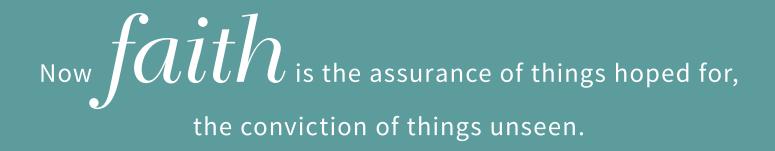


# things hoped for

THINGS UNSEEN

ANNUAL REPORT 2016



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#### Dear Friends,

Fiscal year 2016 was another solid year for the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) as the steady growth we saw in 2015 continued. Forty-three new funds were established and \$20 million in new assets entered the Foundation. Grantmaking increased again this year, surpassing \$9.9 million. And, we launched new grantmaking programs designed to maximize assistance for critical educational and social needs in our community.

All of these accomplishments reflect perfectly the faith that is, in St. Paul's words, "the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things unseen." At its best, philanthropy requires a faith so bold, it dares to spend sums today toward a distant goal, beautifully imagined but not yet seen. Everyday, I witness the unshakable and visionary belief of a community that has the power to shape a more loving and compassionate world.

In this report, we share the stories of people who, inspired by their faith, have imagined a better future and have taken action. You'll read about the many ways people are nurturing the seeds of faith in our youth. You'll learn about a parish in Northern Minnesota that is creating a legacy of faith for future generations—a legacy that is more important than the endowment they are building to secure their financial stability. Finally, there are stories about individuals who, each in their own way, have taken a deliberate approach to philanthropy and have found great joy in doing so.

At CCF, these stories inspire us, and we are grateful for the opportunity to assist our donors and partners as they fulfill their dreams and live their faith by helping others. Every day we strive to act in faith and through faith. We stand shoulder to shoulder with you as we work toward ensuring future generations experience the transformational ministries and sacraments of our Catholic faith.

As always, I express my deep appreciation to the CCF board of directors and staff, and to each and every donor, institutional partner, supporter, and friend. It is to you who we proudly present this year's annual report: *Things Hoped For, Things Unseen*.

Sincerely,

Anne Cullen Miller, MBA President



### O U R M I S S I O N

The Catholic Community Foundation was founded in 1992 with the mission to support financially the spiritual, educational, and social needs of our Catholic community.

### OUR GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The Catholic Community Foundation keeps faith with its donors through a statement of principles adopted by its board of directors. These principles are designed to guide the Foundation in its mission and commit the Foundation to be Catholic, catholic (broad in scope), and candid (to be true to the faith); supportive of a wide range of programs; and accountable to both donors and beneficiaries.

CATHOLIC IDENTITY — We reflect our Catholic faith in all we do; embrace the breadth, diversity, and commonality of Catholic interests; and assure that investments and grant recipients are in alignment with Catholic values.

SERVICE — We respond to the financial needs of the Catholic community and contribute to effective solutions; collaborate with other nonprofit organizations when consistent with our mission; and provide for the needs of future generations.

PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY — We recognize and act on the understanding that community foundations are sustained by public trust which is earned by full, open, and public disclosure.

# things hoped for

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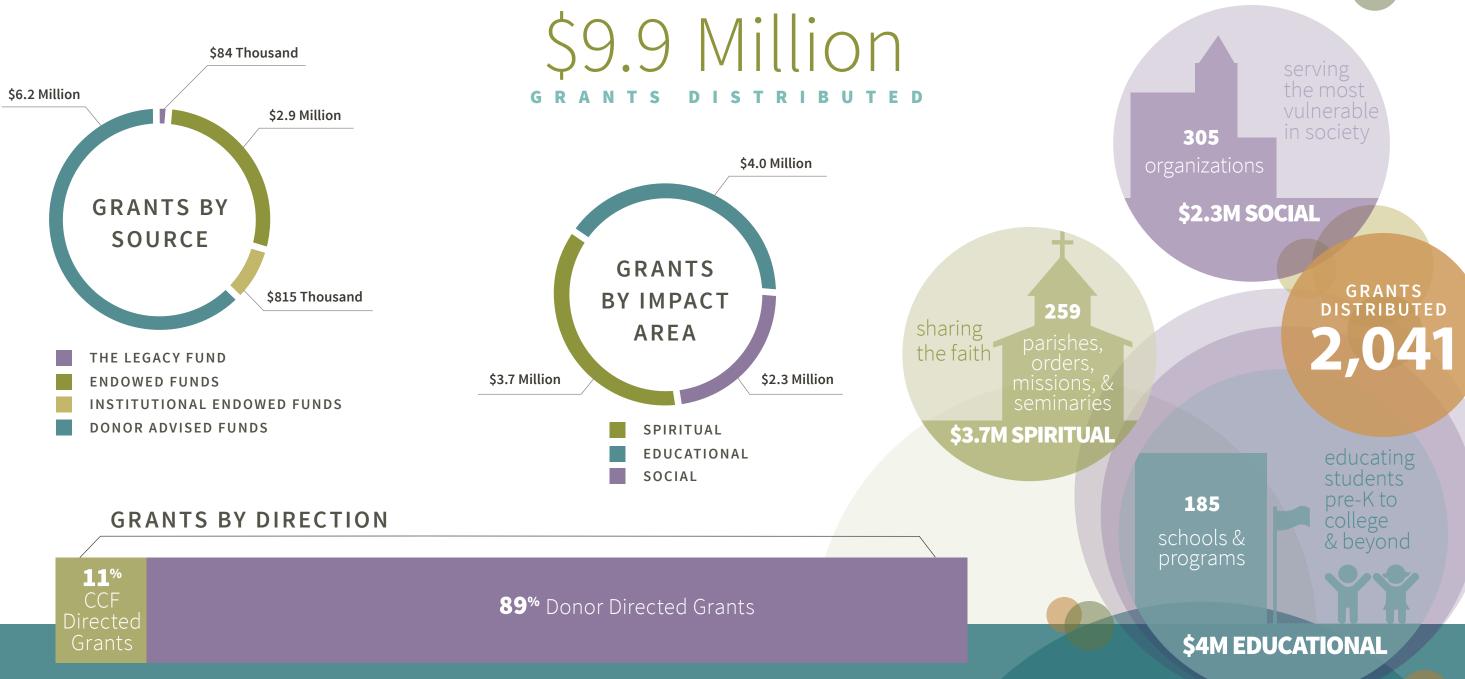
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# \$273 Million



**TOTAL FUNDS** 1,049



Distributed more than \$127 million in grants since our inception in 1992

#### STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

For the years ending June 30	2016	2015	As of June 30
Revenue			Assets
Total Contributions	\$ 16,855,090	\$ 13,900,136	Cash & Cash
Less: Amounts Received for Beneficial Endowments	3,091,064	1,687,468	Investments
Net Contributions	13,764,026	12,212,668	Cash Surren
Management Fee Income	935,594	953,609	Pledges
Investment Losses, Net of Investment Expenses	(2,409,853)	(1,309,110)	Other Assets
Change in Value of Split Interest Agreements	(539,767)	(454,155)	Total Assets
Total Revenue	11,750,000	11,403,012	
			Liabilities
Program Grants			Accounts Pa
Total Grants	9,939,568	9,529,063	Agency Oblig
Less: Grants Made on Beneficial Endowments	815,402	801,744	Beneficiary I
Net Grants	0 10 4 100	0 707 010	Charitable T
	9,124,166	8,727,319	Total Liabilit
Operating Expenses			
Donor Relations & Development	899,481	781,127	Net Assets
Management & General	881,703	790,123	
Grant Services	317,192	274,570	Total Liabilities
Total Expense	2,098,376	1,845,820	
			Audited financial s
Change in Net Assets	527,458	829,873	
Beginning Net Assets	118,301,860	117,471,987	
Ending Net Assets	\$ 118,829,318	\$ 118,301,860	

### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

As of June 30		2016		2015
Assets Cash & Cash Equivalents Investments Cash Surrender Value of Insurance Policies Pledges Other Assets	Ş	6,072,884 260,156,045 4,480,494 903,785	Ş	5,972,563 264,323,525 4,087,881 1,002,462
Total Assets	\$	957,187 272,570,395	\$	1,075,205 276,461,636
iabilities Accounts Payable & Accrued Liabilities Agency Obligations Beneficiary Endowments Charitable Trust & Gift Annuity Obligations	Ş	1,195,872 116,663,652 28,622,135 7,259,418	\$	1,093,706 121,771,633 28,415,016 6,879,421
Total Liabilities		153,741,077		158,159,776
let Assets		118,829,318		118,301,860
otal Liabilities & Net Assets	\$	272,570,395	\$	276,461,636

udited financial statements containing all required disclosures and IRS Form 990 are available at www.ccf-mn.org.



# endowing faith along with dollars

Immaculate Heart Church in Crosslake, Minnesota, is a small Catholic community located on the Whitefish Chain of Lakes in Northern Minnesota. The parish has grown steadily since it was founded in 1955, and every summer, membership swells with seasonal visitors who head north to spend time at their cabins.



This year the parish began to raise money for an endowment to secure the future of the church community. Immaculate Heart's pastor, Father Ryan Moravitz, along with a team of parishioners, began working with the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) to introduce the idea to the church members and begin the process of raising funds. "Parishes do these things together," said Father Ryan. "This is a community that walks forward together."

#### PLANNING STARTS WITH PEOPLE

The chairperson of the endowment committee is Jim Lee. Twenty-six years ago, Jim and his wife, Diane, began attending Immaculate Heart after they bought a cabin and began bringing their children up for the summer. They cherished their time in Crosslake so much that after retiring last year, the couple decided to live there nearly year round. Jim welcomed the opportunity for deeper involvement at Immaculate Heart. "I used to get these phone calls, asking if I could help out with one thing or another and I'd say, 'Father, I'd like to but I'm on a plane in New York right now," he recalled. "After that I got lots of calls asking, 'Have you retired yet?'"

Jim believes Father Ryan has done a great job of pulling together a group of people for the endowment committee who reflect the diverse parish community. One of those people is Helen Fraser, a charter member of the parish. When she married her

high school sweetheart in 1957, hers was the first wedding to be held in the church. "It was brand new," Helen recalled. "It didn't even have pews yet."

A few years ago, that original church was replaced by a much larger structure to make room for the growing membership. Helen and her husband, who is now deceased, contributed generously over the years to support the church as it expanded, and she takes a very practical approach. "Buildings do not make a church," she stated when talking about the importance of an endowment fund.

"We need to prepare for future needs that might arise—repairs, maybe support a future seminarian, and more projects for kids. We have a very active youth group."

With the help of CCF, the parish kicked off the campaign with a free informational dinner last year that explained how endowments work and how the money will be used. Since then, a popular parish fundraiser called the Wild Game Dinner, has been recast as the Wild Endowment Dinner. Last year's event raised more than \$50,000.

#### PASSING ON A LEGACY OF FAITH

Father Ryan is happy about the early fundraising success, but he's quick to point out, it's not all about money. He wants to create a spiritual endowment for future generations as well by inviting church members to share their faith through something he calls Legacy Letters.

With each gift to the endowment, people are invited to write a letter that talks about why their faith is important. All of the letters will be collected and published in a book. "Letters in Christianity are huge. We wouldn't have half the new testament if Paul hadn't written letters." said Father Ryan. "Letters are good guides—they inspire us and help us fight the good fight."

Jim emphasizes that getting people to think about their faith life and to share it with others is far more important than dollars raised. "It doesn't matter whether you give \$10 or \$10,000. It's not about the amount," explained Jim. "It's about writing a legacy with your heart and sharing that with future generations."

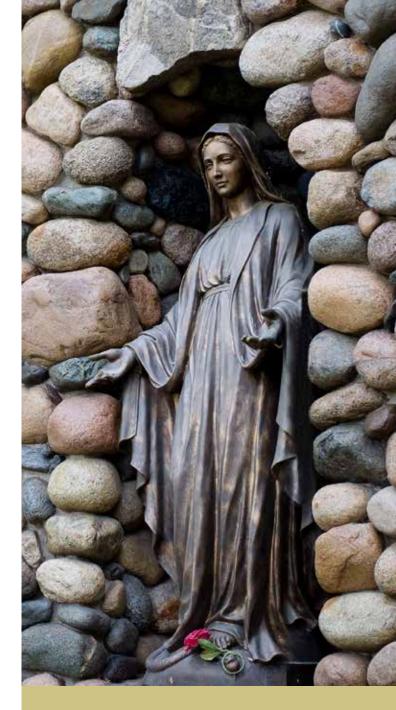
"I think it's wonderful," said Helen. "The theme of my letter is 'Be True.' That's what I've always tried to do—be true to myself, my family and my community."

Father Ryan describes his vision with what he calls the 100-year plan. "Picture this—when Jim and Diane's great grandkids come to the family cabin and go to church at Immaculate Heart, they can read the letters their great grandparents wrote," he explained. "That's more precious and special than a little bit of money. That's going to feed the faith of future generations."

THE PARISH ENDOWMEN COMMITTEE



The fund is off to a good start. At the end of their first year, the committee expects to have raised \$250,000, far ahead of their anticipated target. "We're trying to do God's work," Jim said. "Building community is the real goal. If we do that right, the money will follow."



Immaculate Heart Church Endowment Committee

## Institutional Endowed Funds

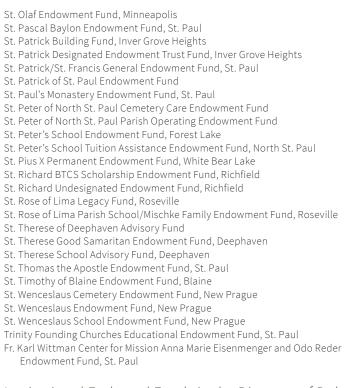
An Institutional Endowed Fund is a permanent fund established by an organization to support and sustain its own ministries. When an institution invests in a permanently endowed fund at the Catholic Community Foundation, it makes a commitment to ensuring that its mission continues on for future generations.

Annual Catholic Appeal Endowment Funds Assumption of Richfield Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund Goldie and Lorraine Buda Scholarship Fund, St. Paul Park Carmen Pampa Endowment Fund, St. Paul Father Robert T. Cassidy Scholarship Endowment Fund, Edina CommonBond Communities Housing Endowment Fund, St. Paul Dorothy Ellstrom Endowment for Spiritual Enrichment Fund, Minneapolis Reverend Charles V. Lachowitzer Endowment Fund for Faithful Shepherd Catholic School, Eagan Franciscan Retreats Endowment Fund, Prior Lake Glenn Catholic Senior Communities, Inc. Fund, Robbinsdale Emmett and Augusta Goff Endowment Fund of St. Stephen, Minneapolis Good Samaritan Funds, Wayzata Good Shepherd Endowment Fund, Golden Valley Good Shepherd Endowment Fund, Golden Valley Guardian Angels School Trust Fund, Chaska Guardian Angels Capital Project Endowment Fund, Oakdale Guardian Angels Cemetery Endowment Fund, Oakdale Guardian Angels Arthur Hoff Endowment Fund, Oakdale Guild Endowment Fund, St. Paul Msgr. Ambrose Hayden – Seminary Fund, St. Paul M.T. Hill for Christian Brothers Trust Fund, St. Paul M.T. Hill for Cretin Trust Funds, St. Paul M.T. Hill for Invalid Priests Trust Funds, St. Paul Holy Name Endowment Fund, Minneapolis Holy Trinity Operating Endowment Fund, South St. Paul Immaculate Conception of Lonsdale Endowment Fund Immaculate Heart of Mary of Glen Lake Catholic Charities Endowment Fund, Minnetonka Immaculate Heart of Mary of Glen Lake Faith Formation Endowment Fund, Minnetonka Immaculate Heart of Mary of Glen Lake General Operating Endowment Fund, Minnetonka Immaculate Heart of Mary of Glen Lake Maintenance Reserve Endowment Fund, Minnetonka Immaculate Heart of Mary of Glen Lake Scholarship for IHM Students Endowment Fund, Minnetonka Incarnation Parish Endowment Fund, Minneapolis Deacon John Matlon Memorial Endowment Fund, Minneapolis John Mondati – Saint Cecilia Endowment Fund, St. Paul Mustard Seed Mission Endowment Fund, St.Paul Nativity of Mary Endowment Trust Fund, Bloomington Nativity of Mary School Endowment Trust Fund, Bloomington NET Ministries Alumni Endowment Fund, West St. Paul NET Ministries Endowment Fund, West St. Paul Our Lady of Grace Catholic School Endowment Fund, Edina Our Lady of Grace Endowment Trust Fund, Edina Our Lady of Peace Parish Endowment Fund, Minneapolis

Our Lady of the Lake Cemetery Endowment Trust Fund, Mound Our Lady of the Lake Parish Endowment Trust Fund, Mound Our Lady of the Lake School Endowment Trust Fund, Mound Our Lady of the Prairie Parish Endowment Fund, Belle Plaine Pacem In Terris Endowment Fund, St. Francis Bishop Richard Pates Endowment Fund, Woodbury Marie Tschida Pranke Scholarship Fund, St. Paul Presentation of the BVM Grade School Parish Endowment Fund, Maplewood Presentation Legacy Foundation Fund, Maplewood Resurrection Cemetery Care and Maintenance Fund, Excelsior Saint Gabriel the Archangel Affiliated School Endowment Fund, Hopkins Saint Gabriel the Archangel Endowment Fund, Hopkins Saint Gerard Majella Endowment Fund, Brooklyn Park Saint Michael Church and School Advisory Fund, Prior Lake Saint Therese Pastoral Care Endowment Fund, St. Louis Park Saint Victoria Cemetery Perpetual Care Endowment Fund, Victoria Saint Victoria Parish Unrestricted Endowment Fund, Victoria Parish of Saints Joachim and Anne Endowment Fund, Shakopee Saints Peter and Paul Parish Education Endowment Fund, Loretto General Seminary Endowment Fund, St. Paul St. Albert Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, Albertville St. Alphonsus School – Teachers Development Endowment Fund, Brooklyn Center St. Alphonsus School – Tuition Assistance Endowment Fund, Brooklyn Center St. Anne of Hamel Cemetery Endowment Trust Fund St. Bridget of Sweden Endowment Fund, Lindstrom St. Croix Catholic School Endowment Fund, Stillwater St. Croix Valley Faith Formation Endowment Fund, Stillwater St. Helena Endowment Fund, Minneapolis St. Henry Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund, Monticello St. Hubert Catholic Community Advisory Fund, Chanhassen St. John the Baptist of New Brighton Capital Endowment Fund St. John the Baptist of New Brighton Cemetery Endowment Fund St. John the Baptist of New Brighton Operating Endowment Fund St. John the Baptist of New Brighton Tuition Assistance Fund St. John the Baptist, Savage, Cemetery Endowment Fund St. John the Baptist, Savage, Parish Endowment Fund St. John the Baptist, Savage, Parish Endowment for Tuition Assistance Fund St. Joseph Parish Faith Formation Financial Aid Endowment Fund, Red Wing St. Margaret Mary Endowment Fund, Golden Valley St. Mark's Parish Endowment Trust Fund, St. Paul St. Mary of the Lake Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, White Bear Lake St. Matthew's Education Endowment Fund, West St. Paul St. Michael Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, Farmington St. Michael Designated Endowment Trust Fund, Farmington St. Michael Endowment Fund, Prior Lake St. Nicholas Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, Carver St. Odilia Prayer Garden Perpetual Care Fund, Shoreview

#### Institutional Endowed Funds in the Dioceses of Duluth and New Ulm

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# Legacy Society Members

The Legacy Society honors individuals and families who have named the Catholic Community Foundation, or a fund managed by the Foundation, in their will or estate plan. We are deeply grateful for their dedication and charitable vision. The symbol † denotes those who have passed. We ask our community to keep all deceased members of the Legacy Society in its prayers.

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# kindling faith at summer camp

Located on the shore of Big Sandy Lake near McGregor, the Catholic Youth Camp is the only place in Minnesota that combines residential summer camp activities with a Catholic faith experience. Since it was founded in 1947, it's brought a fresh approach to nurturing faith in young people.

Natalie King has been the Catholic Youth Camp (CYC) director since 2007, and has spent most of her tenure revitalizing the camp which had been in decline. She's spent the last few years modernizing the facility, adding new programs, and increasing enrollment. Natalie's words are infused with enthusiasm as she talks about her work. "We get kids from both really strong Catholic families and nonreligious families. Everybody is welcome," said Natalie. "Some kids are worried it'll be boring or we'll make them pray all day, but once they're here, they see how fun it is." Now, Natalie is excited about the potential to reach even more young people ages 7 to 17.

#### GRANTS BRING NEW KIDS TO CAMP

This year the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) made a grant of \$31,000 to CYC to support outreach efforts. The funds come from one of the Foundation's oldest endowments and was established by contributors to the Family of Faith campaign which helped launch CCF in 1992.

The grant to CYC funded scholarships to help families cover the costs of camp for their children. "These families couldn't afford to send their kids to camp without scholarships," explained Natalie. "For a lot of kids who



come here, this is one of many summer camps. They also go to soccer camp, basketball camp, and art camp. But for the scholarships, we're talking about kids who spend their entire summer at home. This camp is it."

Natalie recalls one boy who came to camp on a scholarship who seemed like just another happy camper during his weeklong stay. Afterwards, his dad emailed Natalie to share what a big difference the CYC had made in his life. "His dad told me he didn't have friends back home and he was picked on at school," Natalie said. "Then he came to camp and bonded with the 12 kids in his cabin." His dad reported that for the first time ever, his son felt like he fit in.

#### PLANTING THE SEEDS OF FAITH

Natalie believes that it can be hard for young people to connect with their faith in a way that's meaningful, so CYC strives to make the spiritual relevant. Amidst the archery, canoeing, campfires, and group games, kids talk about and act on what Natalie calls the Five Cs: courage, charity, cooperation, community, and Christ. "And then we have our counselors who are so excited about their faith," said Natalie. "They're young and fun and really get the kids going."

While every day is jam-packed with summer fun, time is set aside for daily reflection and prayer. It takes her back to her own childhood memories. "As a kid, prayer usually felt boring," Natalie said. "But at camp, I felt like God was listening."

Kids who are more confident in themselves and in their faith leave camp with a renewed spirit and sense of purpose. "Maybe they'll pursue youth group or be more excited about Mass," Natalie said. "We're planting the seed of faith, and we believe it will grow into a lifelong experience." Certainly, the CYC is planting seeds, unseen now, that represent the future of the Church.



Faith is a gift from the Father, but it must be fostered from one generation to the next. Our community knows this well and fuels many youth ministries like Catholic Youth Camp that plant seeds of faith. Here are just a few.

Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) is a national outreach that invites college students into a growing relationship with the Catholic Church. Recent college graduates typically serve as FOCUS missionaries, devoting two or more years after college to reaching out to peers on campus.

This year, more than 550 FOCUS missionaries will serve on 125 campuses in 38 U.S. states and two locations in Austria. More than 20.000 FOCUS alumni have been prepared to evangelize parishes throughout the U.S. Within this number, 600 have made decisions to pursue Catholic religious vocations. By 2022, FOCUS expects to launch 75,000 alumni into America's 17,000-plus Catholic parishes.

# \$14,500

# **WINISTRIES**

NET Ministries challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. Every August, 150 young Catholics aged 18-28 leave behind their jobs, school, family, and friends to devote nine months to serving with the National Evangelization Teams (NET). During those nine months. the NET missionaries move from town to town and parish to parish. proclaiming the Gospel and inviting young people to live for Christ.

NET was founded in the Archdiocese of St. Paul and Minneapolis in 1981. Since then. NET teams have led more than 29,000 retreats and ministered to more than 1.7 million young Catholics.

\$106,000



St. Paul's Outreach (SPO) is a national organization that is fighting for the minds and souls of young people on college campuses around the country. SPO is committed to addressing the spiritual needs of students who are hungry for truth and meaning but who aren't connecting with traditional outreach programs.

SPO dives deep as it works to engage students in a comprehensive process that fosters formation in the Catholic faith and life. The result is thousands of alumni who are passionate followers of Christ. They continue to shine God's light in the world long after they have graduated, renewing the Church and evangelizing the culture.

\$45,700

# Donor, Advised Funds

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# Family Business Leads to Family Giving

Kent Roessler was growing up on a farm north of the Twin Cities when his father died, leaving Kent's mom, who was six months pregnant at the time, to raise the children on her own. "Can you imagine the pressure that was on her?" Kent marvels. "That's how I grew up."

Kent showed signs of his mother's ingenuity and work ethic when at 18, he moved to the Twin Cities, took a job with a homebuilder, and went on to launch his own company. After 30 years, the success of Paxmar Land Development has led Kent to apply the same strategic thinking he used in business to his philanthropy.

It started in 2003 when Kent sold his business and found himself with a large tax liability. His initial plan was to start his own family foundation, but he discovered he could achieve the same results at a lower cost by working through the Catholic Community Foundation, so he and his wife opened a donor advised fund. "Our plan was to have our kids involved in our giving so they can slowly take over the fund," explained Kent. "I'm not a fan of leaving a big inheritance."

"We all come together and talk about who we want to give to," said Kent's wife, Muriel, referring to their children Alan, 32, Sarah, 30, and Ryan, 12.

The family recently toured the North Side Development Center, a nonprofit based in North Minneapolis that's run by Catholic Charities. "It's a good program and there's a huge need," said Kent. "When we toured, Ryan was with us," he added, nodding toward the twelve-year old. "We could talk to him until our face turned blue, but now, he's seen it for himself."

While Kent enjoyed the challenge of building up his business, he clearly relishes the opportunity to give money away. In fact, it's led to increased tithing. "God has blessed us with abundance and we are fully aware that we need to be good stewards," he said. "In the end, none of us are getting out of here alive."

Muriel agrees, "To him whom much has been given, much will be expected."

# Investing Time and Treasure

When Greg Melsen was invited to join the board of the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) last year, it was a decision he made along with his wife, Barb. The Melsens are a tight knit couple who like to dig deep into an organization before they decide to get involved. Their shared background in accounting and finance has given them the skills to critically assess a nonprofit in ways that most people can't. They gave CCF a thorough review.

"The first test CCF had to meet was whether we felt OK putting our donor advised fund there," Barb said.

"We looked at the fees and the returns," Greg added. "They would need to be competitive if I were to join the board." Greg's ability to make that kind of dispassionate appraisal was honed in a career that spanned more than 40 years and included experience both as an audit partner in a Big Four accounting firm and as a chief financial officer.

In the end, Greg not only joined the CCF board, he and Barb moved their existing donor advised fund from another service provider to the Foundation.

The Melsens are selective about who they support, and fiscal prudence matters to them. "I'm very outspoken about not contributing to causes that have a high overhead," said Barb. But once they've made a decision, they're all in, generously giving both their money and their time. They've served on Catholic school boards and traveled to Africa with Catholic Relief Services. Shortly after Greg joined the Foundation's board, Barb joined the board of directors at Catholic Charities.

The Melsens point out that their approach reflects a recent trend in philanthropy. "Churches used to have social justice funds and people would just contribute and leave it to the church to decide," Barb said. "But now, if I give, I want to make my own decisions."

"People want more control," Greg observed. "But they're still generous and committed. It's a hopeful time." And the Melsens hope to continue helping others through smart philanthropy.



# Honoring Her Heart Forever

Severne Banack's memories flow easily as she recounts funny stories from her early career, and talks about the family who purchased her home and who are now her friends. Her sweet smile and easy laugh call to mind a beloved grandma. But go just beyond the gentle manner of the unassuming 91-year-old and you'll discover a self-reliant, independent thinker who was a bit of a pioneer in her day.

Severne's career began after her marriage ended in the 1960s and she needed to support herself. "I felt like I was starting from scratch," recalled Severne. Control Data had just begun offering classes in computer code so she signed up. "I met a lot of interesting people looking for a new start," she said. "It was a real cross section—kind of a motley crew," she added, laughing.



Severne went on to become a technical writer and after several decades of steady work, she scaled back and took a part-time job at her home parish, St. Therese's in Deephaven, where she taught students in the school's new computer lab.

In 2013, Severne began funding an endowment at the Catholic Community Foundation using required minimum distributions from her IRA. The endowment will allow her to support in perpetuity several charities that are dear to her. They include technology upgrades at St. Therese Catholic School; a memorial fund to honor her brother who was a firefighter for Elk River; the Guardian Angels Care Center where her mother died at the age of 107; the Arboretum Foundation where she volunteered for 17 years; and the Humane Society in remembrance of her many cherished pets.

After years of planning for her own financial security, Severne is modest about the accomplishment of funding an endowment. "I don't feel rich, but I know I have more money than an awful lot of people," she said.

She pauses as she reflects on her good fortune. "God's been looking out for me an awful long time," she mused. "I'm surprised He hasn't grown tired of it yet," she laughs.

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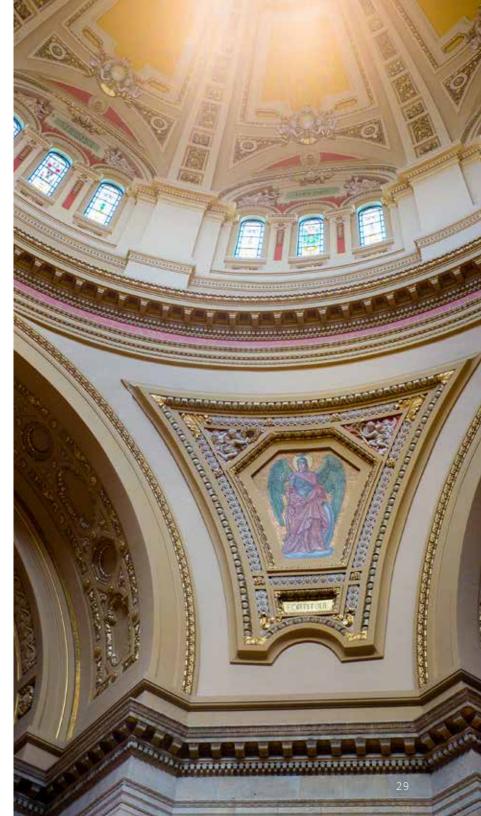
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