

Founded In Christ

What's Happening?

Advisory Board Meeting Dates for 2008

February 21, 2008
May 22, 2008
October 23, 2008

Annual Board of Directors Meeting

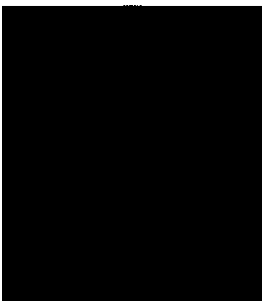
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Something you want to see?

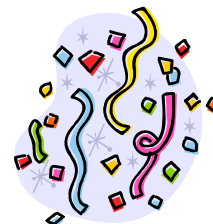
Do you have an idea for making our newsletter better? Contact us; we would appreciate hearing from you!

Has Your Endowment Helped You in a Special Way?

Send us the details; we would love to share your story with others.



What's New?



Distributions top \$1 Million!

Despite fluctuating market conditions, the *Foundation for the People of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois* continues to grow. The distribution to our beneficiaries for 2007 has been set at a total of \$1,066,865.86. This is an increase of approximately \$100,000 over last year.



Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope Campaign Funds Endowment for Catholic Charities

With the close of the *Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope* campaign in June 2007 a number of new endowments have been established. One of these new endowments serves the needs of Catholic Charities. For more than 80 years Catholic Charities has provided for the needs of the poor and disadvantaged in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. Funding for Catholic Charities comes from a variety of different sources. Some of these are there year after year, but many are not. With the addition of this endowment the agency will have a steady source of income that will be put to use helping those most in need in our diocese.

Think Your Parish Can't Afford To Start An Endowment?

Consider the case of St. Mary's School in Edwardsville. Two parishioners with grandchildren in the school passed away. The families asked that memorials be made to the school. A total of \$1,800 was collected from these memorial donations. While this was by no means an insignificant sum, it was recognized it could be used up very quickly if put into the general fund. With the permission of the families involved this money was placed in an endowment for the school. (continued on next page)

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...Can't Afford to Start An Endowment? (continued from page one)

The school is currently promoting the endowment. By establishing this fund, St. Mary's School has assured itself a permanent stream of income from a source that will continue to grow.

So, how can your school or parish receive these same types of benefits? Three things are required to start an endowment: a minimum deposit of \$1,000, local bylaws and a local advisory board.

It may sound challenging, but we try to make the process as easy as possible. Many foundations have a much higher minimum deposit. This makes the *Foundation for the People of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois* one of the easiest foundations to join. Draft bylaws are provided by the Foundation and require local approval. Putting together a local advisory board does not have to be complicated either. The Foundation suggests using an existing committee at your parish or school.

Please let us help you establish an endowment in the *Foundation for the People of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois*. You will not regret it!

*"I would never want any prayer that would not
make the virtues grow within me."*

St. Teresa of Avila



We Want To Start An Endowment—What Is The Next Step?

Please contact our office at (217) 698-8500 ext. 114 for more information on how you can make a gift to the Foundation.

