



**CATHOLIC
FOUNDATION
OF SOUTH LOUISIANA**

2020

**IMPACT
REPORT**





Message from

Bishop Fabre

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

To say that 2020 was a challenging year for us all is simply an understatement. Our community has faced challenges including, the pandemic, multiple hurricanes, and economic uncertainty. Amidst these challenges, our Catholic faithful have led with their prayer, with their hearts, and with great financial generosity. I remain profoundly grateful for these responses on your part in these tough times.

We continue to remain vigilant in our COVID-19 protocols, and I want to sincerely thank you for helping us to safeguard the health of our parishioners, students, pastors, faculties and our community. I know it is not easy, but I often reflect on the sacrifice that Jesus gave for us - **His life**.

Throughout these uncertain times, I have been most impressed and encouraged by the quick response of our Catholic faithful who came to the aid of others in support of families suffering due to the pandemic, as well as those who were impacted by Hurricanes Zeta, Delta and Laura. Your prayers, volunteer work, and financial gifts have been a great expression of your love, and the love of Jesus shared through you. While we look back upon the challenges of the year 2020, we should also remember the light that shone amongst us because of your faith. The witness of your faith, commitment and generosity to our community fills me with hope. I want to thank you for your great faith in Jesus Christ and our church, and for your trust in our Catholic Foundation.

This impact report is provided to give you a view of the hope that you have fostered within our community. To all who have committed prayers and financial generosity, I express great appreciation and thanks. For those of you who are inspired and moved to do more, and want to make a gift that will endure long after we are gone, please consider a planned gift to your parish, school, favorite ministry through The Catholic Foundation. This option is easier than ever when you work with The Catholic Foundation, and will be of benefit to our Catholic community.

It is truly an honor and blessing to serve as your Bishop. I am proud of the immense work happening within our parishes, schools, Catholic Charities and Catholic Foundation. I stand with you in our efforts to provide for our Catholic community now and into the future. Be assured of my continued prayers for you and your family!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

MOST REVEREND SHELTON J. FABRE

BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF HOUMA-THIBODAUX

Message from the **Executive Director & Chairman of the Board**

To our devoted parishioners,

Having surpassed many of the challenging hurdles through COVID-19, we are eager to begin to look towards a bright future here in our diocese. We want to take some time to reflect on the work of the Lord this past year as He has always been our driving force leading the way. We know through Scripture that in the darkness, we can find light.

Often times throughout this last year, we found ourselves praying the prayer of St. Francis, reminding us that through the darkness there is light, where there is doubt faith, and sadness joy.

While the past year has looked a little different, it remains constant that our Catholic community is always giving, resilient, and steadfast while leading with our faith. The Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana stepped into action throughout these difficult times to ensure our parishes, schools and nonprofit ministries had the support they needed when faced with uncertainty.

The commitment of our Catholic faithful has been astounding, supporting the Catholic Foundation beyond a level we never anticipated. Leading our #iGiveCatholic Campaign, our amazing parishioners helped us to raise over \$900,000 for our parishes, churches and ministries. The over 120 members of our Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle granted over \$83,000 to six nonprofits impacting the lives of women, children and families locally. Through the great generosity and beautiful legacies of many of our Catholic faithful, our Foundation was able to make distributions of more than \$280,000 from current restricted endowments this past July.

Our Foundation is 100% engaged in the four cornerstones of the Strategic Plans of Hope set forth by Bishop Fabre. We are committed to supporting our parishes, our Catholic schools and the ministries here within our diocese. We hope that throughout this Impact Report we are able to share with you how your prayers and great generosity gave our community hope in a time of need.

'Hope does not disappoint' (Romans 5). Thank you for the trust, prayers and generosity you have given to our Catholic Foundation. We look forward to a bright future ahead for our diocese.

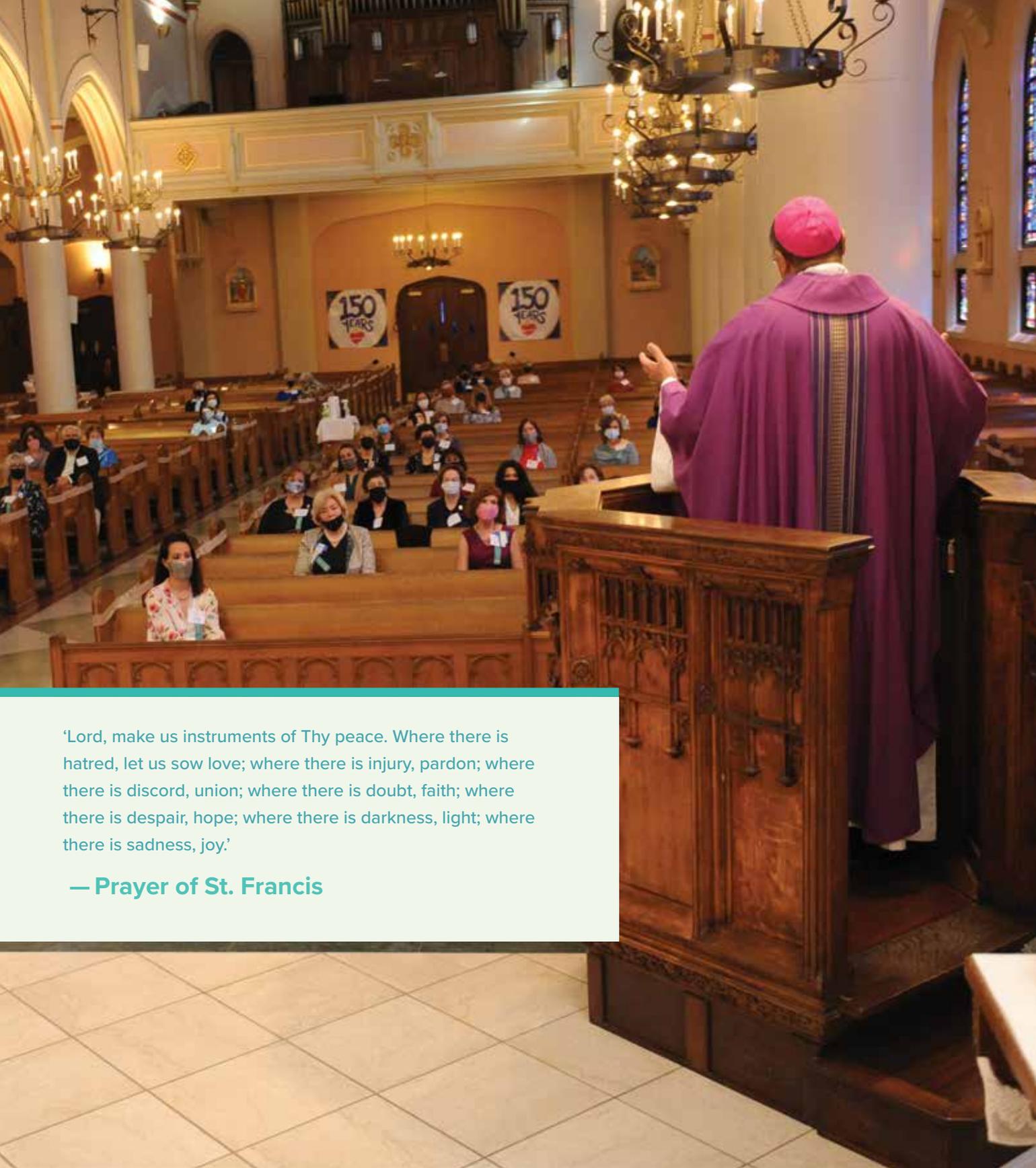
Sincerely,



CHARLOTTE BOLLINGER
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



AMY PONSON
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



'Lord, make us instruments of Thy peace. Where there is hatred, let us sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is discord, union; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.'

— Prayer of St. Francis



Our Mission

The Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana is a community foundation established to promote philanthropy, empower priests, inspire our community, and ensure long-term financial stability for the charitable, educational, and spiritual ministries of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux. Through partnerships with our church parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic Charities and the many impactful ministries throughout our diocese, the Catholic Foundation offers support to help enhance their ministry, establish a legacy and make a difference in the lives of others.

Why Us

The Catholic Foundation ensures Catholics a way to leave their legacy uniquely aligned with their Catholic values and beliefs. Donors enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that their gift directly supports the Catholic organizations and nonprofits that they choose.

Who We Serve

The Catholic Foundation assists donors in creating a meaningful impact through **planned giving and charitable fund management**. Additionally, the Foundation works closely with the charitable entities that the donors designate as beneficiaries, as well as our church parishes, schools and ministries to help plan for their financial vitality.



Snap Shot of 2020

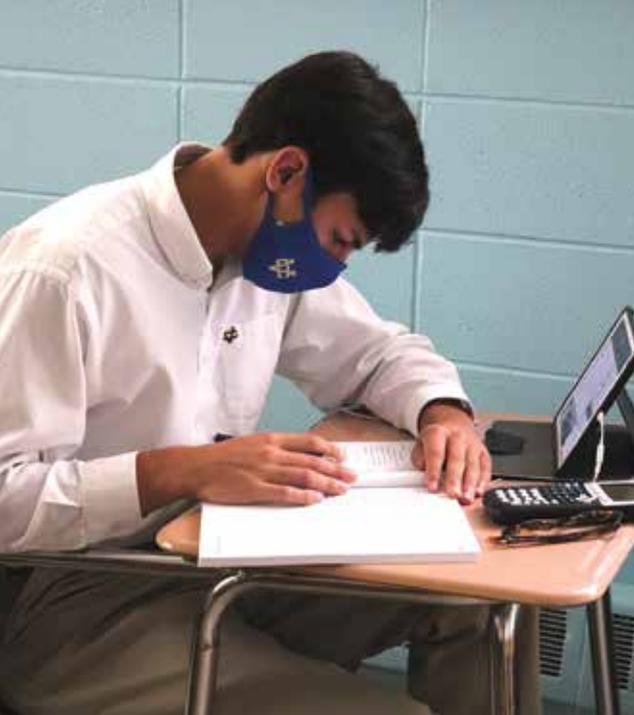
Endowment Distributions

For more than four years the Catholic Foundation has worked with generous donors to support and improve our Catholic community. We take great care to invest your funds wisely and in accordance with Catholic values and beliefs, so they grow over time and support the ministries within our diocese. We are honored to have the faith and trust of our donors and blessed to steward these funds that support the charitable causes you care about while investing in our Catholic faith.

The endowment grant distributions have provided a stable and consistent source of funding for our many ministries. Our Foundation was pleased to have the opportunity to make a 4% distribution of interest from our endowments in 2020 and we will again be making a 4% distribution in 2021. These funds will greatly support the restricted entities, especially during this challenging economic time.

History of Endowment Distributions Made to Various Organizations





Catholic School Support

The Catholic Foundation works with our Catholic Schools as they plan their annual fundraising efforts each year. In addition, the largest way we support our Catholic Schools is through their Legacy Planning and building of long term endowment funds and investment funds for the financial vitality of their schools. Through restricted funds with the Catholic Foundation, we were able to make distributions to several schools this year for tuition assistance including \$23,690 to E.D. White and \$10,990 to Vanderbilt Catholic High School. The Foundation is honored to work with donors who desire leaving a legacy for their favorite Catholic Schools!

“One of the largest areas of impact COVID-19 has had in our community has been in our schools. Despite being forced to close our doors for in-person classes, Vanderbilt and the Catholic schools in our diocese quickly transitioned overnight to a virtual environment to ensure our students continued their education. While it was not easy, we knew that being virtual in the spring of 2020 was best for our students. As we approached the fall of 2020, Vanderbilt had an increase in requests for tuition assistance due to families falling on hard times in the current economic state locally. **However, having the support of our endowments with the Catholic Foundation, we knew our school had a consistent source of funds available for tuition assistance and other needs.** These funds were created by our families at our school to ensure our long term viability and we are thankful to have had them this past year and knowing they will continue to provide funding assistance into the future with the Catholic Foundation.”

— Jeremy Gueldner,
Vanderbilt Catholic High School President

2020 Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle Goes Virtual and Gives Big



MOTHER TERESA
WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

Our 2020 Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle started off with a beautiful Mass with Bishop Fabre followed by a brunch with guest speaker, Mrs. Phyllis Taylor who spoke to our hearts with great inspiration of fostering the generosity of Catholic women for the greater good of our local community. Little did we know that just weeks later, we would be forced to cancel our Sip and Learn. However, our steering committee quickly took action asking our 10 nonprofits to provide presentations virtually so that our members could learn about their mission and continue to vote on their top 5 nonprofits. Over the course of one week, members watched video presentations and voted on their top 5 nonprofits for grant funding.

It was very clear that the members of the Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle were very mindful that due to the pandemic, the need locally had grown drastically and that women and children needed support. Nonprofits have seen an increase in needed and requested support, thus making it important for our efforts to continue. Together with the support of over 115 members this year, six nonprofits were able to receive the support they so desperately needed.

Several of these nonprofits had to cancel their fundraising efforts this spring which were their primary sources of revenue. **With \$83,000 in grant funds distributed this year, we are certain that our local community will continue to have the support they need during this difficult time.** We look forward to being able to celebrate in person with all of our members, hopefully soon. We also want to thank our 115+ members for their great generosity and support throughout this difficult time.



2020 Grant Recipients



Gift of \$20,500 to Individual and Family Assistance Catholic Charities



Gift of \$20,000 to The Haven



Gift of \$12,500 to CASA of Lafourche



Gift of \$12,500 to CASA of Terrebonne



Gift of \$12,500 to Children's Advocacy Center



Gift of \$5,000 to Catholic Community Center – Catholic Charities

Grants Made Through Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana

\$1,047,324 Gifted through the Foundation

Donor Advised Funds give donors the flexibility to make a charitable contribution, with a centralized, efficient and accessible repository to manage your charitable giving. Gifts of cash, securities, or other appreciated assets may be gifted into a DAF, and a minimum of \$10,000 is needed to begin the fund. You may recommend grants from the fund at any time to organizations; no minimum annual distributions are required and additional contributions may be made at any time. Grants can be made to any 501(c)3 organization provided its mission does not conflict with Catholic teachings.

In 2020, the Catholic Foundation made over \$1,047,324 in grant distributions from Donor Advised Funds and gifts through our Catholic Foundation for our Catholic churches, schools, and local charitable nonprofits. Donors have generously given through our Foundation to support our diocese and local nonprofits through this very difficult year, when the need has been so great. We are deeply grateful for their prayers and generosity.



“Despite the pandemic’s stay at home order, our family was still able to give to our parish and nonprofits we love through our Donor Advised Fund with the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana. The Catholic Foundation made it easy to ensure our funds were available for our parish and nonprofits. The fund also allows us to plan our future contributions as well as respond to urgent unplanned non-profits’ needs. We felt comfort in knowing that we had resources available with the Catholic Foundation to support our community as it was more important now than ever to give of our blessings the Lord has given to us.”

- Karen David, Parishioner of Sacred Heart, Cut Off

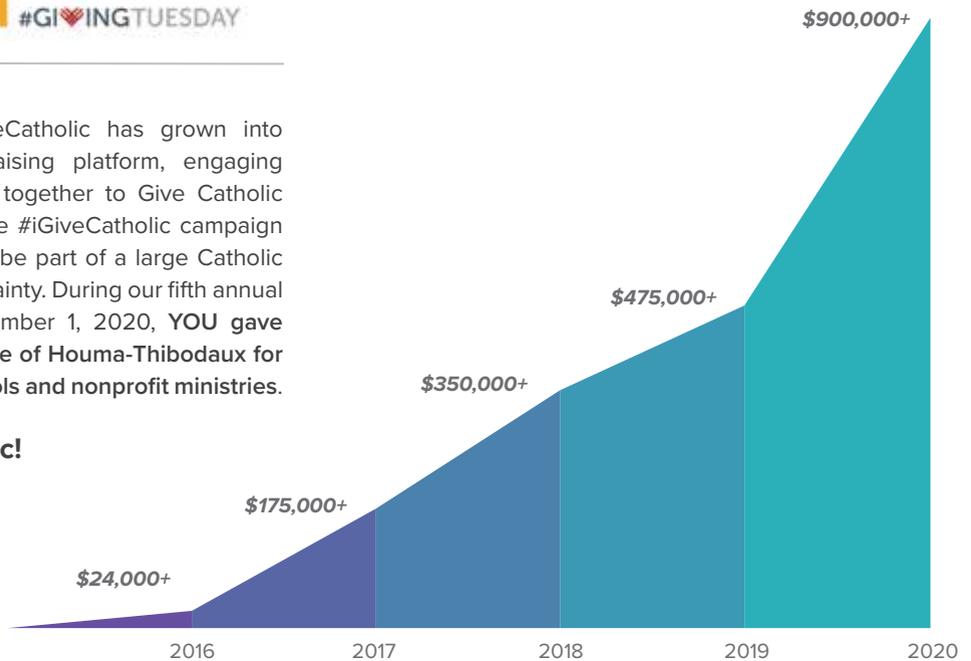


#iGIVECATHOLIC

#GIVINGTUESDAY

Over the past five years, #iGiveCatholic has grown into a community wide digital fundraising platform, engaging thousands of our Catholic faithful together to Give Catholic each year. Now more than ever the #iGiveCatholic campaign gave our faithful an opportunity to be part of a large Catholic community during a world of uncertainty. During our fifth annual #iGiveCatholic campaign on December 1, 2020, **YOU** gave more than **\$900,000** in the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux for our church parishes, Catholic schools and nonprofit ministries.

Thank you for giving Catholic!



#iGiveCatholic Through The Years

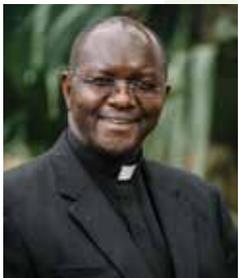


St. Bridget Catholic Church

Support of our Catholic Church Parishes

Each year, the Catholic Foundation works with parishes and ministries within the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux to strengthen stewardship efforts and write grants necessary for continued ministry work and support. This past year we had the opportunity to work with St. Bridget Catholic Church through its parish renovation process, supporting Fr. Simon Peter Engurait in his efforts. In addition, received more than \$225,000 in grants for parishes, schools and offices through grantors such as Catholic Extension, USCCB's Catholic Home Mission, and the Black and Indian Mission Office.

Catholic Extension has supported parishes such as St. Mary's Nativity Church and Sacred Heart in Montegut for Youth Religious Education. Catholic Home Mission supports our Ethnic Ministries programs and their evangelization efforts through Hispanic Ministry, Native American Ministry and our African American Ministry Offices. Many of these parishes and ministries rely on the support of these grantors and the Catholic Foundation is proud to assist each ministry in their grant writing annually.



“St. Bridget Catholic Church has been in need of new pews and new flooring for the great improvement of our parish facilities. While our community has been faced with great challenges this past year, our parish community has been incredibly supportive. As pastor of St. Bridget, I worked closely with the team at the Catholic Foundation to plan and launch our ‘Celebrating our Past, Building our Future’ capital improvement campaign. Having the team with the Catholic Foundation in our corner helping us along the way allowed our parish to focus on our faith, fostering the generosity of our parishioners, and planning for the improvements in our church. Our parish community was able to commit to over \$267,000 in pledges towards our project, exceeding our expectations and allowing us to set forth a plan for new pews, new flooring and updating necessary electrical work in the church.”

- Very Rev. Simon Peter Engurait, V.G., pastor of St. Bridget



Catholic Emergency Relief Fund - Catholic Charities

“Throughout 2020, we ran across many “unprecedented” events. From the pandemic to the very active hurricane season to significant increases in the need for assistance, we were all stretched and challenged in new ways. One unprecedented event that cannot be celebrated enough is the immense generosity of the people of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux through the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana in support of the work of Catholic Charities. When our community and our neighbors cried out for help, the donors of the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana answered the call in abundance. Thank you for supporting the work of Catholic Charities and the people we serve.”

– Dr. Nicole Bourgeois, LMFT, director of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux

The Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana quickly took to action in partnership with Catholic Charities in the wake of the pandemic and the multiple hurricanes. Parishioners from across the diocese stepped in to support through prayers, volunteer time and financial gifts. More than \$58,900 was collected for pandemic and disaster relief, and many parishioners donated supplies for disaster clean-up. In addition, the team along with more than 250 volunteers from church parishes and community groups volunteer at multiple mass food distributions serving more than 7,000 families with over 200,000 pounds of food at seven distributions. Thank you for your prayers, time and gifts ensuring our communities had the support they needed in this great time of need.



**MORE THAN
200,000 LBS.
OF FOOD SERVED**



**7 FOOD
DISTRIBUTIONS**



**7,000
FAMILIES
ASSISTED**



House of Formation – St. Joseph’s Workshop

The Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana partnered this past fall with the Office of Vocations and Seminarians to plan for, and effectively engage our community in the purchase of a House of Formation for our diocese. The House of Formation will provide a place where men who desire to study for the priesthood will begin their journey before going to the seminary for academic and priestly formation.

“Because I believe very deeply in the church’s renewed vision of priestly formation from the perspective of life in our modern world,” said Bishop Shelton J. Fabre, “I am excited to inform you that through the generosity of our beloved parishioners throughout the diocese, more than \$417,000 was raised and we were able to purchase a House of Formation specifically for young men who will be discerning a call to the priesthood. Because of their generosity for which I am truly grateful, these young men will be able to be formed in this new vision.”

– Bishop Shelton J. Fabre

“We are excited about this new method of formation for our seminarians. This is the model Jesus used and this will be the model we will use. We will accompany these men and help them grow in their relationship with our Lord. Once this happens, they will be able to know with much more clarity and certainty whether or not they are called and desire to move on to the next phase of priestly formation. Thank you for all who have prayed for our efforts and for all who have so generously given of their time, talents and treasure to make this dream become a reality”

– Rev. Mitch Semar, director of the Office of Seminarian

A Guide To Your

Philanthropic Giving

Our board and staff of the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana is eager to work with you, your family and your professional advisors in making charitable giving [simple](#) and [impactful](#).

Type of Gift	Donor Benefits	Charitable Cause Benefits
Outright Gift	Receives tax deduction in year of gift.	Can use the gift immediately for organizational needs.
Endowment	Receives tax deduction in year of gift and can memorialize a loved one by naming the endowment.	Receives a perpetual source of support for the ministry, e.g., scholarships.
Donor Advised Fund	Receives immediate tax deduction in year of gift and advises distributors in subsequent years to 501(c)3 or entities of donor's choice.	Can receive gifts to benefit ministry at any time.
Bequest	Receives possible estate tax deduction, perpetual gift opportunity.	Bequest could be held in perpetuity and invested to fund ministry's needs.
Life Estate	Immediate, substantial tax deduction of fair market value; retains and maintains use of property; estate tax benefits	Property transfers to charitable cause when donor's life estate ends.
Retirement/IRA	Receives estate and income tax savings for substantial portion of gift.	Benefits by significant gift upon the death of the donor.
Insurance Policy	Receives income tax deduction for value of policy when transferred, premium payments may be deducted as gifts, also possible income and estate tax deductions.	Receives full face value of policy upon the death of the donor, or may receive current surrender value prior to donor's death.

Please contact our executive director, [Amy Ponson](#), for a confidential conversation at [985-850-3116](tel:985-850-3116) or cfs@htdiocese.org for more information.

Fund Updates

The Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana offers a variety of charitable vehicles to donors and ministries including endowments, custodial funds, donor advised funds, and much more. We are honored to work with so many within the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux to steward your gifts and ensure a great future for so many ministries.

Catholic Charities Funds

- Breaux-Delaune Catholic Charities Endowment
- Byron Talbot Catholic Charities Endowment
- Catholic Charities Endowment
- Charlotte Bollinger Family Catholic Charities Endowment
- Earline and Roy LeBlanc Catholic Charities Thibodaux Food Bank Fund
- Giardina Family Foundation Catholic Charities Endowment
- Harold and Gloria Callais Family Fund for Catholic Charities
- Marvin and Loretta Marmande Catholic Charities Endowment
- Mary and Al Danos Foundation Catholic Charities Endowment
- Morris and Sandra Hebert Catholic Charities Endowment
- Patrick Murphy Assisi Bridge House Endowment
- The Crawford Family - Assisi Bridge House Fund

Catholic Church Parish Funds

- Frankie and John J. Jones Jr., M.D. St. Thomas Aquinas Endowment
- Maria Immacolata Church Custodial Fund
- Our Lady of Prompt Succor, Chackbay Endowment
- Our Lady of the Isle Custodial Fund
- Our Lady of the Rosary Custodial Fund
- Our Lady of the Rosary Quasi Endowment
- Sacred Heart Parish, Cut Off Custodial Fund
- St. Ann Catholic Church Endowment
- St. Bridget Legacy Endowed Fund
- St. Genevieve Catholic Church Endowment
- St. Genevieve Catholic Church Rainy Day Fund
- St. Hilary of Poitiers Youth Formation Endowment
- St. Joseph Co-Cathedral Endowment
- Works of St. Vincent Quasi Endowment

Catholic School Funds

- EDW Durel Family Endowment for Tuition Assistance
- EDW Facilities Quasi-Endowment
- EDW Professional Development Quasi-Endowment
- EDW White Tuition Assistance Quasi-Endowment
- Nell Talbot Legendre Elementary School Scholarship Endowment
- St. Genevieve School General Endowment
- St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School Custodial Fund
- St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School Quasi Fund
- VCHS Brother Alfred Kolb Endowment
- VCHS Brother Ray Kuhn Endowment
- VCHS Gabrielle Hebert Endowment
- VCHS General Endowment
- VCHS John and Helen Rizzo Scholarship Endowment
- VCHS Megan Hitt Endowment
- VCHS Student Body Scholarship Endowment
- VCHS T.J. Cantrelle Endowment

Other Funds

- Catholic Foundation General Endowment
- Fr. Willie Todd Foundation - Quasi Endowment
- Office of Vocations; House of Formation Fund

Funds Update Continued

Seminarian Education Funds

- Anne-Marie Hebert Ardoin Seminarian Fund
- Bishop Sam Jacobs Seminarian Education Endowment
- Callais Family Fund Endowment for Retired Priests
- Dean J. Chiasson Seminarian Endowment
- Fr. Brett Lapeyrouse Seminarian Education
- Fr. Patrick Riviere Endowment for Seminarian Education
- Giardina Family Foundation Seminarian Education Endowment
- Grant J. Louviere Seminarian Education Endowment
- James J. Buquet, Jr. Family Seminarian Endowment
- Jane & John Dean Seminarian Endowment
- Juliette Martinez Adams Scholarship Endowment
- Lena "Bobbie" Sere' Seminarian Endowment
- Leon 'Ponoke' & Marlene Champagne Seminarian Endowment
- Mary and Al Danos Foundation Seminarian Endowment
- Mary Timothy Everett Seminarian Fund
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Cefalu, Sr. Seminarian Endowment
- Msgr. Amedee Seminarian Education Endowment
- Parker Conrad Seminarian Education Endowment
- Paul and Laura Duet Seminarian Endowment/Burse
- Peltier Foundation Priest Retirement Endowment
- Rev. Clemens Schneider Seminarian Endowment
- Richard Peltier Seminarian Endowment
- Saint John Vianney Endowment for Priest Retirement
- Seminarian Education Endowment
- Society of Joseph, Husband of Mary - Seminarian Ed
- The Peltier Foundation Seminarian Endowment Fund
- Viola Ann Wallace Vosbein Memorial Seminarian Burse

Statement of Financial Position as of June 30, 2020

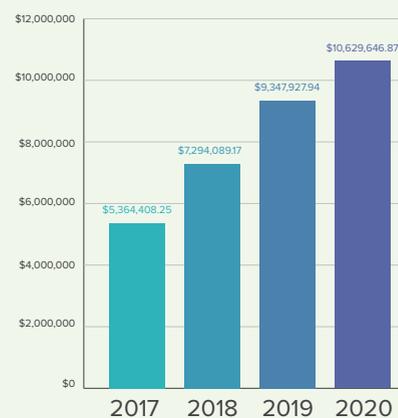
ASSETS

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$368,769
Donor Advised Funds	\$1,128,440
Custodial Accounts	\$777,829
Investments	\$6,012,415
Agency Funds (Investments held for others)	\$2,405,193
TOTAL ASSETS	\$10,692,647

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$47,317
Other Liabilities	\$27,695
Custodial Funds	\$777,829
Agency Funds (Investments held for others)	\$2,405,193
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$3,258,034
Net Assets	7,434,613

GROWTH OF ASSETS



**TOTAL LIABILITIES
AND NET ASSETS** \$10,692,647

Benefits to **Our Donors**

WILLS AND ESTATE PLANNING ASSISTANCE

The Catholic Foundation partners with attorneys and tax and estate planning experts to offer donors assistance and expertise through their wills and estate planning needs.

FAVORITE MINISTRY

The Catholic Foundation encourages donors to give through the foundation to their favorite ministry of choice, making philanthropic giving simple and impactful. A donor can earmark their gift for a specific beneficiary or can make an unrestricted gift to serve the general purpose of the Catholic Foundation.

TAX ADVANTAGE TO DONORS

The Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, in which we are able to offer donors tax benefits for their charitable giving.

PROFESSIONAL FUND MANAGEMENT

The Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana's Board of Directors and the Finance Committee provides oversight and professional management of all funds. The Catholic Foundation uses Mission Diocese Fund for its investments and offers reporting and transparency to all donors.

REPORTING TO DONORS

Monthly, quarterly and/or annual reporting is made available and transparency to our donors is a top priority.

HONOR/MEMORIAL GIFTS

The Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana makes it easy to leave a legacy, as well as making gifts to remember or honor a loved one by naming a specific fund, which provides a perpetual gift to the donor's favorite ministry.

GIFTS THAT KEEP ON GIVING

There are a variety of planned giving options for making a gift that continues to work forever by using only the income earned while the keeping the principal of the fund intact.



Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana

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