

2019/2020 ANNUAL IMPACT REPORT

CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION
for Brooklyn and Queens



The **MISSION** of Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens

is to assist critical programs, institutions and ministries that further the Church's mission in Brooklyn and Queens through financial support and counsel while developing and administering Foundation resources prudently and consistent with Catholic teachings.

From the Vicar for Development

In times of uncertainty and change, as we are experiencing right now, we as faithful Catholics believe that Jesus gives us every grace and blessing to overcome adversity and face every challenge. The staff and Board of Directors of Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens were up to the task when the crisis caused by COVID-19 first struck the Diocese of Brooklyn. Many of our parish communities were at the original epicenter of the pandemic. The Foundation stepped in, with the support of our donors, to help parishes stay in communication with the faithful, receive vital funds from fundraising programs and transition to an online format for Sunday collections.

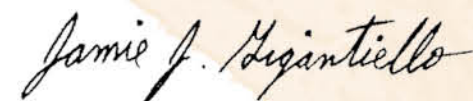
The hard work and dedication of our Board was epitomized by the lifetime of service of my friend and former Chair Joseph Geoghan. Joe truly dedicated his life to advance the mission of the Catholic Church here in our Diocese and beyond until his passing in the Fall of 2020. Joe was a visionary, often leading the way with new initiatives in support of Catholic education and in our Diocese, initiating what we know as the Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative – a program he shepherded from its beginning to its successful implementation in 95 parishes.

Over the decades, Joe left his mark on so many of the major initiatives the Diocese has undertaken, being a trusted advisor to Bishop DiMarzio and his predecessors. Joe's legacy will be long-lasting as his example of servant leadership serves as a guiding light to our Board and Staff. We pray for his soul and for healing for his faithful wife Kay and Joe's loving family members. The Foundation will forever honor his memory and remain grateful for his many contributions to the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

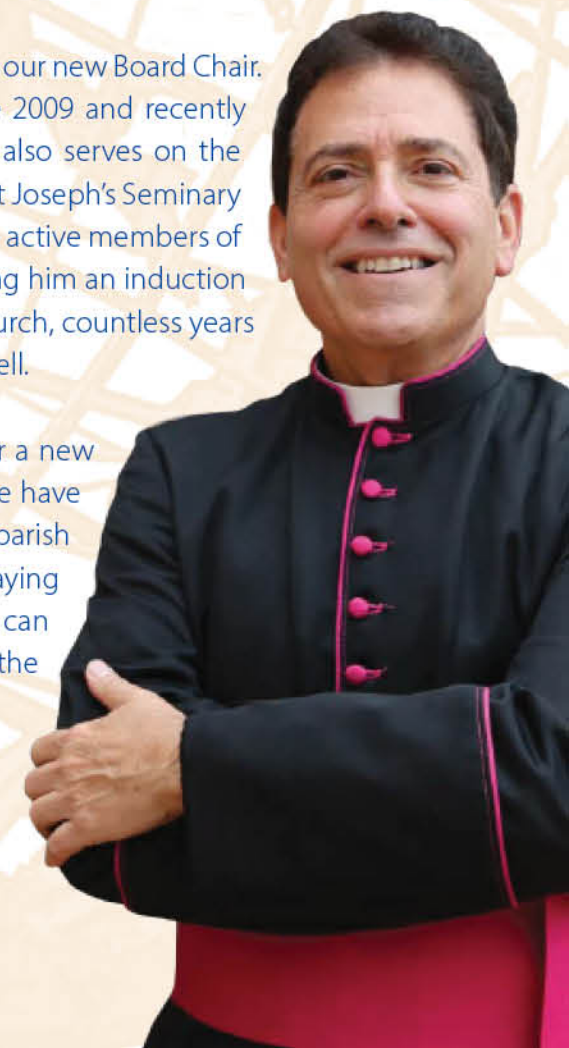
The Foundation's efforts continue now under the leadership of Samuel Romanzo, our new Board Chair. Sam has been a loyal and dedicated Board member for the Foundation since 2009 and recently served as Chair of the Finance Committee among other responsibilities. Sam also serves on the Board of Directors of Cypress Hills Cemetery and the Board of Trustees of the Saint Joseph's Seminary as Chair of the Student Life and Formation Committee. He and his wife Nancy are active members of St. Robert Bellarmine parish, where he ran CYO activities for over 25 years, earning him an induction into the Brooklyn Diocese CYO Hall of Fame in 2018. His commitment to the Church, countless years of service and demonstrated leadership capabilities will serve the Foundation well.

As we pray for an end to this pandemic around the world, we vigorously enter a new era of strength and hope – strength needed to recover from the devastation we have encountered and hope to bring the faithful back to Church and revive our parish communities. The Foundation stands ready to lend its support and to continue playing its role in passing on our Catholic faith to all in need of God's love. We know we can count on you, our faithful donors, to continue your support of the good works of the Catholic Church in Brooklyn and Queens.

In Christ's Peace,



Rev. Monsignor Jamie J. Gigantiello
Vicar for Development





Generations of Faith

Promises Kept! 2020

GENERATIONS OF FAITHFUL SERVED
\$100 MILLION COLLECTED

In 2015, the Diocese of Brooklyn embarked on the transformative Generations of Faith capital campaign. Our goal was simple: to strengthen the future of the Diocese of Brooklyn, primarily by strengthening our parishes physically and spiritually. The campaign focused on capital repairs for our churches, evangelization of our youth and support of our retired priests. For the past five years, the faithful in our Diocese have come together to honor generations of Catholics before us, while ensuring we are positioned to pass on our faith to future generations. It is with great joy that we announce that we have achieved the remarkable milestone of \$100 million in pledge collections, far exceeding our original \$80 million goal.

As we enter the final year of the Generations of Faith capital campaign, we want to highlight the tremendous accomplishments of the past five years, made possible by the commitment, dedication, perseverance and generosity of the Catholic faithful of Brooklyn and Queens. We hope to successfully conclude this special work by fulfilling the case components of sustaining our parishes, engaging our youth in the faith and supporting our retired priests.



ST. MICHAEL R.C. CHURCH

352 42nd St, Brooklyn

Goal: \$410,000

Pledged: \$386,268

Collected: \$297,829

Funds from Generations of Faith were used to form a parish center at St. Michael's. The newly named Pope Francis Center serves nearly 500 children preparing for their sacraments. It is a central place to learn the Gospel and prepare to commune with God Himself. The center serves low-income immigrant families, representing the majority of current parishioners. The four-story building, once the residence of the Xaverian Brothers who taught at the former parish high school, is now remodeled to offer appropriately-sized classrooms for conducting religious education classes. The Pope Francis Center will also be the home of the Arise program and other community and parish groups. The people of St. Michael are so grateful to finally have a newly renovated place to gather as a community in Christ.



ST. CATHERINE OF GENOA R.C. CHURCH

520 Linden Boulevard, Brooklyn

Goal: \$390,000

Pledged: \$703,339

Collected: \$311,029

Many church renovations at St. Catherine's have been made possible from Generations of Faith donations. All the kneelers in the pews have been replaced and new speakers have been installed along with beautiful new Stations of the Cross. There is ongoing work to restore the sanctuary area of the Church. The ceiling above the sanctuary was painted to depict the authors of the four Gospels, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. Parishioners love the new additions and the prayerful environment created to worship.



DIVINE MERCY R.C. CHURCH

219 Conselyea Street, Brooklyn

Goal: \$375,000

Pledged: \$464,958

Collected: \$401,334

Since Generations of Faith was initiated five years ago, there have been many updates and changes made to the three churches at Divine Mercy Parish.

The combined age of the churches is nearly 350 years: St. Cecilia 130 years (1891-2021); St. Nicholas Church 135 years (1886-2021); St. Francis of Paola Church 80 years (1941-2021).

At St. Cecilia, much work was done to refurbish the Church and Rectory, with all fixtures energy efficient and up to code. Work was also done to protect the foundations and roof of the building, and the men's and women's bathrooms were completely renovated.

At St. Nicholas, electrical work was done in both the Church and Rectory. The original woodwork of the sanctuary was restored to harmonize more with the 19th Century origins of the church. Finally, the Pulpit and Baptismal font were also restored to keep the traditions of the 19th century building alive. These updates will have a lasting impact on the churches, ensuring that parishioners can continue to worship and commune in beautiful, safe buildings.

ST. PATRICK R.C. CHURCH

39-38 29th Street

Long Island City, NY 11101

Goal: \$270,991

Pledged: \$178,048

Collected: \$188,453

118 parishioners from St. Patrick participated in the Generations of Faith campaign over a five-year period. Monies received were used to install much needed air conditioning units in the Church and the Parish Hall - projects for which parishioners were most grateful.



SACRED HEART OF JESUS R.C. CHURCH

11558 222nd Street,
Cambria Heights

Goal: \$480,000

Pledged: \$1,222,272

Collected: \$708,765

At the start of the Generations of Faith Campaign, Sacred Heart constructed a two-phase restoration plan to enhance both the interior and exterior of the church. Phase 1 has been officially completed, with the exterior doors in the front of the Church replaced and the lighting fixtures updated. Phase 2 is currently in progress and is focused on restoring the interior of the Church. Some of the improvements include: enhancing the tabernacle/sanctuary, repositioning the Presider chair, the Altar, Ambo, prominently positioned Joseph and Mary Statue and relocation of Baptismal font. Parishioners are pleased with the progress so far in the beautification of the parish and grateful for Generations of Faith.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2020

The Impact Your Support has on People in Brooklyn and Queens

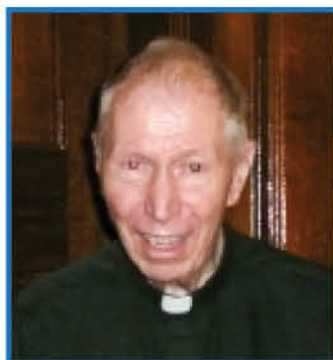


Vocations • \$2,500,000 | Fr. Ralph Edel, Chaplain at St. Francis Prep

The fact is that I wouldn't be a priest if not for the Annual Catholic Appeal. Donations to the Annual Catholic Appeal, which support seminarians can feel abstract to donors because you don't always know all of the seminarians personally; they're not always from your parish. But I'm here to tell you the impact you have on the formation of priests through the Annual Catholic Appeal is real and helps in a very, very meaningful way. I'm evidence of that and hopefully, my work as a priest shows my appreciation for what those people who have donated in past years did for me during my formation. I take this opportunity to really give love and then give thanks to everybody who donates to the Annual Catholic Appeal for allowing me to realize my vocation and now serve as a priest of God to His people in the Diocese of Brooklyn.

Catholic Migration Services • \$600,000

Betzaida worked for a Brooklyn-based factory and was fired in March of last year with 20 co-workers after protesting to improve their working conditions. She and her colleagues were requesting masks from their employer to continue their jobs during the COVID-19 pandemic. Catholic Migration Services filed an unfair labor practice charge with the National Labor Relations Board, claiming the company retaliated against the group after they banded together to improve working conditions – a violation of the National Labor Relations Act. The former employees are hoping that the charges will result in money that they lost out on after being fired, or even just getting their jobs back.



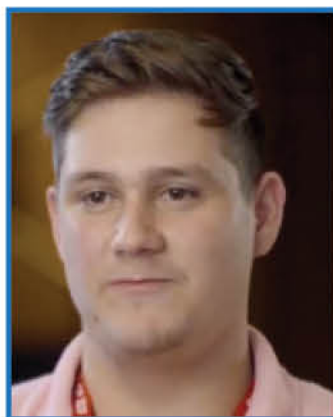
Support for the Bishop Mugavero Residence for Infirm Clergy • \$800,000

Msgr. Terrence Mulkerin...with gratitude

Msgr. Terrence Mulkerin was ordained in 1961 and has been a priest for 57 years in the diocese of Brooklyn. Msgr. Mulkerin is a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces; he served 20 years as a chaplain in the Navy and Coast Guard. Before his military service he spent five years in Africa with Catholic Relief Services. He was also assigned at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Queens Village, where he was responsible for the ecumenical activities in the diocese. Msgr. Mulkerin moved to Bishop Mugavero Residence about five years ago. He currently has an aide who helps care for him. Msgr. Mulkerin is very grateful for the many programs available at the residence to care for the needs of the priests. He is most grateful to the contributors to the Annual Catholic Appeal who help make their stay at the Bishop Mugavero Residence more enjoyable.

Catholic Charities • \$800,000 | Kevin W.

Kevin has had several hospitalizations and has struggled with self-esteem issues and social situations. Through the help of Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens and their Behavior Health Program, he has now joined a psychosocial club, begun painting and feels pride in himself.



Chaplaincies • \$1,100,000

Anthony Olivieri, 2020 graduate from St. Francis Prep

To me it is extremely important to have Father Ralph at St. Francis Prep as the school chaplain. He always made me feel comfortable sharing my faith with others and is the reason I got involved with campus ministry while attending high school. There are struggles that kids of my age go through, such as peer pressure, Fr. Ralph was always there to reassure us that we're God's children and we're meant to be who God made us. Whether dealing with school work, friends or family issues, he was always there to talk to us and help get us through our problems. He always has time for the students at Prep. I'm extremely grateful to everyone who donated to the Annual Catholic Appeal because I honestly don't know how I would have gotten through my time in high school without Father Ralph.



Catholic Youth Ministry • \$150,000

Lauren Gentry, Blessed Virgin Mary Help of Christians Church, Woodside, NY

Director of Youth Ministry at Our Lady of Lourdes, Queens

The teens in Youth Ministry at Blessed Virgin Mary Help of Christians Church in Woodside, Queens, have grown stronger together in faith through their shared experience of all the hardships of the pandemic—loved ones getting sick and dying, isolation and loneliness, and all the challenges this year has brought on. Throughout the Zoom calls and Instagram livestreams we've had since the beginning of the pandemic to continue to serve our teens, they've been not only encouraging and uplifting each other, but they've been constantly speaking of God's faithfulness and His peace that is their anchor through all of the turmoil. They share often how much they need Jesus and how He has gotten them through all their struggles. One of the teens recently said at a Youth Night, "When I need hope, I turn to the Cross." Since re-opening, we've been doing a mix of in-person and online Youth Nights, teen girls' and guys' small groups, and coffee hours, with the highlight of each month being an XLT, a night of Eucharistic Adoration and worship in the church where the teens get the chance to reflect with one another and pray heart-to-heart before our Lord in the Eucharist. Thank you to all of the donors for the Annual Catholic Appeal who have so generously supported Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Brooklyn: thanks to your efforts, we've been able to continue pouring out Christ's love for our teens who need Him now more than ever!

Faith Formation • \$1,800,000

Ms. Lorena De Filippis, Director of Faith Formation St. Clare Church

Like most things the COVID-19 pandemic brought parish religious education programs to a standstill in the spring of 2020. However, thanks to the Diocesan Office of Faith Formation which is funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal, Religious Education Programs in parishes throughout Brooklyn and Queens, like ours, received the direction and support needed to continue teaching our children about Christ. The ACA made it possible for guidelines to be instituted across the diocese as well as the introduction of new tools to keep our children safe and introduce them to Christ. One of the graces uncovered seems to be the reinforcing of the family as the main witness of the risen Lord. Because we are using Zoom for Religious Education, parents have had to take a more active role in the virtual classroom experience and therefore the faith life of their children. The Diocesan coordination of online Religious Education registration using GiveCentral has allowed enrollment in our programs easier for parents as well as administrators who have had to deal with so much this year. Additional online uses made available by funding from the ACA through the Faith Formation office allow us at St. Clares to foster mass attendance through our virtual platform and break open the word with Pflaum gospel weeklies and their online tools for parents and catechists. Monies which support Faith Formation from the Annual Catholic Appeal allowed us to adapt to the digital world, and we are grateful!



Futures in Education - Changing lives through the gift of education

\$250,000 | Daniel Royer – Catholic school parent

During the past year, we have seen the direct impact that The Annual Catholic Appeal provides to funding the mission of Futures in Education. When parents Daniel and Laura Royer both lost their hospitality jobs in March of 2020, they were determined to make sure their three children could continue learning at Immaculate Conception Catholic Academy. Through the combined funding efforts of the Annual Catholic Appeal and Futures in Education, the Royers received additional financial aid to ensure their children could continue to receive the same Catholic education they know and love. After moving away from the city for a while during the pandemic, the Royers took advantage of the Diocesan remote learning program, and their children attended Immaculate Conception remotely. "The Diocese does a very good job with remote learning," Daniel noted, "even though difficult, we are glad that the kids can continue at Immaculate Conception. I want everyone to know how much a high-quality Catholic education can change lives and sets those lives in the right direction." Daniel asserts, "It makes all the difference in the world."

"We are the Church, TOGETHER.
Answering the call to meet the needs of those most vulnerable.
The hungry, the homeless, the unemployed, the distressed, the
spiritually poor, our children and our elderly."

Catholic Youth Ministry

Catholic Youth Ministry Initiative continues to be one of the most important and powerful programs supported by Catholic Foundation. When the COVID-19 pandemic ravaged through our communities in Brooklyn and Queens, it was essential that our teens continued to turn toward their Youth Ministry community for support, encouragement and faith. Through the hard work of our parishes, faith leaders, and our outstanding Youth Ministers, our teens were able to sustain their relationships with each other, their Youth Ministers, and most of all with our Lord.



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“Being able to connect maintained a life-line from Youth to the Parish.”
—Bishop Neil Tiedemann, St. Matthias
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During the Covid-19 Pandemic:

- During the 2019-2020 year, CYMI held two virtual youth days streamed via the Secretariat’s YouTube Channel
- Youth ministers were able to provide a variety of opportunities to them such as the organization of food drives, assistance with parish food pantries, the creation of new parish groups such as choir, virtual retreats, along with the guidance of becoming parish lectors, ushers and altar servers
- The CYMI has managed to connect monthly with all full-time and part-time youth ministers via Zoom/Teams for trainings and resource sharing, Professional Development trainings continue via Zoom three times a year as well and the annual Youth Day, an in-person event, which transitioned to a YouTube event held twice a year.
- In addition, we are proud that our Catholic Youth Ministry Programs have achieved an increase in youth involvement in masses. CYMI has also increased presence on social media and use of email and constant communication to keep our teens engaged, which has been essential during the pandemic.



95
Parishes participating in
Catholic Youth Ministry

66
Youth Ministers in
Parishes across Brooklyn and Queens

2,289
Junior High and High School students participating
in Youth Ministry Initiative Programs

YOUTH MINISTER SPOTLIGHT: Elaine Tontoh



Elaine Tontoh always knew that being a youth minister was God’s plan for her. Originally from Ghana, West Africa, Elaine was a part of youth ministry in her own parish, Star of the Sea Catholic Church. During that time, she also was a musical director as well as a mentor to several young boys and girls. Elaine was honored to help these young children find their purpose in God and in life through song and in their everyday lives.

After emigrating to the United States in 2011 with her husband to pursue educational opportunities, Elaine joined St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise Parish in Brooklyn, where she has been a cantor and a part of the choir for the last ten years. In September of 2019, Elaine was gifted the opportunity to continue faith mission as a youth minister at St. Therese of Lisieux parish and in September of 2020 also at St. Francis of Assisi-St. Blaise parish.

When asked about what it means to be a youth minister, Elaine said, “Being a Youth Minister is my calling, and has really been a blessing to me in terms of being able to fulfill my Christian mission of advancing the Kingdom of God and drawing more young souls to Christ. It challenges my everyday life to be a good example for the youths to emulate; to be a symbol of hope for young people who have lost faith in God; and to be a reminder to others that there are still young adult Catholics who love to serve God and to serve others.”

After recently graduating with a doctorate in economics at the New School for Social Research, Elaine is excited to be able to bring academia and current events to her youth. “As a youth minister, my recent academic and career achievements as a doctor and professor of economics, during one of the most difficult times in history, reiterates to my youth the essence of what Amanda Gorman says in her poem, The Hill We Climb:” For there is always light, if only we’re brave enough to see it. If only we’re brave enough to be it.”



Catholic Migration Services

LEGAL | Provided legal services to **4,000 immigrants**. Services ranged from consultations to representation in court proceedings.

DACA | Helped **62 young immigrants** renew DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), thus preventing their removal and enabling them to work lawfully in the country.

CITIZENSHIP | Helped more than **215 immigrants** apply to become naturalized U.S. citizens.

REUNITING FAMILIES | Helped **35 immigrants** adjust their legal status based on family status, thus reuniting families that had been separated.

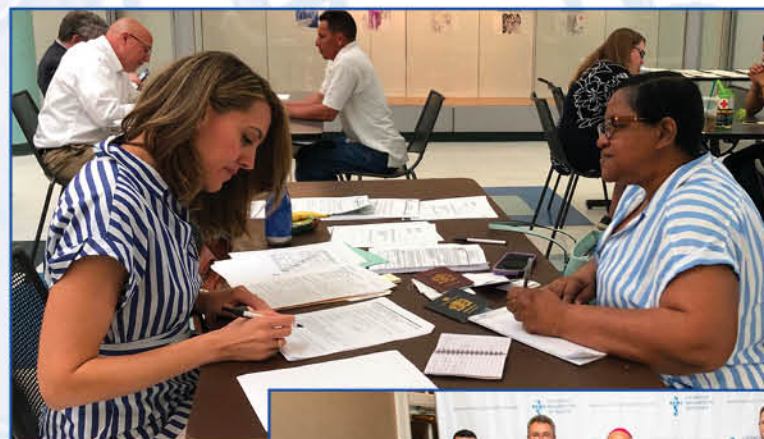
TEMP STATUS TPS AND ASYLUM | Helped **4 immigrants** obtain or renew their Temporary Protected Status ("TPS"), thus allowing them to remain and work lawfully in the country. | Helped **11 immigrants** obtain asylum or adjust their status based on asylee or refugee status. | Helped **18 minor-aged immigrants** adjust their status based on Special Immigrant Juvenile Status, thus enabling them to get on the path to citizenship.

Catholic Migration Services is dedicated to "welcoming the stranger in our midst," by empowering underserved immigrant communities regardless of religion or ethnicity. We provide high quality legal services, education, and advocacy for immigrants to advance equality and social justice in a changing and diverse population. Assisting immigrants with immigration legal services, tenants in Queens with housing legal services, and low-wage workers with employment legal services

In 1971, the Most Reverend Francis J. Mugavero established the Catholic Migration Office in response to the 1969 Papal Instruction Pastoralis Migratorum Cura, written by His Holiness Pope Paul VI on the Pastoral Care of People who Migrate. The office was the first of its kind in the United States and sought to serve the needs of immigrants and refugees living in Brooklyn and Queens.

Since then, the agency has served tens of thousands of immigrants regardless of race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, or immigration status. Those served represent at least 167 countries where individuals collectively speak more than 80 languages. From a small storefront office, Catholic Migration Services has grown to become one of the city's most respected and effective organizations serving immigrants, with offices in Downtown Brooklyn, and Sunnyside, Queens.

Catholic Migration Services is committed to collaborating with and serving the diverse ethnic ministries of our community through pastoral services for immigrants. We preserve the cultural traditions and heritage of our communities by ensuring ongoing fellowship and spiritual growth in the life of the Church.



Through the COVID-19 Pandemic

In addition to providing legal services to more than 4,000 **clients**, Catholic Migration Services stepped up to meet the other needs of our clients and community members resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic. Catholic Migration Services screened approximately **1,000 people** for needed benefits and services, and referred the majority of those people to organizations providing other types of social services, such as Catholic Charities Brooklyn & Queens. Catholic Migration Services also raised and distributed more than **\$140,000** in debit cards and grocery vouchers to families that were struggling financially due to the pandemic and that were excluded from other relief programs.



IN ADDITION, CMS...

- Prevented **10 evictions** and delayed the eviction of an additional **3 households**, providing them with the time required to obtain alternative housing.
- Obtained repairs, improved housing conditions or otherwise enforced rights to decent habitable housing for **41 households**.
- Obtained rent increase exemptions based on senior citizen or disability status for **38 households**.
- Obtained **\$101,200 in affirmative landlord/tenant judgments** for our clients.
- Helped tenants avoid more than **\$85,000 in rent increases**, rent overcharges and other items allegedly owed.
- Obtained judgments and settlements totaling over **\$534,000 for low wage workers** who were not paid their lawfully owed wages or suffered other workplace violations.
- Provided know-your-rights education to over **22,000 individuals** primarily through our website, Facebook Live, Zoom and other virtual fora.

GRANT PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY THE Core Eight Endowment Funds

Supported by its eight core endowments, Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens awards grants to organizations that support the ministries of the Church in Brooklyn and Queens and operate in mission-based areas such as senior citizen services, immigration, continuing education for clergy, lay leadership, vocations, evangelization and religious education, care for elderly priests and Catholic education. In 2020, CFBQ shifted some of its educational support during the Covid-19 pandemic to provide need-based scholarships for Catholic elementary students affected by the pandemic. Each year Catholic Foundation awards nearly \$2 million in grants to fund over 50 critical projects and programs.

\$100,000 awarded to Faith Formation

In addition to these core eight programs, Catholic Foundation also allocated essential funds to launch the FORMED program, enabling our Faith Formation offices to stay connected with our students during the COVID-19 crisis.

Total Awarded from Core
Endowment Funds in 2020

\$1,662,840



CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The Archbishop Bryan J. McEntegart Fund has shifted support during the Covid-19 pandemic to provide an additional \$350,000 need-based scholarships for Catholic elementary education.

In 2020 the fund awarded \$494,046 total in grants.



EVANGELIZATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

The Bishop John Loughlin Fund assists and enhances religious education and evangelization programs throughout the Diocese.

In 2020 the fund awarded \$179,610 in grants.



VOCATIONS

The Bishop Charles E. McDonnell Fund provides funding for proactive discernment programs that promote priestly vocations to qualified young men.

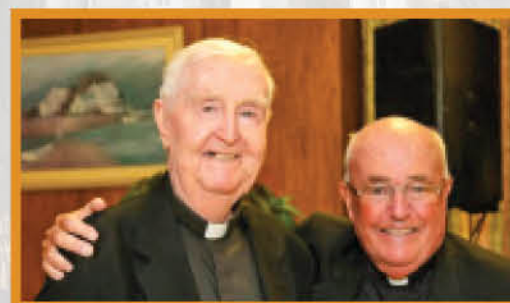
In 2020 the fund awarded \$117,180 in grants.



LAY LEADERSHIP FOUNDATION

The Saint John Paul II Fund supports lay leadership formation and training programs and related initiatives through scholarships and program support.

In 2020 the fund awarded \$201,000 in grants.



CARE FOR ELDERLY PRIESTS

The Archbishop Thomas E. Molloy Fund delivers funding for assistance and care of elderly priests as well as those with daily living assistance needs.

In 2020 the fund awarded \$292,660 in grants.



SENIOR CITIZEN SERVICES

The Bishop Francis J. Mugavero Fund supplies resources for senior citizen services along with elderly housing needs.

In 2020 the fund awarded \$200,000 in grants.



IMMIGRATION

The Bishop Thomas V. Daily Fund supports programs and activities related to the ministry of migration in the Diocese.

In 2020 the fund awarded \$102,000 in grants.



CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR CLERGY

The St. Charles Borromeo Fund provides scholarship and program support for the continuing education of our clergy.

In 2020 the fund awarded \$76,344 in grants.

Donor Endowment Funds

- Acsunta and Frank J. Passenant, Sr. Endowment Fund
- Angela Gigantiello Scholarship Fund
- Angela V. Siciliano Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Anne and Mary Mahon Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Anne Uhl Memorial Fund For Queen of Peace Parish
- Anthony J. Gigantiello Scholarship Fund
- Antonio Piccirillo Scholarship Fund
- Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School Endowment Fund
- Cathedral Preparatory Seminary Endowment Fund
- Catholic Charities Endowment Fund
- Charles “Chuck” Mendez Angel Endowment Fund
- Daniel and Margaret Reid Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Daniel Fitzpatrick, Catherine Fitzpatrick Donelan and Rev. Dan Nelson Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Deacon Thomas Heaphy Memorial Endowment Fund for Religious Education at St. Mary Gate of Heaven
- Deacon Vincent and Carmen Pitaro Scholarship Fund
- Detective Thomas Wesley Higdon, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Fund for St. Clare Catholic Academy
- Dominic DeBonis Memorial Scholarship Fund for St. Sebastian Catholic Academy
- Donald and Patricia Kennelly Angel Endowment Fund
- Dorothy and George W. Spall Scholarship Fund for St. Mary Gate of Heaven Catholic Academy
- Dr. Joann M. DeLeonibus Scholarship Fund
- Dr. Joyce M Abdenour Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Edmund M. Speer Memorial Fund
- Eleanor and Vincent Chadzutko Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Endowment for Pastoral Life
- Frank DeRosa Endowment Fund for the Tablet
- Freyland Family Endowment Fund for Catholic Education
- Futures Fund
- Generoso Pope Scholarship Fund



What is a DONOR ENDOWMENT?

Endowments preserve legacies of faithful Catholics through the years and build up the body of Christ, providing for meaningful ministries and programs today and for future generations. They can provide needed funding when times are hard, and important seed money for new efforts.

- **Donor Endowments are used to provide critical financial support for programs that address social, economic, educational and spiritual needs throughout the Diocese of Brooklyn and Queens.**
- **Donor Endowments allow the donor to direct funds to any Catholic program or organization or leave funds undefined which will go to serve the greatest good.**
- **Donors have the ability to leave a legacy by funding an endowment with an estate gift or designation in a will.**
- **The Foundation’s assets are invested in socially and morally responsible funds that are aligned with the beliefs of the Roman Catholic Church perpetuating your ministry of giving into future generations.**

- George Campbell Scholarship Fund
- Hearst Fund for Futures
- Herbert H. Ihl Endowment Fund
- Holy Child Jesus Catholic Academy Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Holy Name Foundation/Keogh Scholarship Fund
- Irene and Joseph Nastro Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Jennie and Edward Mills Fund
- Joseph Graffagnino Scholarship Fund
- Joseph-Turner Endowment Fund for St. Clare Catholic Academy
- Kathie and Christopher Lawler Extraordinary Needs Fund for Senior Priests
- Keogh Family Scholarship
- Kevin Kearney Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Lawrence & Elizabeth Sanchez & Lawrence Sanchez, Jr. Scholarship Endowment Fund
- LJLM St. Sebastian Catholic Academy Scholarship Fund
- Lottie and Christina Scholarship Endowment Fund

- Lynn E. Crowe Angel Scholarship Fund
- Margaret Hardiman Memorial Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Mary and Bruce Robert Catholic Educational Fund for St. Mary Gate of Heaven
- Mary Queen of Heaven Capital Needs Endowment Fund
- Mary Queen of Heaven Parish Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Mary Tuohy DeMola Scholarship Fund
- Mary Vose Daily Fund
- May Ellen and Gerald Ritter Scholarship Fund
- Our Lady of the Snows School Endowment Fund
- Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Catholic Academy Endowment Fund
- Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish Endowment Fund
- Ozanam Hall Extraordinary Needs Fund for Carmelite Sisters
- Pastoral Institute Scholarship Fund
- Peter and Karen Labbat Angel Endowment Fund
- Philip J. Whitcome Educational Fund
- Queens Postal Fund for Futures
- Rev. Andrew L. Struzzieri Memorial Endowment Fund
- Rev. John C. Reilly Memorial Endowment Fund for Queen of Peace Parish
- Rev. Joseph L. Cunningham Endowment Fund
- Rev. Louis J.P. Kennedy Endowment Fund
- Rev. Michael & Philip Carrano Scholarship Fund
- Rev. Monsignor Eugene J. Molloy Scholarship Fund
- Rev. Monsignor Guy Puglisi Fund for Futures
- Rev. Monsignor Howard B. Basler Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Rev. Monsignor John J. Bracken Endowment Fund
- Rev. Monsignor Neil Mahoney Memorial Scholarship Fund
- Reverend Monsignor John Tosi Scholarship Fund
- Robert J. Cunningham Scholarship Endowment Fund
- Ronald Spadafora Memorial Endowment Fund
- Salvatore Conti, III Endowment Fund
- Spanish Cursillo Movement Endowment Fund for Evangelization

- St. Adalbert Church School Endowment Fund
- St. Anselm Parish Whitcome Fund
- St. Barbara Parish Endowment Fund
- St. Bernadette Catholic Academy Scholarship Endowment Fund
- St. Bernard Parish Elementary School Endowment Fund
- St. Catherine Laboure Special Education Fund
- St. Elizabeth Catholic Academy Angel Scholarship Endowment Fund
- St. Elizabeth Catholic Academy Scholarship Endowment Fund for High School
- St. Giles Fund
- St. John’s Prep High School Scholarship Fund
- St. Monica’s Support Fund for Parishes in Jamaica
- St. Paul the Apostle Parish Capital Needs Endowment Fund
- St. Saviour’s Parish Endowment Fund
- St. Sebastian Music Ministry Endowment Fund
- St. Sebastian Parish Altar Guild Fund
- St. Sebastian Parish Capital Needs Endowment Fund
- St. Sebastian Parish David V. Duchini Endowment Fund
- St. Sebastian Parish Endowment Fund
- St. Sebastian Parish Religious Education Endowment Fund
- St. Sebastian Parish Scholarship Endowment Fund
- St. Sebastian Parish Thomas P. O’Neill Endowment Fund
- St. Sebastian Youth Ministry Endowment Fund
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A LIFETIME LEGACY: BUILDING THE CHURCH FOR GENERATIONS TO COME





How do I create an ENDOWMENT FUND?

Here are the basic steps Catholic Foundation will guide you through:

1

Outline your personal **philanthropic goals** and intentions.

2

Determine how much you wish to **invest in your cause** now and/or through a simple designation in a will or trust to establish a donor endowment fund.

3

Name the fund

4

Partner with Catholic Foundation for Brooklyn and Queens to establish the gift agreement, donor intent and distribution of funds.

5

Establish your fund with an initial gift and/or translate your charitable intentions into a **lasting legacy** through your will or trust.

GIVING BACK TO CATHOLIC EDUCATION LJLM ST. SEBASTIAN CATHOLIC ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Strengthening Catholic schools in Brooklyn and Queens, and providing a Catholic education for in-need students far into the future is a worthy goal, but can our giving grow and last forever? John Semczuk, a parent and benefactor of St. Sebastian Catholic Academy in Woodside has created a legacy of giving and support to students at St. Sebastian, by working with the Catholic Foundation of Brooklyn and Queens to create the LJLM St. Sebastian Catholic Academy Scholarship Fund, which provides a needs-based scholarship every year to a 7th grader at St. Sebastian's.



Mr. Semczuk was a St. Sebastian's parent back in 2013 – pleased with the strength of the Catholic education his children were receiving and wanting to help a family who may be struggling to send their child to the school. He spoke to then principal Mrs. JoAnn Dolan, to make a donation. She suggested an Endowment – so his donation could help children now and into the future. Mr. Semczuk has never looked back.

Since 2013, Mr. & Mrs. Semczuk have donated to their Endowment fund, and every year income from his fund has helped an eligible 7th grader, by paying a substantial part of their tuition. Mr. Semczuk knew that 7th grade was a critical year for a child's future and wanted to help provide some financial incentive for a family who otherwise might be stretched beyond their limits.

Joyfully, their fund has grown, and they have found that the Endowment has helped them do so much good; and, also helped them manage their own giving, with their Endowment donation a part of their own personal budgeting program. "It's a great way to give a small amount every year of my income, which will have a profound long-term impact on students, and give a family in need that little extra help," says Mr. Semczuk. He also appreciates that the Endowment gives him an opportunity to make a legacy of giving, as the yearly donations build, and grow within the Endowment.

John's family, his wife Allis, and his children join in this legacy of joyful giving. They all look forward to 10-20 years from now, when his Endowment may benefit five or six students. He has seen the benefits grow since he began. His Endowment provides an extra layer of support for St. Sebastian's, the school he loves, and will secure the future of Catholic school students there who may otherwise not be able to realize their dream. It is easy to help Catholic schools now and into the future. Please contact us at 718-965-7375 if you would like to begin your own legacy of giving.

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STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION - DECEMBER 31, 2020					
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$		29,607,062		
Investments	\$		2,767,317		
Restricted investments	\$		58,346,775		
Contributions and pledges receivable, net	\$		8,105,513		
Prepaid expenses and other assets	\$		1,888,583		
Furniture and equipment, net	\$		7,693		
Total Assets	\$		100,722,943		
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS					
Liabilities					
Accrued expenses	\$		294,770		
Annual Catholic Appeal payable	\$		6,575,978		
Refundable advance	\$		380,209		
Grants payable	\$		1,647,243		
Funds held as agency endowments	\$		18,913,545		
Total Liabilities	\$		27,811,745		
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES					
Net assets					
Without donor restrictions :					
Operating	\$		3,168,639		
Board designated	\$		3,442,340		
Total without donor restrictions	\$		6,610,979		
With donor restrictions :					
Purpose restricted	\$		7,953,444		
Endowments	\$		58,346,775		
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$		72,911,198		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$		100,722,943		

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the year ended December 31, 2020					
REVENUE, GAINS AND SUPPORT:	Without Donor Restrictions		With Donor Restrictions		Total
	Operating	Board Designated	Purpose Restricted	Endowments	
Investment income, net	\$ 67,583	\$ 114,381	\$ 459,017	\$ 5,181,588	\$ 5,822,569
Contributions	-	-	298,309	376,900	675,209
Contributions - capital campaign	-	-	521,356	-	9,684,555
Contributions - Annual Catholic Appeal	-	-	9,684,555	-	9,684,555
Grant income	-	-	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Fundraising events, net of direct cost of \$15,000	88,420	-	100,000	-	188,420
Management fee income	1,421,703	-	-	-	1,421,703
Other fees	858,334	-	-	-	858,334
Net assets released from donor restrictions	16,926,657	-	(11,705,288)	(5,221,369)	-
TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS AND SUPPORT	19,362,697	114,381	357,949	337,119	20,172,146
EXPENSES					
Program Service - charitable grant making	13,346,497	1,662,840	-	-	15,009,337
Supporting Services					
Management and general	1,002,141	4,035	-	-	1,006,176
Fundraising (including \$624,655 of capital campaign)	1,681,347	-	-	-	1,681,347
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,029,985	1,666,875	-	-	17,696,860
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS					
BEFORE OTHER CHANGES	3,332,712	(1,552,494)	357,949	337,119	2,475,286
Board designation - grant making	(3,306,228)	3,306,228	-	-	-
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	26,484	1,753,734	357,949	337,119	2,475,286
NET ASSETS					
Beginning of year	3,142,155	1,688,606	7,595,495	58,009,656	70,435,912
End of year	\$ 3,168,639	\$ 3,442,340	\$ 7,953,444	\$ 58,346,775	\$ 72,911,198

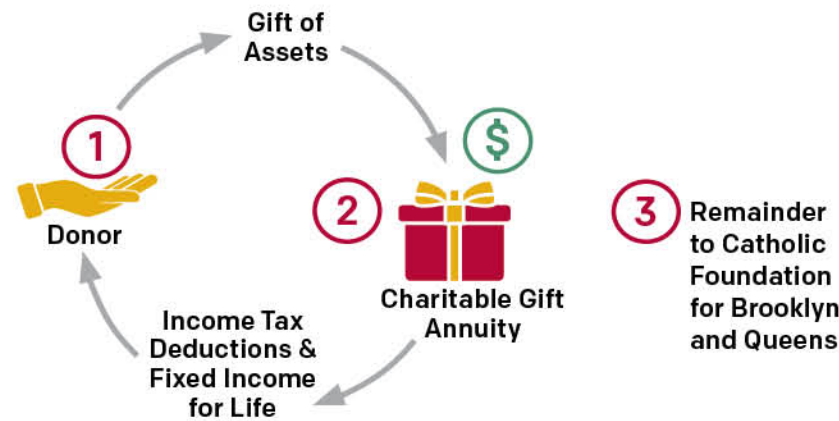
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Create a Charitable Gift Annuity to increase your annual income and make a greater impact.



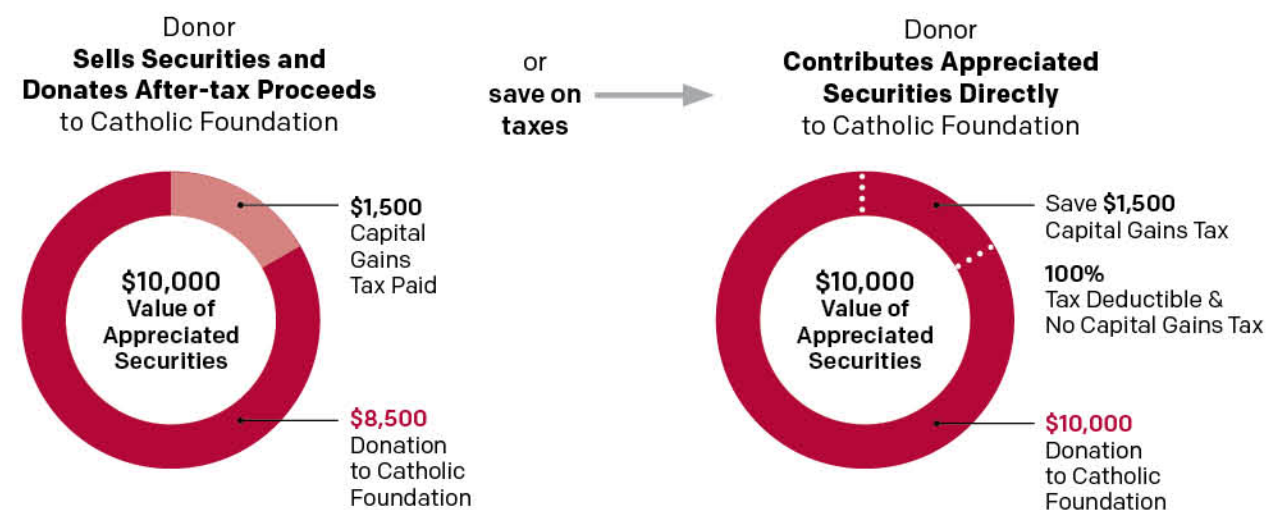
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