

Questions and Answers about the Endowment Fund

Q1- WHAT IS THE ENDOWMENT FUND?

A The Endowment Fund uses financial contributions to ensure perpetual support of faith formation for all parishioners: child, youth, adult.

Q2- WHAT WILL A GIFT TO THE ENDOWMENT FUND MEAN TO ME?

A A gift to the Endowment Fund is a reflection of our faith and love in Christ. As Christian Stewards, we give back to God and neighbor as a way of life out of the abundance with which God has gifted us.

Q3- HOW IS THE FUND USED?

A The Fund is focusing on securing faith formation for all parishioners: child, youth, adult. At St. Joseph Parish, grants have supplemented:

- Christ Renews His Parish* Adult Retreats
- Deacon Formation Program
- Called & Gifted* lay ministry formation
- Speakers for adult faith formation
- Financial aid for children of St. Joseph School who are in need
- Tuition for children of volunteer catechists in the Religious Education program.

Q4- WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS TO CONTRIBUTE?

A There are varied ways in which you can support the Fund after reflection on your desires and financial resources. Common methods include:

- Remembrance Giving** – In memory of loved ones and friends, in honor of anniversaries, birthdays, baptisms or other special events
- Gifts during your lifetime** – A gift of cash, stocks, mutual funds, bonds, real estate, or personal property
- Annuity and Trust Arrangement** – A gift of money or property that pays you for the rest of your life with the remainder going to the Endowment Fund
- Gifts Designated in your Will** – Such as cash, bonds, stocks, real estate or personal property

Q5- WHAT ARE THE GOALS FOR THE FUND?

A Among our hopes and dreams are:

- Retreat experiences
- Service and outreach opportunities
- Whole family catechesis
- Adult faith presentations
- Enhanced religious training for our teachers, catechists and students

Q6- HOW IS THE FUND MANAGED?

A The Fund is managed by the Endowment Board of Directors comprised of St. Joseph parishioners who represent the leadership groups of the parish. The funds are invested through a professional management firm. Annual spending depends on the performance of the Fund.

Q7- WHO DO I CONTACT?

A To take advantage of this opportunity, contact the Parish Office:

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