

# Founded In Christ

## What's Happening?

### Advisory Board Meeting Dates for 2009

March 5, 2009

May 28, 2009

October 22, 2009

### Annual Board of Directors Meeting

August 13, 2009

### Help us improve

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

### Tell us your story!

*Has your endowment helped you in a special way? We would love to share your story with others.*

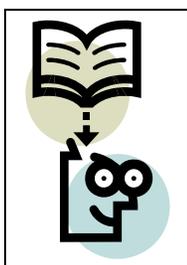


## What's New?



### Distributions Continue to Rise

Once again, despite less than favorable market conditions, the Foundation is reporting the highest distribution total in its history. Over \$1.1 million was available for distribution to our beneficiaries in September of 2008. How is this possible? Distributions are based on a 12 quarter rolling average of the value of the individual endowments. By following this policy, the Foundation has been able to set aside funds in times of plenty to ensure distributions in more challenging market conditions. The Foundation's portfolio is constantly being evaluated to maximize returns, while being ever aware of Church teachings in our investment strategy.



### Investing in Education

Forty Martyrs parish in Tuscola decided to start a new endowment. A previous endowment had been established specifically for college scholarships, but the parish wanted to do more. When a bequest was left to Forty Martyrs in memory of Fr. James Casey, it was decided to create a new endowment. This would also be for scholarships, but the language of the agreement allowed for scholarships other than college related ones. When asked to comment on the new scholarship Fr. Barry Harmon said, "I am grateful to the Foundation for allowing us to help our young people further their educations and continue to follow the call that God has given them." To date, 49 Forty Martyrs parishioners have been awarded scholarships.

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## Why Invest in an Endowment?

You can give a gift that will make an impact well beyond your lifetime! A modest investment now can grow substantially with a minimal effort and provide a steady income stream for your beneficiaries. Please let us assist you to establish an endowment in the *Foundation for the People of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield in Illinois*.

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"The measure of a man's love for God depends on how deeply aware he is of God's love for him."

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## Is Starting an Endowment Difficult?

No, we strive to make the process as simple as possible! Please contact our office at (217) 698-8500 ext. 114 for more information on how you can make a gift to the Foundation.

## Comments From a Grateful Recipient

"This scholarship helped me and my family pay for my nursing classes and textbooks. It made me truly grateful to my parish. As a wife and mother with 2 of my 3 children also attending college, this scholarship was truly a blessing. Thank you!"

Mary,  
St. Charles Borromeo Parish  
Charleston, Illinois

