# Founded In Christ

## **Important Dates**

# Advisory Board Meeting Dates for 2016

February 16, 2016 May 10, 2016 October, 2016

### Annual Board of Directors Meeting

August, 2016

#### We want to hear from you!

What kind of information do you want to see? Give us a call!

# How has your endowment helped you?

Let us share your story with others!



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## Why Should You "Like" the Foundation?!

There are a number of reasons to "like" *The Foundation for the People of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois*. Here are five reasons to consider:

- **5. Socially Responsible Investing.** The Foundation's holdings are screened to ensure all investments fall within the parameters of Catholic teaching. You can feel good knowing your investments are not benefiting companies who do work contrary to Church teachings.
- **4. Buying Power.** Because of its size the Foundation has access to investment opportunities that smaller organizations do not. Long term, this means better opportunities for higher returns!
- **3. Longevity.** The Foundation is structured for the long haul ensuring our beneficiaries will be able to count on revenue in perpetuity. Fail safes are built in to ensure the long term viability of the Foundation.
- **2. Simplicity.** A low entry level investment and minimal paperwork makes it simple to take advantage.
- **1. Catholic.** Your Foundation is run by Catholics, for Catholics. We want to sustain the ministries that you believe in and support!

Call us today to discuss how your parish or school can benefit from either starting a new or building up an existing endowment. You will not regret it!

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## Foundation Grows and Distributions Set a Record High!

At one time as our Foundation came out of the stock market decline of 2008/2009 the market value was just over \$19 million. Who would have thought just six years later we would be where we are today? As of June 30, 2015 we are happy to report the Foundation finished with a market value of **\$42,853,577!** We have been fortunate to see a gradual increase in recent years for the amount available for distribution to our beneficiaries. This year we are pleased to announce a distribution amount of **\$1,595,004!** 

Never before have we had so many funds available to help advance the mission of our parishes and schools. Long term, the Foundation is assisting in building up the Kingdom of God here on earth. With each new endowment our Foundation grows stronger with more earning potential. Consider joining us today!



## **Everybody Starts Somewhere!**

One of the biggest arguments for not starting an endowment is the organization does not have a large enough sum of money to generate the types of funds they want immediately. This brings to mind the old adage, "the best time to plant a shade tree is 20 years ago." If you wait to start your fund until you amass a large amount of money you run the risk of never starting it.

Our recommendation is that you start your fund as soon as possible with whatever spare amount of money you have available. Once you establish your endowment, discipline yourself to add to it on a regular basis. You will be surprised how quickly your endowment can grow, plus the benefit of earnings from the start. All will add up for a win for your organization's ministries over the long term. Contact us today to get started!