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What's Happening

Advisory Board Meeting Dates for 2013

February 19, 2013

May 2, 2013

October 1, 2013

Annual Board of Directors Meeting

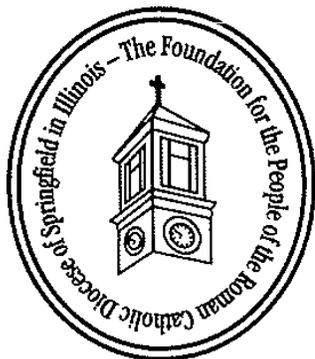
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Make our newsletter better!

We are always looking for new ideas for our newsletter. Give us a call or e-mail; we would appreciate hearing from you!

Tell us about your endowment!

What do you use your endowment to fund? Let us share your story with others.



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An Increase in Vocations!

We are happy to report our diocese has seen a recent increase in priestly vocations! The total number has more than doubled from two years ago. This is wonderful news and a sure sign of the faith life in our diocese. It also presents a challenge—how do we pay for these increased numbers? Seminarian support comes from a variety of different resources including: parents, the Knights of Columbus, support from the Annual *Catholic Services* Appeal and investment income. There are several endowments in our Foundation dedicated to funding the education of seminarians. When talking to your parishioners about charitable giving please inform them of our Foundation and the way it can serve to help educate our future priests. For more information please contact our offices.



It Keeps Growing and Growing...

You have an endowment, but now what? How do you encourage donations to make it grow? Growing your endowment might be easier than you think. Consider the case of St. Ambrose Parish and School in Godfrey, Illinois. The parish regularly sends in funds to add to their school endowment. What's their secret? A quick call to the business office gave us the answer we were looking for.

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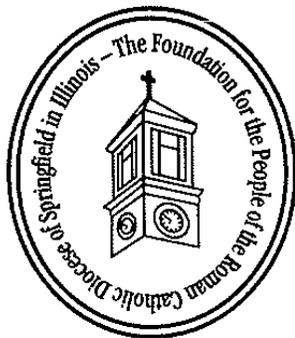
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Growing continued...

Cathy Mahan, the parish business manager, explained their strategy—they simply ask their parishioners! Every month a special endowment support envelope is placed in each parishioner's offertory envelope packet. They also encourage memorials and dedicate five percent of the monies raised in any parish fund raiser toward their endowment.

Because of the generosity of their people, St. Ambrose parish is able to invest significant sums of money each month to build up their endowment. These funds are part of a larger plan to support their parish school. In a recent e-mail Fr. Steve Pohlman, St. Ambrose's pastor, said: "We are committed to reinvesting the interest/gains earned each year. Hopefully in another 7 years or so we will reach a goal of one million dollars and then the income produced will greatly help support our Catholic education here at St. Ambrose." By regularly communicating with their parishioners and encouraging gifts St. Ambrose has been able to create an environment where supporting their endowment is part of everyday parish life.

What if you do not have an endowment at the present time? These same ideas can be applied. Consider putting together a plan to communicate your parish and school needs to your parishioners. To help you, some suggested materials are on our website at:

<http://www.foundationforthepeople.org/promote.html>



Get the Word Out!

It has been said the only gift you can be sure you will never receive is the one you do not ask for. If you already have an endowment for your parish or school, let your people know you would like it to grow. If you do not have one, express your desire to start one. Our offices will be happy to assist you in any way possible. Please contact us today by calling 217-698-8500 extension 114, or by e-mail at: sriedell@dio.org. You won't regret it!

Rev. Ken Venvertloh (June 1, 1939–October 19, 2012)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Rev. Ken Venvertloh. Fr. Ken was a long time member of the Foundation advisory board. May he and all the poor souls, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.