



Top 10 Reasons to Establish a Parish Endowment Fund

1. To provide donors with a way to leave a legacy.
2. Past generations built our parish communities and now we need to take a leadership role to ensure that future generations will have the same faith community.
3. Even small gifts, grouped together and extended over time, will add up.
5. Expenses for healthcare and salaries are increasing faster than offertory.
6. Endowments funded by outright gifts, bequests, gifts of life insurance, gift annuities and charitable remainders trusts can help parishes with future financial needs.
7. The cost of expenses is increasing faster than inflation.
4. We need to pay a just and fair wage to our lay teachers and administrators.
5. All families should have the ability to attend Catholic schools.
8. The need for our lay ministers is going to increase in the future, rather than decrease.
9. The number of parish programs is increasing.
10. To help bequests to have a bigger impact.