

Bishop's Ambassador Organization Expanded

The Bishop's Ambassadors are a membership organization led by Bishop John Doerfler and perpetually by future bishops of the Diocese of Marquette. The organization was recently expanded from exclusively Legacy of Faith to be inclusive of all permanently endowed funds of the diocese.

Bishop's Ambassadors are leadership level donors who have committed \$25,000 or more and share the vision for preserving and fostering the Catholic faith through endowment building and grant making. Management of the organization has been transferred to the Upper Peninsula Catholic Foundation, which has a broader mission than Legacy of Faith.



A hand-crafted sterling silver lapel pin depicting a bishop's miter and crozier is a sign of membership in the Bishop's Ambassadors. It calls attention not to the individual, but rather an evangelizing opportunity. It is a conversation starter about the local church and a symbol of invitation to join in the mission.



Bishop John F. Doerfler recently welcomed three new members to the Bishop's Ambassadors. From L: Mary Ann Koerschner of St. Mary & St. Joseph, Iron Mountain; Bishop John F. Doerfler; Rev. Joseph O. Gouin, pastor of American Martyrs, Kingsford; and Very Reverend Allen P. Mott, pastor of St. Anthony, Gwinn and St. Joseph, Northland.

Transforming Fire: Evangelizing Ashes



Young adult Peer Ministers work to spread the Gospel message on campus at Northern Michigan University with the aid of Legacy of Faith grants. The ashes distributed on campus are a visible sign of a personal decision to follow Jesus in faith.



In the photo at right, Allison Korpi of Escanaba is learning to pray *lectio divina* by writing a response letter to Jesus after hearing a Gospel story. Allison is a member of the Endow Middle School Girls Club, which is open to 7th and 8th grade girls in the Escanaba area. The program fosters growth in understanding of friendship and feminine dignity. It incorporates the lives of the saints and makes scripture stories come alive for young women. Program coordinator Kate Swanson said, "An eighth grader explained to the new 7th graders what it means to have 'inherent dignity'. I was so pleased she remembered from the Endow study last year!"



In the photo above, Catholic school students discover the wonders of science as part of an integrated, cutting-edge Catholic liberal arts curriculum. All schools are asked to spend a portion of their Legacy of Faith grant to implement the curriculum. This is one way Legacy of Faith is working to improve school sustainability.

Parish Pilgrimage

Fr. Allen Mott of St. Anthony, Gwinn and St. Joseph, Northland loaded parishioners on two 12-passenger vans on pilgrimage to Houghton County. They visited the Bishop Baraga Shrine and other sites of Catholic historical significance, learning and living their Catholic faith.



Fr. Al Mott & Parishioners

Passing on the Faith



"I believe so much in the Legacy of Faith that 2 years ago I made my will to leave 25% of my estate to it!"

Fr. Tim Ekaitis, Pastor
St. Mary, Norway, St. Barbara, Vulcan & Holy Spirit Catholic School, Norway

Legacy of Faith Now a Fund of the U.P. Catholic Foundation

Legacy of Faith has been formally merged into the new U.P. Catholic Foundation (UPCF), which was established in 2016. The merger will create more efficiencies, and reduce administrative costs. As a component fund of the UPCF, the original purpose of Legacy of Faith is maintained. The following causes are supported: 50% Catholic schools in the Diocese of Marquette, 30% faith formation for all ages, 10% Catholic Social Services of the Upper Peninsula, and 10% support for other emerging or essential ministries.

Deacon Art Stancher, President of the Legacy of Faith Advisory Board, said "Merging with the UPCF has enabled the LOF Board to focus more on the mission and vision of LOF in a very practical way. We can spend more time talking about distributing funds where they will be best spent and needed, and less time on financial administration, which is handled by the UPCF. Our priests, deacons, religious and lay faithful thereby get the financial support they need to implement the Bishop's pastoral plan on Evangelization at the grassroots level."



Deacon Art Stancher, President
Legacy of Faith Advisory Board

Legacy of Faith 2017 Catholic Service Awards

The award recognizes lifetime dedication & service to the Catholic Church. One of the most important ingredients of passing on the faith is the personal witness of people who have modeled Christian stewardship as a way of life. This service, although often performed in quiet, humble and unassuming ways, can inspire others in their own faith journey.

Thank you, Judy and Fr. Joe!

The 2017 Catholic Service Awards were recently awarded to Judy Boyle of St Michael, Marquette and Father Joe Gouin of American Martyrs, Kingsford, shown in the photo at left with Bishop John Doerfler.



Legacy of Faith Grants 2017-2018

City / Parish or School / Program Name	Amount
Diocesan-wide: \$79,996	
Diocese of Marquette - Totus Tuus 2017: Very Small Parish	\$2,871.48
Diocese of Marquette - ACRE Testing - Year 7	\$750.00
Diocese of Marquette - Totus Tuus 2018	\$24,000.00
Diocese of Marquette - Marriage Program Yr 3: Couples Training	\$1,600.00
Catholic Social Services - Annual Distribution 2017-18	\$27,775.00
St. Michael - CCM Peer Ministry Initiative	\$6,000.00
Stephenson, Precious Blood - Steubenville Conference 2018	\$14,000.00
Grand Marais, Holy Rosary - Catholic Summer Camp	\$3,000.00
Holy Name of Mary Vicariate: \$15,821	
Sault Ste. Marie, St. Mary School - 2017-18 Unrestricted	\$15,821.18
Most Holy Name of Jesus Vicariate: \$14,007	
Baraga, St. Ann - Adult Faith Formation:	
Hearts Afire Program	\$132.00
Hancock, Resurrection - Street Evangelization	\$260.00
Hancock, Resurrection - Formed	\$112.00
L'Anse, Sacred Heart School - 2017-18 Unrestricted	\$12,767.15
L'Anse, Sacred Heart of Jesus - See the See 2017 - Transportation	\$200.00
L'Anse, Sacred Heart of Jesus - Alpha Course	\$535.50
St. John Neumann Vicariate: \$19,872	
Menominee, St. John Paul II Catholic Academy - 2017-18 Unrestricted	\$15,421.30
Menominee, Holy Redeemer - Menominee Tri-Parish Women's Ministry	\$2,500.00
Menominee, Holy Redeemer - Symbolon: Part I	\$250.00
Menominee, Resurrection - Lifeteen & Edge	\$1,046.00
Menominee, St. John Paul II Catholic Academy - NET Retreat 2018	\$555.00
Stephenson, Precious Blood - Youth Encounter at Marygrove	\$100.00
St. Joseph & St. Patrick Vicariate: \$45,544	
Bark River, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton - Faith Formation Upgrades	\$248.48
Escanaba, Holy Name Catholic School - 2017-18 Unrestricted	\$21,093.73
Escanaba, St. Anne - K4J Vacation Bible School	\$800.00
Escanaba, St. Joseph & St. Patrick - Honduras Mission Trip 2018	\$500.00
Escanaba, St. Thomas the Apostle - Challenge & Conquest Clubs	\$750.00
Escanaba, St. Thomas the Apostle - Catechesis of the Good Shepherd	\$2,325.00
Escanaba, St. Thomas the Apostle - NET Retreat (Middle School)	\$555.00
Garden, St. John the Baptist - A Lifelong Journey of Conversion	\$72.05
Gladstone, All Saints - Growing with the Saints: Catholic Kidz Camp	\$300.00
Gladstone, All Saints - Youth Pilgrimage 2017	\$1,400.00

Manistique, St. Francis De Sales School - 2017-18 Unrestricted	\$15,419.76
Manistique, St. Francis De Sales - Acts: The Spread of the Kingdom	\$450.00
Manistique, St. Francis De Sales - Intergenerational Faith Formation	\$250.00
Perkins, St. Joseph - See the See 2017	\$100.00
Perkins, St. Joseph - Formed	\$625.00
Rapid River, St. Charles Borromeo - See the See 2017	\$100.00
Rapid River, St. Charles Borromeo - The Great Adventures Storybook for Families	\$149.70
Trenary, St. Rita - Bishop Baraga Youth Evangelization	\$300.00
Trenary, St. Rita - Sunday Mass Materials	\$105.00
St. Mary Norway Vicariate: \$33,451	
Channing, St. Rose - Decision Point Confirmation Program	\$75.94
Crystal Falls, Guardian Angels - CCD Program Resources	\$275.00
Iron Mountain, Bishop Baraga Catholic School - 2017-18 Unrestricted	\$14,965.93
Iron Mountain, Bishop Baraga Catholic School - NET Retreat 2017 (Middle School)	\$555.00
Iron Mountain, St. Mary & St. Joseph - Family Formation	\$550.00
Kingsford, St. Mary Queen of Peace - Awaken Ministry	\$3,000.00
Norway, Holy Spirit School - 2017-18 Unrestricted	\$13,729.51
Norway, St. Mary - Adult & Student Faith Formation	\$300.00
St. Mary Rockland Vicariate: \$14,527	
Bessemer, St. Sebastian - Formed	\$1,000.00
Bessemer, St. Sebastian - NET Retreat 2017	\$555.00
Ironwood, All Saints Academy - 2017-18 Unrestricted	\$11,780.36
Ironwood, Our Lady of Peace - The Word Among Us Magazine	\$892.00
Ironwood, Our Lady of Peace - Finding God	\$300.00
St. Peter Cathedral Vicariate: \$23,856	
Gwinn, St. Anthony - Formed	\$550.00
Gwinn, St. Anthony - Bishop Baraga Pilgrimage	\$500.00
Ishpeming, St. Joseph - Sacred Liturgy Formation Program	\$1,112.35
Marquette, Father Marquette Catholic Academy - 2017-18 Unrestricted	\$17,876.30
Marquette, St. Louis the King - NET Retreat 2017	\$555.00
Marquette, St. Louis the King - Sacrament Preparation	\$187.50
Marquette, St. Michael - Formed	\$1,000.00
Marquette, St. Michael - Women's & Men's Days of Reflection	\$1,000.00
Marquette, St. Peter Cathedral - Library Resources	\$600.00
Marquette, St. Peter Cathedral - Magnifikid 2018	\$475.00

TOTAL GRANTS APPROVED AS OF NOV. 1, 2017
\$247,075.22