

THE NORTHERN MICHIGAN
CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION

*“Give and
gifts will
be given
to you.”*

Luke 6:38

Stewardship

Realizing in our minds and hearts that everything we are and everything we have are God's loving gifts to us; we are merely stewards of those blessings.

The Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation makes it possible for parishioners to be good stewards of the Lord when they are living, and when they are going to meet the Lord in eternal life.



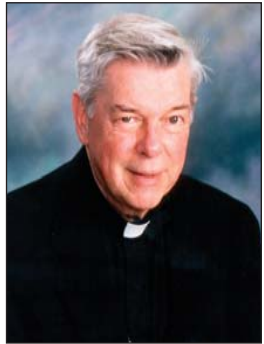
Stewardship Prayer

O Lord, giver of life and source of freedom, I know that all I have received is from your hand. Gracious and loving God, You call us to be stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all You have entrusted to us. Help us to always use Your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing Your message to those we serve. May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives. We pray with grateful hearts, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bishop's Letter

Dear Friends in Christ,

Our Northern Michigan Catholic community is truly blessed with gifts from the Lord. Those blessings come in many forms. Our parishes and schools are blessed with experienced pastors, parish life coordinators, teachers, administrators, staff and volunteers. Our Diocese is also blessed with dedicated deacons, religious men and women, seminarians and committed laity.



In order to secure these blessings for the future of our diocese, the Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation (NMCF) is becoming even more significant and important. The Foundation has the ability to provide for the Catholic programs that we all care so deeply about.

As the Foundation matures, we envision a day when the income earned from principle assets will produce grants to support students, schools, seminarians, parishes, ministries and programs across our Diocese.

In order to realize this vision, and assure the future financial stability of our many blessings, we need your support. Making an investment in the Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation is an act of stewardship that provides for the blessings of today, tomorrow and forever.

Thank you for all you do to serve the Lord and the Catholic ministries throughout the Diocese of Gaylord.

Sincerely in Christ,

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Providing for the future of Catholic ministries
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NMCF OVERVIEW



The Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation was established in 1998 by Bishop Patrick R. Cooney to benefit individual programs and ministries throughout the diocese. The Foundation is an endowment-based fiduciary body that supports the philanthropic needs of donors who seek to make cash gifts, bequests or planned gifts in support of Catholic ministries in Northern Michigan. Individuals, parishes, schools, diocesan agencies and ministries may all establish endowment accounts, known as Donor Named Funds, within NMCF to benefit the Catholic ministry or organization closest to their hearts.

Each endowment is recorded separately and serves only the purpose designated by the donor. The endowed fund principle (corpus) remains untouched for perpetuity with the income earned from the interest distributed semi-annually to the beneficiaries named when the fund is established. Funds may be established to honor or memorialize individuals or families, to celebrate an event, or simply to support a ministry that is close to one's heart.



BENEFITS OF GIVING TO NMCF

Gift Designation: The Foundation gives donors the ability to designate the ministries they want their funds to benefit.

Legacy Gift: Gifts given to the NMCF produce interest for the ministry closest to the donor's heart, not only for today, but for perpetuity.

Foundation Management: The Foundation is separate from the Diocese and is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors with day-to-day activities managed by an Executive Director. This allows donors to count on independent oversight and accountability in the administration of their legacy gifts.

Maximum Return: By pooling endowments for Catholic causes under the NMCF, we can secure a greater rate of return on the investments, ultimately benefiting the Catholic causes we care so deeply about.



ESTABLISHED FUNDS

Some of the current established funds for NMCF include, but are not limited to:

- Vocations Foundation
- Seminary Trust Fund
- Marriage Programming
- Charitable Works
- Hispanic Ministry
- Lay Leadership Development
- Social Ministry
- Priests Education
- Youth Education
- Emmaus Society

MINISTRIES

Ministries that can benefit from NMCF include, but are not limited to:

- Diocesan Parishes
- Diocesan Schools
- Diocesan Ministries/Programs
 - Vocations/Pastoral Care of Seminarian
 - Catholic Human Services, Inc.
 - Priests' Retirement Fund
 - Catholic Communication Efforts

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

- Cash
- Securities
- Real Estate
- Life Insurance
- Bequests
- Charitable Gift Annuities (CGA)
- Charitable Remainder Trusts (CRT)
- Charitable Lead Trusts (CLT)

I would like to receive more information on the Northern Michigan Catholic Foundation and ways to contribute.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I have already remembered the NMCF or a Catholic organization in the Diocese of Gaylord in my estate plans.

I would like to learn more about contributing to the Foundation through:

(Please check boxes to all that apply.)

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