Founded In Christ

What's Happening

Advisory Board Meeting Dates for 2013

February 17, 2015 May 20, 2015 October 20, 2015

Annual Board of Directors Meeting

August 11, 2015

Make our newsletter better!

We strive to keep you informed and are always open to new ideas. Give us a call or e-mail; we would appreciate hearing from you!

How do you use your endowment?

Do you use your endowment to fund something you are very proud of? Please tell us so we can tell others.



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Foundation Tops \$41 Million!

We have record setting news to pass on! Our Foundation finished June 30, 2014 with an all-time high market value of approximately \$41.9 million! Certainly favorable markets can take credit for most of this growth, but another factor is our beneficiaries.

The past year has seen an increase of 10 endowments with more on the horizon. Some of our beneficiaries have existing endowments and are starting new ones, but some are totally new to the Foundation. If your parish or school is new to the Foundation, welcome and thank you for joining us! Our Foundation exists because of our beneficiaries and because of them we are stronger.

As the Foundation grows it helps to minimize the effects of market volatility. Much like the way a large ship can handle ocean waves better than a small boat. When you win, everybody wins! Thank you for your support!

There are a variety of reasons to start a new endowment, contact us today and let us help you.



A new high for distributions!

The Foundation for the People of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois is pleased to announce a very favorable year for distributions to our beneficiaries. For 2014 there was \$1,453,284.66 available for our beneficiaries use.

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Sr. Maristella Scholarship Fund

Often endowments are named for beloved former pastors or school leaders. This practice is a wonderful way of honoring these leaders and helping your organization at the same time. Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception School's latest scholarship endowment has been named for the former principal, Sr. Maristella Dunlavy OP. An anonymous donor wanted to express his admiration of Sister Maristella by starting a scholarship fund. He decided to arrange a matching gifts challenge to encourage donations and to quickly grow the endowment. News of the scholarship was spread by bulletin announcements and by word of mouth, yielding several donations in a relatively short time.

The pastor, Fr. Christopher House said," We are extremely grateful to the donor who enabled us to start this scholarship fund and the subsequent donors who helped it grow. The scholarship monies made available by this and our other school endowment free up other funds to help us improve our parish and school. Fr. House added, "Who among us couldn't use extra money to help pay the bills? We encourage other schools considering an endowment, to start one as soon as possible."

Is your parish or school considering an endowment? There is no need to set aside large sums of money to create one. Contact our office to learn how easy it can be.

Want Planned Gifts? Think Peas and Carrots!

Want to encourage more planned gifts but do not know where to start? Endowments and planned giving go together like, well, peas and carrots! One of the simplest ways to receive planned gifts is to tell people you accept them. Those little bulletin ads telling people to remember the church and school in their estate plans do truly pay off in the long run. Having an endowment in place gives you an easy avenue for people to leave gifts. Establishing a fund is easier than you think. With a low minimum investment of \$1,000 it makes affordable for almost any parish or school to start an endowment. Call us today!