



A Ministry of the Catholic Foundation

The Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle is an initiative of the Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana dedicated to bringing together a group of women to learn about the needs in our Diocese and community and to raise awareness and funds for philanthropic giving. Designed as a giving circle, this group will leverage a pooled fund to have greater impact on the organizations they select. Our focus is on impacting charities who touch the lives of WOMEN, CHILDREN, and FAMILIES!

Throughout the year, the members of our giving circle gather to learn about organizations and their needs, and decide together which projects to financially support. We also incorporate opportunities to share ideas, serve with one another, grow deeper in our Catholic faith, socialize and learn about the needs in our local community.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Members decide their level of involvement – voluntary attendance at meetings, site visits and speaker panels
- All members who have given a minimum gift of \$250, will have equal voting rights to determine annual grant recipients
- Learn about non-profit organizations throughout the Diocese and community
- Hear about projects and needs in the community, directly from the organizations
- Share ideas and opportunities with other women
- Engage in service and fellowship with like-minded women of all ages
- Opportunities to include even the youngest women in your family, to teach future generations about philanthropy

WHO WE SUPPORT

Members will vote annually on recipient beneficiaries serving the Diocese of Houma-Thibodaux and our local community. Depending on available funds, multiple beneficiaries may be selected. Our Giving Circle's primary focus is on non profits that support women, children, and families.



Become a member today at www.catholicfoundationsl.org
or scan the QR Code to learn more.



OUR IMPACT



200+ members and counting. 100% of gifts are donated.



\$850k Granted over 7 years



30+ local non-profits granted serving women, children, and families

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS AND BENEFITS

Compassionate Member ~ < \$249

- Join our circle for Kick- Off Mass with Bishop
- Participate in Circle's Service Project
- Join us for Grant Check Presentation
- All Masses

Leadership Gift ~ \$500+

- Voting privileges
- Receives Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle Lapel pin
- Tour Invitation to visit non-profit grantees
- All above benefits

Teresa's Voting Member ~ \$250+

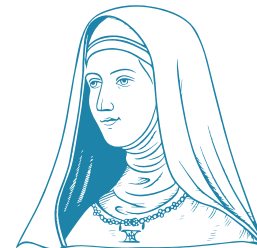
- Voting privileges on non-profits receiving grants
- All above benefits
- Invited to Sip and Learn

Bishop's Society ~ \$1000+

- All above Benefits
- Private function with Bishop

2026 UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 25 | Kick Off
- April 21 | Sip and Learn
- May 14 | Grant Check Presentation
- July 14 | Annual Retreat
- September 4 | Nonprofit Tour
- October 8 | Bishop's Society Luncheon
- December 12 (Tentative) | Cookies and Crumpets



Scan to Learn more about Mother Teresa Here

Steering Committee

Bonnie Babin

Charlotte Bollinger

Andree' Casey

Brenda Riviere

Susan David

Mary Duplantis

Wanda Birdsall

Renee Gautreaux

Pat Caillouet

Susan Ledet

Kelly Thibodaux

René David

Paige Marmande

Emily Collins

Amy Ponson

Angeljoy Porche

Nancy Bernard



About the Catholic Foundation

The Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana is a Catholic community foundation, separate from the diocese 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.



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2026 Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle BY THE NUMBERS



Since its founding, the Mother Teresa Women's Giving Circle has empowered local nonprofits through the collective generosity of over **200 women**. This year, members have awarded more than **\$178,000** in grants to support meaningful work in our community — a testament to the power of faith, compassion, and shared purpose.

Over \$851,500 Granted Locally in 7 Years

2025 Distributions

\$50,000 to Catholic Charities Mobile Pantry

\$50,000 to Second Harvest Food Bank Bayou Region

\$20,000 to St. Vincent de Paul Tri-Parish Pharmacy

\$16,000 to Catholic Charities St. Lucy's Development Ctr.

\$15,000 to CASA of Terrebonne

\$12,000 to Children's Water Safety

\$10,000 to BayouLand Families Helping Families

2019-2025

Some Previous Grant Recipients

- Catholic Charities-Individual and Family Assistance- **\$103,500**
- Second Harvest Bayou Region- **\$80,000**
- Bayou Community Foundation for local schools- **\$50,000**
- Catholic Charities-Mobile Pantry- **\$50,000**
- St. Vincent de Paul TriParish Pharmacy- **\$45,000**

*...And so many more!
For a complete list, visit our website.*

"we can do small things with great love"



This image from 2025 WGC Annual Grant Distribution Presentation

Join our Women's Giving Circle and refer a friend for double the impact!

Now accepting 2026 membership dues through April 2026!

How to Join:

Sign up online using the QR code

or at www.catholicfoundationsl.org/womens-giving-circle

Checks can be made payable to

Catholic Foundation of South Louisiana

(P.O. Box 505 Schriever, LA 70395)



SCAN ME

Save our Dates:

- February 25- 2026 Kick Off
- April 21- Sip and Learn, 5:00pm-7:00pm
- May 14- Check Presentation, 4:30pm, Pastoral Center
- July 14- Annual Retreat
- September 4- Nonprofit Tour
- October 8- Bishop's Society Luncheon, Ellendale Country Club
- December 12 (*Tentative*)- Cookies and Crumpets



The more we **GIVE**
The more we **GROW**

