Founded In Christ

Important Dates

Advisory Board Meeting Dates for 2018

February 20, 2018 May 15, 2018 October 16, 2018

Annual Board of Directors Meeting

August 6, 2018

We want to hear from you!

Have any questions? Give us a call!

How has your endowment helped you?

Let us share your story with others!



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Giving Help Where it is Needed

The above title could be the tag line for any social service agency, but in this instance it brings to light that our endowment funds help individuals.

A recent caller to the Foundation asked about funds assisting families in need. The diocesan tuition assistance fund is one resource our parishes can use to help school families. This endowment began with seed money from the Harvest of Thanks, Springtime of Hope campaign reaching full funding in 2006. It provides funds to enhance the ability of our parishes to provide tuition assistance, which in turn, leaves more money available in the parishes for other needs. Last year 387 students from 235 families received assistance through the diocesan tuition assistance endowment.

Student families aren't the only ones who benefit from the Foundation's resources. Teachers in our Catholic schools are well known for the sacrifices they make on behalf of their students. The Catholic school educators' continuing education fund is made available to our teachers to continue their studies. Our teachers in our Parish Schools of Religion are also supported through the catechist formation and religious education fund.

Another charitable fund was set up through the inspiration of Pope Francis. Resurrection Parish in Illiopolis started the Francis Seed Initiative fund in 2015. The interest generated from this fund is intended to help anyone in need within the parish boundaries.

If you would like to support one of the endowments mentioned above, or would like to create a new one, contact our offices today at 217-698-8500 extension 114 or at sriedell@dio.org.

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Starting a New Fund is Easy!

Many people think that creating an endowment will involve a lot of time and paperwork. Nothing could be further from the truth! Once we know the purpose of the endowment the Foundation will complete the agreement and bylaws for your approval. You will then need to establish a local advisory board and give documentation. Lastly the representative's signature is needed on the agreement and that is it—really! Every potential contingency has been anticipated and is reflected in our bylaws.

The only paperwork required annually is documentation in the minutes of the annual advisory board meeting regarding the distribution from your endowment. These minutes can be emailed to the Foundation. It is simple-consider starting a fund today!



Another record Distribution!

Our investments, have once again, performed very well. The Foundation finished the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 with a market value of \$45,735,193. This equated to a potential distribution exceeding \$1.7 million. That is an increase of over \$38,000 from 2016. Sound investment policies and strict spending discipline have all helped to get us where we are today. Distributions from the Foundation are all part of the puzzle of financial strategies that will help our Catholic institutions not only survive, but thrive well into the future. Call us today!