

Building The St. John's Endowment

*Helping Others
Through Planned Giving*



What is an Endowment Fund?

In an endowment, typically planned gifts are made with an understanding that the original amount, or the 'principal,' will be invested and earnings will be used by the charity.

At St. John's you can direct planned gifts to one of five areas, in order to serve the long-term needs of the Church or School.

What are the Benefits of an Endowment?

Your planned gift can benefit St. John's Church or School for future generations. You can allow your gift to be used "where the need is greatest," or direct it for a particular need or ministry. In this way, gifts create a legacy, as the Church or School can use its earnings to supplement their annual budgets, and to do things that would not otherwise be possible.





Five Areas of Need for the St. John's Endowment

Church General Needs

Earnings from this fund support the parish where its needs are greatest. For example, earnings might support general programs, building repairs, and unexpected bills.

Religious Formation and Youth Ministry

Spiritual formation and sacramental preparation are at the heart of the Church's mission. This fund supplies supplemental funding for Pre-K to 12th religious education programs, youth ministry, college outreach to NDSCS, adult spiritual formation, retreats and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A. programs for those joining the Church.)

Evangelization and Outreach

A particular ministry may be especially close to your heart. Perhaps it is music, liturgy, or outreach to those who do not know the Lord. Maybe you feel called to help serve the poor, visit the homebound, or care for the imprisoned. If you are interested in doing something great, we would love to hear your thoughts.

School General Needs

This fund assists St. John's where the school's needs are greatest. Earnings may help provide for new or unexpected expenses, increase teacher and staff salaries, be used to purchase supplementary curriculum materials, or help offset the costs of updating technology.

Student Scholarship Fund

St. John's School strives to provide a Catholic education for children regardless of their parents' financial circumstances. Establishing a named scholarship gives deserving students the opportunity for a Catholic education.

What Will My Legacy Be?

Celebrating the Past and Looking to the Future

The Community at St. John the Evangelist traces its roots to 1871, when missionary priests held Mass on the banks of the Red River. Since then, the gift of faith has been handed down by our priests, sisters and many generations of parents who fulfilled their Baptismal promises. As a community we have worked hard to renovate our beautiful church building and to build a new school. Now is the time to look toward the future. With great appreciation for those who have gone before us, how will we in turn pass along that gift of faith to those who will come after us?



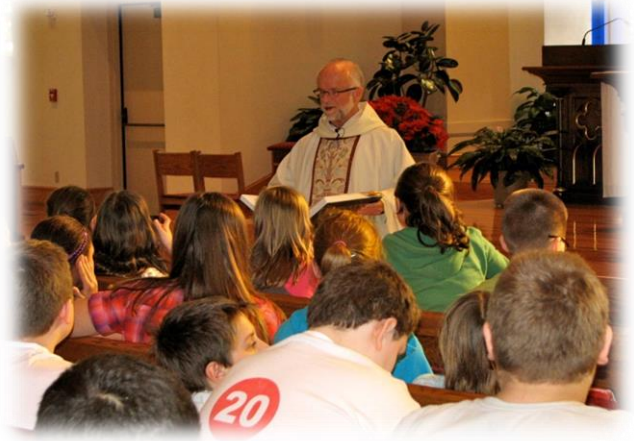
St. John's Legacy Circle

The St. John's Legacy Circle includes those who make a commitment to building our endowment. The easiest way to join the Legacy Circle is to notify the office that you have named the Church or School in your will or beneficiary designations. By confidentially notifying us we can help ensure your final wishes are carried out.

Eternal Tithing

We invite you to consider an 'Eternal Tithe' by dedicating 10% or more of your estate to benefit one of the five areas listed on the previous page. There are many other ways to contribute to an endowment. Collectively, we call these means and methods "planned gifts." Please note that many *planned* gifts are *deferred* gifts—the commitment is made *now*, but the gift is actually made at some point in the *future*, often not until you have passed away.

Frequently Asked Questions



- ❑ ***Who Can Make A Planned Gift?*** Anyone can make a simple planned gift. Even those with modest means often discover that they can establish a charitable gift annuity or make generous planned gifts in their estate plans.
- ❑ ***What are More Benefits of Planned Giving?*** Planned gifts establish a legacy for the donor, express gratitude for a lifetime of blessings, and witness to others the importance of faith. Many planned gifts do not affect you during your lifetime. North Dakota has a tax credit for endowments and other tax savings may be available. For us, planned gifts are often the most significant we receive and essential to building our endowment fund.
- ❑ ***What are the Most Common Planned Gifts?*** The most common way to make a planned gift is to include St. John the Evangelist Church or St. John's Catholic School in your Will. You can also name St. John's as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy, investments, and retirement or bank accounts.
- ❑ ***Are there Other Ways to Make Planned Gifts?*** St. John's is excited to offer new opportunities for giving. Charitable Gift Annuities through the Catholic Foundation allow donors to make a gift now and receive fixed payments for life. Charitable trusts give you even greater options to receive income or make provision for your children, while helping St. John's Church or School.
- ❑ ***How Can I Learn More?*** To explore ways you could do something great at St. John's Church or School through planned giving please contact us today!

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