral Ministry
- Brookville Area Catholic Scholarship Endowment
- Brookville YMCA Endowment
- Burton-Horstman Family Endowment in Memory of G. David Burton
- Catholic Social Ministry Endowment
- **Center for Spiritual Healing Endowment**
- Clergy Health & Welfare Endowment
- Crowley Family Endowment for Saint Raphael Cemetery
- Dammeyer Family Endowment
- David J. Murphy Endowment
- Dawn and Dan Schaaf Family Endowment
- Deacon Martin P. Eisert Scholarship Endowment for Cathedral Preparatory School
- Dean and Lisa Huya Family Endowment
- Dennis G. Deiner Charitable Endowment
- Education Endowment
- Erie Catholic School System Endowment for Teachers
- Faith Formation Endowment
- Farrell Christopher Home Corporation Endowment
- Cenedella Family Endowment
- George E. and Ella M. Otteni Endowment
- Gregory and Sylvia Bosner Family Endowment
- Helen Potosnak Memorial Endowment
- Immaculate Conception Parish Capital Improvement Endowment
- Immaculate Heart of Mary Education Endowment
- Irish Settlement Endowment
- **Jack and Carla Bell Family Endowment**
- James “J.E.” O’Mara Memorial Endowment
- James E. and Bonnie A. Sullivan Endowment
- John and Cathryn Zawacki Charitable Endowment
- John and Yvonne Enders Charitable Endowment
- John E. and Rose M. DeMarco Endowment for Catholic Charities
- John E. and Rose M. DeMarco Endowment for the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania
- Kathryn Eisenman Eisert Endowment
- **Kevin Paul Sullivan Endowment**
- L’Arche Endowment in Memory of Donna Faye Carr and Barbara Ann Karsznia, OSB

- Loyola Retreat House Endowment
- Malue Family Endowment for Our Lady of Peach Parish
- Mary Fabrizio McCarthy Education Endowment
- McGovern Family Endowment
- **Michael and Lisa Vavala Lewis Family Endowment for Saint Joseph Cemetery**
- Michael C. McCloskey Memorial Endowment
- Monsignor Edward J. Zeitler Endowment
- Monsignor Robert Malene Endowment
- Monsignor Salvatore Mitchell Education Endowment
- Mosco Family Endowment
- Reverend J. Thomas Dugan Memorial Endowment
- Reverend Leo J. Gallina Endowment for Saint Bernard Church
- Reverend Leo J. Gallina Endowment for Saint Boniface Church
- Reverend Monsignor Richard R. Siefer Endowment
- Reverend Thomas Fialkowski Endowment for Cathedral Preparatory School and Mother Teresa Academy
- Richard McCormick Family Endowment
- Rita M. Bevevino Endowment for Saint Joseph School
- Robert and Pauline Osmer Endowment
- Robert M. Gallivan Charitable Endowment
- **Ronald J. and Frances M. Petruzzi Endowment for Saint Raphael Cemetery**
- Sacred Heart Parish Beautification Endowment
- Saint George Parish Second Century Endowment
- Saint Thomas More Club “Fr. Pete” Endowment
- **Sam and Joanne Malene Endowment**
- Sister Denise Mosier Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Social Justice Endowment
- **Spehar-Frame Family Endowment**
- St. Patrick’s Haven Shelter for Homeless Men Endowment
- Stark Family Endowment
- **The Hamilton Endowment**
- The Reverend Joseph C. Gregorek Endowment for Catholic Charities
- The Reverend Joseph C. Gregorek Endowment for the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania
- The Reverend Monsignor David A. Rubino Endowment for the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania
- **The Reverend Rocco A. Tito Endowment in Memory of Joseph and Vittoria Tito**
- Thomas J. and Mary H. Loftus Charitable Endowment
- Toohey Family Endowment
- **Vocations Endowment**
- **Yvonne M. Gralak and Dorothy J. Chiodo Endowment**

**Endowments noted in bold were established in 2024 or 2025 (as of 3/31/2025).**



## Safeguarding a Place of Peace

A humble and hard-working man, Dan Hamilton, along with his wife, have been maintaining Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery in Pettis Corners, PA, for over 25 years.

With the future of the cemetery in mind, Dan called the Catholic Foundation to inquire about arranging a “forever legacy” to ensure maintenance of the cemetery beyond his lifetime. “My first wife is buried there, and I will be,” Dan shares. His parents, his grandfather, and many aunts and uncles are buried in the cemetery, and most recently, his grandson.

Once satisfied that the Catholic Foundation enabled Dan to accomplish his goal of securing his charitable gift to fund the perpetual maintenance of his beloved cemetery, he visited his financial advisor to arrange funding *The Hamilton Endowment*. “I hope what I planned will take care of the cemetery,” he shares.

Dan now enjoys peace of mind knowing that Saints Peter and Paul Cemetery will be funded and well maintained beyond his lifetime because of the endowment established with the Catholic Foundation.



When you give through the Catholic Foundation, you can be sure that **your gift will last forever and never be misspent.**



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# Transforming Lives One Block at a Time

Nestled in the City of Erie’s west side is the service area for the Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network, a ministry of the Sisters of Saint Joseph with a mission to revitalize neighborhoods and empower residents. A variety of programs engage the neighborhood, including community gardens, youth activities, home repair assistance, and emergency supplies.

Partnering with the Catholic Foundation to create the *Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network Endowment* demonstrates the visionary nature of the Sisters of St. Joseph. “We believe in lasting change,” says Jenn Kennedy, Donor Relations and Volunteer Coordinator. “We want to help ensure



that the seeds of hope, dignity, and opportunity planted over the last 25 years will continue bearing fruit well into the future. We believe the Foundation’s stewardship ensures our endowment will make a lasting impact — so the Neighborhood Network can keep revitalizing neighborhoods, empowering residents, and creating lasting change for decades to come.”



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## Agency Endowments

Catholic schools, parishes, and organizations establish agency endowments with the Foundation to ensure the continuation and growth of their mission for the future.

### Parish, School, and Cemetery Endowments

- Blessed Sacrament Parish Charitable Endowment
- Calvary Cemetery Endowment (Saint Francis of Assisi, Clearfield)
- Christo Servire Endowment (Shenango Valley Catholic School System)
- Dr. Howard R. Ferguson, Jr. Scholarship Endowment (Saint Joseph, Warren)
- Eisert Family Scholarship Endowment (Erie Catholic School System)
- Erie Catholic School System Endowment
- Evergreen Endowment (Saint Boniface, Kersey)
- Excellence Scholarship Endowment (Saint Boniface, Kersey)
- Gannon University Endowment
- Holy Cross Parish Endowment
- Holy Redeemer Parish Endowment
- Holy Trinity Cemetery Endowment (Saint Basil the Great, Coalport)
- James L. and Mary Fabrizio McCarthy Endowment for Saint Patrick Church
- John and Barbara Jacquel Endowment for Our Lady of Mercy Church
- Lawrence and Janet Bindseil Scholarship Endowment (Erie Catholic School System)
- Mercyhurst Preparatory School Endowment
- Our Lady of Peace Parish Endowment
- Our Lady of the Lake Parish Endowment
- Reverend Monsignor Richard J. Stack Endowment for Blessed Sacrament Parish
- Sacred Heart Church Education Endowment
- Saint Anthony-Saint Bernadette Endowment
- Saint Basil the Great Cemetery Endowment
- Saint Basil the Great Parish Endowment
- Saint Brigid Church Education Endowment (The Epiphany of the Lord, Meadville)
- Saint Callistus Church Cemetery Endowment
- Saint Callistus Church Endowment
- Saint Callistus Church Organ Endowment

- Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Education Endowment for Seton Catholic School
- Saint Francis of Assisi Parish Endowment
- Saint Francis of Assisi School Scholarship Endowment
- Saint Francis Xavier Church Endowment
- Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus Parish Endowment
- Saint Gregory Thaumaturgus School Endowment
- **Saint Jude Cares Endowment** (Saint Jude the Apostle Parish)
- Saint Jude the Apostle Parish Endowment
- Saint Mark Church Endowment (Saint Mark, Emporium)
- Saint Michael Church Endowment (Holy Spirit, DuBois)
- Saint Patrick Church Endowment (Erie)
- Saint Patrick Parish Endowment (Franklin)
- Saint Peter Cathedral Education Endowment
- Saint Peter Cathedral Capital Endowment
- Saint Peter Cathedral Operating Expense Endowment
- Saint Raphael Parish Cemetery Endowment
- Saint Thomas Memorial Scholarship Endowment
- Saint Thomas Ministry Education Grant Endowment
- Saint Venantius Church Endowment (Saint Joseph Parish, Oil City)
- **Sisters of St. Joseph Neighborhood Network Endowment**
- Venango Catholic High School Endowment
- Venango Region Catholic School Endowment

### Catholic Organization Endowments

- Captain Clare Baldauf Endowment for Catholic Charities Emerging Needs
- Catholic Charities Legacy Endowment
- Erie Diocesan Cursillo Movement Endowment
- Joe Haas and Joe McCallion Building and Grounds Endowment (Camp Notre Dame)
- Maria House Project Monsignor James Peterson Endowment
- Monsignor Lawrence T. Speice Memorial Scholarship Endowment (Camp Notre Dame)
- Nazareth in the Woods Endowment
- Paul F. Speice Program Endowment (Camp Notre Dame)
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie Capital Endowment
- Roman Catholic Diocese of Erie Child Protection Services Endowment
- Saint Martin Center Endowment
- Sister Benita Repasky Endowment (Prince of Peace Center)

Endowments noted in bold were established in 2024 or 2025 (as of 3/31/2025).

## Putting Faith into Action

Saint Jude the Apostle Parish in Erie created the *Saint Jude Cares Endowment* to put faith into action by supporting those most in need.

The food pantry has long been a vital link between the parish communities of Saint Andrew and Saint Jude — originally two parishes with a shared commitment to serving their adjoining neighborhoods. In July 2024, Saint Andrew became part of Saint Jude Parish through pastoral planning. This endowment ensures that the outreach rooted in Saint Andrew’s legacy continues, providing a permanent source of funding to serve those in need in surrounding areas.

Secondly, the fund meets immediate needs for the homeless or those at risk — offering clothing, food, gift cards, bus passes, lodging, and housing assistance. It extends care to those in overflow shelters, making sure no one is left out in the cold. Parish volunteers support these efforts with their time and talent as well.

Every gift to the *Saint Jude Cares Endowment* is a lasting way to live out the parish mission of *Revealing Jesus Together* — through love, compassion, and concrete action.





# Faith Giving That Transcends Generations

As we journey later into life, we begin to reflect on the lasting impact of our actions, beliefs, and contributions — on our loved ones, our community, and the causes that resonate deeply with our values. This lasting impact is your legacy: what you leave behind for future

generations. It's a connection with those who preceded you and those who will follow you.

With a mission to strengthen and grow the church's mission in northwest Pennsylvania, the Catholic Foundation facilitates gift planning by offering donors a unique way to secure and restrict their charitable gifts and continue their generosity far beyond their lifetime.

We invite you to consider an enduring presence in our faith community by joining the Catholic Foundation Legacy Society. This society honors those

who have chosen to establish an endowment in the Foundation today as well as those who have made a planned gift to the Foundation — a gift deferred until the Lord calls them home — in their will or estate plan. This gift can be designated for a parish, a cemetery, a Catholic school, a nonprofit, the Catholic Foundation or any of its funds.

As your philanthropic partners, the Catholic Foundation is here to support your charitable giving and create your greatest desired impact.



**Together, we  
can build a future  
where the light  
of Christ's love  
shines brightly for  
generations  
to come.**



## Legacy Society

### Anonymous (7)

### Christine and Warren Beaver

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**“The Foundation has prioritized a strong investing alignment with Catholic values, both by excluding companies whose businesses operate in conflict with these guidelines, but also seeking out organizations with positive stewardship and corporate initiatives. These efforts are conducted alongside a rigorous pursuit of exceptional investment returns, through the construction of an institutional quality portfolio and access to specialized strategies. Together, the Foundation has developed a tailored investment solution that will both reflect the values of its donors and investing organizations but also deliver on financial objectives critical to the mission of each.”**

- Brad Stephan, Managing Director,  
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## Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania Financial Summary

	2024	2023
TOTAL ASSETS	\$26,937,610	\$23,904,952
REVENUES		
Contributions	\$ 686,001	\$ 387,205
Admin Fees	46,117	37,243
Investment Return	1,691,132	2,235,508
TOTAL	2,423,250	2,659,956
EXPENSES	\$514,780	\$501,732
DISTRIBUTIONS	\$520,456	\$450,781
NET INCOME	\$1,706,451	\$2,072,253

Audited financial statements are available at [MyCatholicFoundation.org](https://MyCatholicFoundation.org).

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops guidelines group their policies on Catholic Compliant Investing into five key categories, which the Catholic Foundation incorporates into its investment decisions:

- Protecting Human Life
- Promoting Human Dignity
- Enhancing the Common Good
- Pursuing Economic Justice
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