



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 the Catholic Foundation gives 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 |
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| 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 |
| Endowment Funds | .79% or a minimum of \$250 .50% for funds over \$5M | \$10,000 |
| Granting Endowments | 1.25% or a minimum of \$250 | \$25,000 |
| Scholarship Funds | 1.5% or a minimum of \$500 | \$25,000 |
| Contribution to an Existing Fund | N/A | \$5 |

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

**Administrative fee – Nominal fee set competitively 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 investments are overseen by the Foundation's investment committee and its independent consultant, Merrill Lynch. Together they have constructed internal investment pools that are designed to provide a variety of risk and return profiles. This strategy offers funds of all sizes the benefits of diversification and the ability to maximize returns.

All investments 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

- **Balanced** - This approach emphasizes both a stable and consistent source of current income and some capital appreciation over the long term.
Asset allocation: 58% equity, 38% fixed income and 4% cash equivalents.
- **Conservative** – This approach seeks portfolio stability and preservation of capital; adjusted for inflation, investment returns may be low, in exchange for high liquidity, lower levels of portfolio volatility and reduced risk of principal loss.
Asset allocation: 24% equity, 71% fixed income and 5% cash equivalents.
- **Stable** – This approach offers no volatility in the value of the portfolio, allowing for high liquidity.
Asset allocation: Strategy will be limited to 100% cash and cash equivalents.
- **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.

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