



Mission Support Fees

The Catholic Foundation’s administrative fees and investment expenses, or as we like to call them, *Mission Support Fees*, help the Foundation administer beneficial programs that allow us to give back to the causes and missions of faithful institutions who strive to impact our community every day.

Without this support we would be unable to administer our Impact Grants, sponsor Catholic community events and lead key initiatives in the area. [Visit our Impact page](#) for examples of how we give back.

As a Catholic community foundation, our goal to become more efficient as we grow in order to pass on even more savings by reducing fees and increasing our outpouring to the community.



Type of Fund	Administrative Fee	Minimum Contribution to Establish
Charitable Gift Annuities	.75% or a minimum of \$250	\$10,000
Designated Funds	.75% or a minimum of \$250	\$5,000
Donor Advised Fund	.75% or a minimum of \$250	\$5,000
Family Endowment	.75% or a minimum of \$250	\$5,000
Granting Endowments	.75% or a minimum of \$250	\$25,000
Ministry Endowments	.75% or a minimum of \$250	\$10,000
Scholarship Endowments	.75% or a minimum of \$250	\$25,000
Short-Term Endowments	.25% or a minimum of \$250	\$5,000
Contribution to an Existing Fund	N/A	\$5

*Investment fee – Established by our partners at Merrill Lynch based on the various pools

**Administrative fee – Competitive fee set to cover all administration, expenses, marketing and workshops

Fees are established by the Catholic Foundation’s board of directors and are reviewed annually.



Investment Strategy

The Catholic Foundation of Michigan and its partner, Merrill Lynch, have constructed internal investment pools that are designed to provide a variety of risk and return profiles.

The pools are compliant with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishop's standards and are actively managed, so that you can have the peace of mind that qualified professionals are constantly reviewing and updating the investment mix as needed.

Investment Options

- **Endowed Funds** - The Catholic Foundation's moderate allocation endowment pool (roughly 60% equity and 40% fixed).
- **Short-term Endowments** - keep pace with inflation by investing in low risk cash and cash equivalents. Designed for short-term philanthropy who anticipate contributing and granting funds within 1 year or less.
- **Custom Investment Strategy:** Donors with endowed funds over \$1 million may request approval to utilize a customized investment strategy. Please contact us for more information about this option.

All Funds are subject to market fluctuations.

Investment Management Fees

- Each fund is charged its prorated share of the annual investment fees and expenses for their respected investment pool. This fee has ranged between 0.75% and 0.80% of the fund value. While the investment consultant fee will never vary, the investment options may drift. Therefore, there will be a difference in expenses and fees as stated above.

For more information, we welcome you to call, email or send a message.

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*If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well,
we must manifest our joy in the service we render to God and them.*

*Let us open wide our hearts.
It is joy which invites us.*

St. Katharine Drexel