Catholic Foundation of Michigan

Igniting Hearts
Mission
The Catholic Foundation of Michigan inspires charitable giving and assists generous donors providing for the long-term needs of Catholic parishes, schools, ministries and other organizations of southeast Michigan.
Dear Friends,

In the Gospel of John, Jesus proclaims, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will have the light of life and will never walk in darkness.”

As Catholics, we are called to let Christ’s light shine in our daily lives and guide our actions, so that all may see this light. Picture the way one small candle lights up a dark room. In the same way, each gift offered to and stewarded by the Catholic Foundation of Michigan brings light and lasting impact to local ministries and the people in need that they serve.

In the Catholic Foundation’s second year, your gift was one among many. Together these gifts, of all sizes, brought the Light of Christ to thousands of people throughout southeast Michigan, now and for generations to come. Thanks to your generous contributions, the Catholic Foundation distributed 171 grants totaling nearly 1 million dollars in 2018.

We connected with individuals, families and faith communities who were led by the Spirit with a spark of inspiration to share their gifts. These sparks, when tended and stewarded, not only provide a light in the darkness, they can illuminate the world and set our spirits on fire to unleash the Gospel. It is our hope that the stories in the following pages will ignite a flame in you, to join with the Catholic Foundation as we shine the light of faith in our world.

When Archbishop Vigneron released his pastoral letter Unleash the Gospel in 2017, he called upon Catholics in the Archdiocese of Detroit to be the light of Christ for our neighbors in southeast Michigan. At the Catholic Foundation of Michigan, we are proud to support you in this call and look forward to partnering in year three.

In Christ,

Angela Moloney
President and CEO

Patrick Fehring
Chair, Board of Directors

“The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.”
- John 1:5
Donor Advised Funds are an easy, flexible way to support the faithful charities you love. A donor contributes to the fund as often as they like, watches as their charitable investment grows tax-free, and can recommend grants to their favorite charity whenever they are ready.

Impact: Donor Advised Funds

Holly and Justin Rutt are co-founders of The Little Flower Soap Co., which sells handmade natural bath and beauty products. Launched in 2010, their company recently received national recognition as an Amazon Storefronts featured business.

The Rutts decided to open a Donor Advised Fund after hearing friends talk about the Catholic Foundation at a dinner party during the Christmas season. They had been looking for an opportunity to be charitable with the profits from their business but weren’t sure how best to go about it.

“Hearing that we could set up a fund right away that could grow while we gave more thought to where to give felt like a clear sign from God,” Holly says. The process was simple and straightforward, she adds.

The Rutts hope to increase their giving each year to local nonprofit organizations as their business grows. “Sometimes it’s challenging for us to find time to volunteer like we know we are called to do, and in those times it’s wonderful to be able to provide some financial support instead.” Holly says.

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2018 marked the first year of an annual competitive impact grant awards process by the Catholic Foundation. Grants were awarded to projects that built on a community’s assets through best practices and innovation; fostered collaboration of multiple partners; and expanded education, service and outreach in line with Catholic values. Learn more about the 2018 award recipients:

### Social Outreach
- Catholic Church of St. Moses the Black - *Relocating food pantry*
- Christ the King Catholic School - *Social justice formation program*
- Christ the King Service Corp - *Radical Service Project*
- Detroit Oratory - *Better Way Detroit*
- Freedom House Detroit - *New Beginnings permanent housing program*
- Gianna House - *Pregnancy and parenting residence*
- IHN Alpha House - *Support for families in short and longer-term housing*
- Pope Francis Center - *Nutrition program*
- Racquet Up Detroit - *Youth enrichment activities*
- The Servants of Jesus of The Divine Mercy - *Kitchen and outreach*
- St. Augustine/St. Monica Parish - *Neighborhood evangelization*
- St. Augustine/St. Monica Parish - *Parish-based evangelization mission*
- St. Catherine of Siena Academy - *Epoch service formation week*
- St. Mary’s Parish of Redford - *Jazz concert with six church choirs*
- St. Vincent De Paul at St. Charles Lwanga Parish - *Neighborhood partnership revitalization program*

### Education & Formation
- Cathedral Choir Academy of Detroit - *Archdiocese of Detroit children’s choir*
- Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament - *From the shallows of the Deep Alpha & RCIA*
- Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament - *Area Vacation Bible School*
- La Casa Guadalupana - *Spanish-Language educational & leadership classes*
- Ste. Anne Detroit Parish - *Jornadas Matrimonios program*
- St. Mary Catholic Central High School - *Student inclusion program*

### Vibrant Parish Life
- Most Holy Redeemer Parish - *“Revive” faith enrichment program*
- Our Lady of the Rosary Parish - *Communications director*
- St. Lucy Catholic Church - *Share a Little Light evangelization*
- St. Peter Claver Parish - *New Evangelization Mission Team*

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**Total Awarded $88,500**

**Impact Grants Awarded**

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**2018 Impact Grants**

- **Total Awarded**: $88,500
- **Social Outreach**: 62%
- **Education & Formation**: 23%
- **Vibrant Parish Life**: 15%
Endowments provide a sustainable and permanent funding source to the Catholic causes and charities of your choice. Whether it’s your local parish, school or other ministry, you provide a lasting source of annual funding for causes close to your heart.

Ed Parks and fellow Class of 1954 Gesu Catholic School alumnus Don Bridenstine have been friends for years. Don’s recent experiences volunteering at Gesu prompted him to ask how they could be doing more to help the school. Ed’s positive experience working with the Catholic Foundation to set up a Donor Advised Fund for his family’s annual giving led him to suggest to Don that they work with the Foundation to create a permanent endowment for Gesu Catholic School.

“Don and I felt that others might be attracted to the combined virtues of a permanent endowment whose income went directly to tuition support. The Catholic Foundation is endorsed by the Archdiocese and managed by professionals that are legally separate from the school. We also believed that such a fund might appeal to both other alumni and local Catholics as a charity to name in their estate plans,” Ed shares.

Ed and Don invited other alumni to join them, and within weeks they raised more than twice the initial money needed to open the fund. “We hope this is only the beginning,” they share.

“Working with the Catholic Foundation has been excellent. The staff is hands-on and offers personalized attention, and their reporting is clear.”
- Ed Parks, donor to the Gesu Catholic School Alumni Endowment Fund and Donor Advised Fund holder

Impact: Endowments
### Statement of Financial Activities
for the years ending December 31

#### Statement of Financial Position

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#### Revenue, gains & other support

| Contributions               | $2,081,650  | $4,697,748  |
| In-kind contributions       | $67,880     | $77,969     |
| Net realized & unrealized gains & losses on investments | ($5,147) | ($463,967) |
| Interest & dividends        | $1,451      | $83,538     |
| Administrative fee revenue  | $1,083      | $40,622     |
| **Total Revenue**           | **$2,146,917** | **$4,435,910** |

#### Expenses

| Program expenses            | $107,089    | $896,234    |
| Support services            | $195,867    | $392,591    |
| **Total Expenses**          | **$302,956** | **$1,288,825** |

#### Change in assets

| Increase in Net Assets      | $1,843,961  | $3,147,975  |
| Net Assets - Beginning of year | $95,650     | $1,939,611  |
| **Net Assets - End of year** | **$1,939,611** | **$7,327,756** |

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**Total Donors**

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**Distributions back to the Community**

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The Catholic Foundation offers Catholics a way to leave a legacy uniquely aligned with our values and beliefs. The Foundation invests all funds in accordance with the USCCB guidelines for Catholic Socially Responsible Investments.

We are honored to steward your gifts to the following funds.

Endowments

Augustinian Scholarship Endowment for Austin Catholic High School* - Provides tuition assistance

Austin Catholic Prep Detroit, Class of 1963 Scholarship Endowment for Austin Catholic High School* - Provides tuition assistance

Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament Endowment* - Ensures that this beautiful structure and its mission will continue

Catholic Charities of Southeast Michigan Endowment - Supports the mission to provide compassionate, quality, professional services and support to people in need

Church in the City Granting Endowment - Supports evangelization, Catholic education and faith formation, service and outreach, and building vibrant Catholic communities in the city

Divine Child High School Tuition Assistance Endowment* - Offsets the cost of Catholic education and benefits the school’s mission

Gary Evatz Memorial Scholarship Endowment for Austin Catholic High School* - Provides tuition assistance

Gesu Catholic School Alumni Endowment* - Provides tuition assistance and benefits the school’s mission

Getz Scholarship Fund, Most Holy Trinity School* - Provides tuition assistance

Loyola High School Endowment* - Supports the school’s operations and mission

Most Holy Trinity Parish Endowment* - Provides for the parish’s needs

Mother and Unborn Baby Care Endowment - Supports its mission to reach women who, because of the obstacles they face, are deciding whether to continue their pregnancies

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica Endowment* - Benefits education at the parish and its schools

Our Lady of Good Counsel School Endowment* - Provides tuition assistance

Priest Pension Endowment - Provides financial stability for retired priests and future security for active priests

Sharon and Rick Pine Scholarship for Austin Catholic High School* - Provides tuition assistance

Society of the Propagation of the Faith of the Archdiocese of Detroit Endowment - Benefits the organization’s mission and good works

Sr. Mary Ellen Howard Fund to benefit St. Francis Cabrini Clinic* - Supports the clinic’s operations

Ste. Anne de Detroit Restoration and Maintenance Endowment - Supports the restoration and maintenance of the church building

St. Anselm School Endowment - Supports the school’s ongoing operational and maintenance needs

St. Fabian Catholic School Fund for the Future Endowment* - Supports the school’s mission and ministries

St. Fabian Parish Endowment* - Supports the parish’s mission and ministries

St. Frances Cabrini Clinic Endowment - Supports the Clinic’s mission to provide primary care, prescription assistance, and mental health care to uninsured adults

St. Kieran Catholic Church Endowment* - Provides for the parish’s needs

St. Linus Catholic School Assistance Fund* - Offsets the cost of Catholic education and benefits the mission of the school

St. Louis Center Endowment* - Supports the Center’s residences providing for the needs of children and adults with intellectual and development disabilities

St. Oscar Romero Endowed Grant* - Strengthens the diverse Latino community by supporting issues and organizations that advance the socioeconomic status or enhance the leadership capacity of Latinos

* Indicates funds established in 2018
**Donor Advised Funds**

Alt Family Fund  
Anonymous Fund*  
Anonymous Family Fund  
Bloomgren Family Fund  
Czarnecki Family Fund*  
Gregory J. and Phyllis A. DeMars Fund*  
Diehl Family Fund  
Emmaus Road Fund*  
Fehring Family Fund*  
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Kemp Family Fund  
Little Flower Fund  
Eugene and Jeanne LoVasco Fund*  
Mary Frances Donoahoe & Elizabeth Hodgin Tuition Assistance Fund*  
George and Kathleen McCann Family Fund  
Migliazio Family Fund  
Ed and Gerry Parks Charitable Fund  
Schena Family Fund*  
Peter A. Shmina Memorial Fund*  
Stinson Family Fund  
Helen and Mike Vlasic Family Fund  
Daniel and Kristine Weingartz Charitable Fund  

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**Funds by dollars**

- **$2,919,006** Organizational Endowments
- **$357,629** Donor Designated Endowments
- **$1,788,775** Impact Granting
- **$1,710,262** Donor Advised Funds

**Total Funds: $6,775,672**

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**Increase the Foundation’s Impact Granting by donating to any of our granting funds:**

- Catholic Education & Formation  
- Social Outreach  
- Vibrant Parish Life  
- St. Oscar Romero for Latino Ministries  
- Church in the City  

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**Did you know?**

Anyone can add to an existing fund at any time, in any amount - even if you did not start the fund! Donating to an existing fund is easy and there are options for everyone.

For more information visit:  
www.catholicfoundationmichigan.org/give-now
2018 Distributions

Grants by type

- Social Outreach: 30%
- Education & Formation: 37%
- Vibrant Parish Life: 56%

Grants by dollars distributed

- Social Outreach: 14%
- Education & Formation: 21%
- Vibrant Parish Life: 56%

Beneficiaries from our Endowment Funds, Donor Advised Funds and Competitive Impact Grants:

- Academy of the Sacred Heart
- Adrian Dominican Sisters
- Alternatives for Girls
- American Cancer Society
- The American College
- Angels' Place
- Archdiocese of Detroit
- The Ark
- Ascension St. John & Providence Foundations
- Associated Sulpicians of the US
- Austin Catholic High School
- Ave Maria School of Law
- BCCF - The Kyle Pavone Foundation
- Beyond Basics
- Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan
- Boys Hope Girls Hope
- Brother Rice High School
- Capuchin Soup Kitchen
- Cathedral Choir Academy of Detroit*
- Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament*
- Catholic Church of St. Moses the Black*
- Catholic Foundation of Michigan
- Catholic Legal Immigration Network
- Catholic Relief Services
- Catholic Services Appeal
- Chalfonte Foundation
- Child Foundation
- Christ Child Society of Detroit
- Christ the King Catholic School*
- Christ the King Service Corps*
- Community Foundation of Greater Rochester Prayer Breakfast Fund
- Cornerstone Education Group
- Cornerstone Schools Association
- Detroit Athletic Club Foundation
- Detroit Cristo Rey High School
- Detroit Educational Television Foundation WTVS
- Detroit Institute of Arts

* Indicates Competitive Impact Grant Recipients

Previous Year Comparison

- Social Outreach: $17,000
- Education & Formation: $8,500
- Vibrant Parish Life: $50,000

2017 Total Grants: $75,500

2018 Total Grants: $896,234

1,087% Growth in Giving
Beneficiaries from our Endowment Funds, Donor Advised Funds and Competitive Impact Grants: (Cont.):

Detroit Oratory*
Detroit Pal
Detroit Zoological Society
Dominican Friars Province of St. Joseph
Dominican Sisters of Mary
Duquesne University of the Holy Spirit School of Law
Dynamic Catholic
Ele’s Place
Eternal Word Television Network
Faith in Action Inc.
Father Gabriel Richard High School
Fellowship of Catholic University Students
Freedom House Detroit*
Georgetown University
Gianna House*
Gregorian University Foundation
Guest House, Inc.
Holy Childhood of Jesus Parish
Holy Cross Mission Center
Holy Redeemer Church*
Homeboy Industries
IHM Sisters
IHN at Alpha House*
International Rescue Committee, Inc.
Kappa Alpha Theta Foundation
La Casa Guadalupana*
Life Remodeled
Light in the Darkness Prayer Ministry
LOA Fund
Lourdes Senior Community
Love without Boundaries Foundation
Loyola High School
Madonna University
Manresa Jesuit Retreat House
Marian High School
Michigan LCV Education Fund
Michigan State University
Misericordia/Heart of Mercy
Mosaic Youth Theater
National Catholic Bioethics Center
Nazareth Farm
Notre Dame Preparatory School and Marist Academy
Oakland University Foundation
Orchard Lake Schools
Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
Our Lady of the Rosary Parish*
Pontifical North American College
Pope Francis Center*
Racquet Up Detroit*
Rising Stars Academy Foundation
Romeo High School
Rose Hill Center, Inc.
Rose Hill Foundation
Sacred Heart Major Seminary
SAY Detroit
School of Hope
Servants of God’s Love
The Servants of Jesus of The Divine Mercy*
Soi Dog Foundation USA
Springboard Scholarship Foundation
St. Andrew Catholic Church
St.e. Anne Parish of Detroit*
St. Anselm Parish School
St. Augustine St. Monica Catholic Church
St. Catherine of Siena Academy*
St. Clare of Montefalco School
St. John Paul II National Shrine
St. Joseph Catholic Church and School
St. Joseph Mercy Oakland
St. Leo’s Soup Kitchen
St. Louis Center
St. Lucy Catholic Church*
St. Mary Catholic Central High School*
St. Mary of Redford*
St. Mary’s Chapel
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Urban Hope, Inc.
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Ypsilanti District Library

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“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father.”
- Matthew 5:16
We honor the individuals and families that have made long-term commitments to the mission of the Catholic Foundation. We are deeply grateful for their trust and shared charitable vision.

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Together we strengthen our Catholic Community.

*Tending the Flame Now and Forever.*

The Catholic Foundation works with each donor to identify their specific charitable goals and maximize the impact of every gift for the ministries they love.

Charitable Giving Options

- Donor Advised Funds
- Donor Designated Endowments
- Founders Circle Organizational Endowments
- Scholarship and Tuition Assistance Funds

Whether your charitable giving is well-established or you are just getting started, our trusted team is here to serve you.


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**Give Now**

Make an immediate, outright charitable gift to the endowment fund benefiting your favorite parish, school or ministry.

**How to Give Now**
- Cash
- Marketable Securities
- Real Estate
- Qualified Charitable Distributions (from IRA)

**For Those Who:**
- Want to provide immediate faithful support
- Have assets available to give
- Want to reduce capital gains tax
- May want to give anonymously
- Seek an immediate charitable deduction

**Give Later**

Retain control of assets during your lifetime & leave a gift to the endowment fund that benefits your favorite Catholic organization.

**How to Give Later**
- Will
- Living Trust
- Beneficiary Designations of retirement assets or life insurance policies

**For Those Who:**
- Desire to leave a substantial legacy after your lifetime
- Wish to retain control of assets while living
- Want to help heirs avoid estate tax on retirement accounts and other assets

**Give & Receive**

Make a charitable gift & receive income for life or a term of years. The remainder at maturity supports the endowment fund of your choice.

**How to Give & Receive**
- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Remainder Trusts

**For Those Who:**
- Want to leave a faithful legacy by giving
- Own appreciated assets
- Seek an additional source of income
- Wish to avoid market volatility
- Seek a partial charitable deduction
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- James 1:17
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St. Katharine Drexel, pray for us.