

Securing Our Faithful Future

Why Your Parish Needs an Endowment



What is a Parish Endowment?

An endowment is a permanent, invested fund that generates income year after year. It begins as a one-time gift that grows and becomes a lasting financial foundation that supports your parish's mission, ministries, and maintenance—today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.



Why It Matters

- **Sustains the Mission:** Regular disbursements help fund liturgy, education, outreach, and pastoral care—even during economic downturns.
- **Reduces Dependence:** Less reliance on weekly collections and capital fundraising means more freedom to focus on ministry.
- **Supports Future Generations:** Endowments ensure a stable future for your parish's children and grandchildren.
- **Honors Legacy Giving:** Offers a meaningful way for parishioners to leave a legacy aligned with their values and faith.



How We Help

The Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota offers no-cost planned giving seminars annually for all parishes that invest with us.



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Speak with a Foundation representative to schedule yours parish's planned giving seminar.

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How An Endowment Grows

Imagine What Your Parish, School or Cemetery Could Do with fund that grants annually!

Endowments grow over time, even as they generate annual grants. Here's an example:



The above math assumes 7% annual returns. The Catholic Foundation of Southern Minnesota has averaged 9.5% net of fees the last 5 years. (6/30/25)



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