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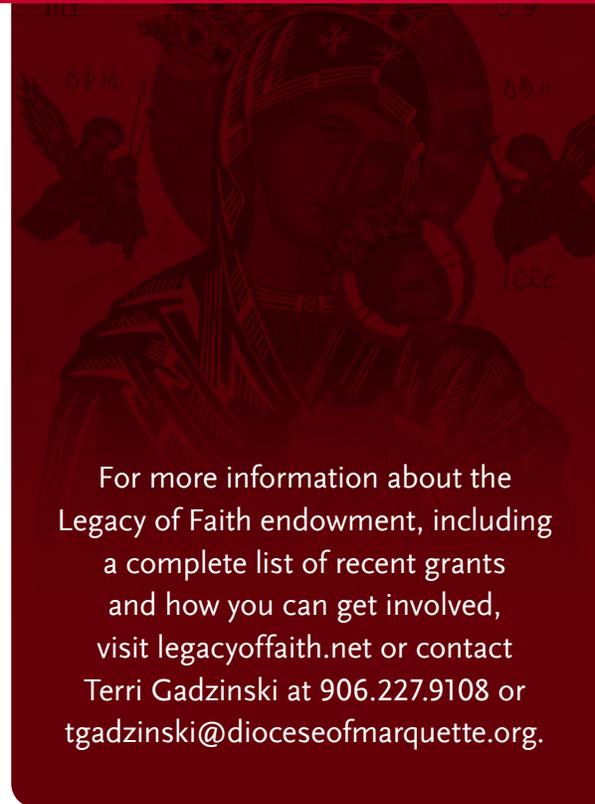
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There are many reasons to make a charitable gift to the Catholic Church, and your passion for the Church's mission is likely at the top of that list. Friends like you make it possible for Yoopers to follow Christ today and always.

One way people are supporting the Church's mission is by donating to Legacy of Faith, a permanent endowment fund held by the U.P. Catholic Foundation. The endowment is celebrating an important milestone this year—20 years of grant-making to preserve and foster the Catholic faith in the Upper Peninsula!

Catholic schools, parishes and missions, and Catholic Social Services of the U.P. (CSSUP) are the recipients of these grants, which have totaled more than \$3.7 million over the last 20 years. Catholic schools use grants for things like tuition assistance and new curriculum, while parishes use their grants to enhance faith-formation programs. Grants to CSSUP subsidize fees for counseling services for those in need.

Terri Gadzinski has been director since the fund's inception. "We never envisioned grant-making during a global pandemic, when our schools, churches and social service agencies were forced to close their doors. These times have made us ever more grateful for the stability that endowments bring. Thanks to many generous donors over the years, smart investment and spending policies, and effective leadership, Legacy of Faith is a reliable source of income to help sustain Catholic programs."



For more information about the Legacy of Faith endowment, including a complete list of recent grants and how you can get involved, visit legacyoffaith.net or contact Terri Gadzinski at 906.227.9108 or tgadzinski@dioceseofmarquette.org.





Leave the Legacy You Intend

If you don't do it, who will? Without a plan, you risk leaving a burden for your loved ones. Take the compassionate steps now to be prepared—for yourself and those who matter most to you.

An Act of Love

Our FREE resource *Give Your Family the Gift of Peace of Mind* is more than just a checklist. By making arrangements in advance, you relieve a burden for those who mean the most to you. Simply return the enclosed reply card to request your copy today.



3 Roadblocks to Planning

Don't Let Your Estate Wait

It can be challenging to prioritize preparation. Take, for example, estate planning. Let's consider some obstacles to estate planning and how to overcome them.

Roadblock: I don't want to think about it. Of course you don't. It can be challenging and uncomfortable to consider. Many of us resist this line of thinking until it's impossible to ignore—perhaps until we are confronted with loss.

Rethink it: Create space to reflect and make arrangements in advance, on your own time. Remember that your estate plan is really a gift to your loved ones. Being prepared benefits them in a difficult time.

Roadblock: It's too complicated and time-consuming. Yes, estate planning takes effort. For expert advice, consult with an estate planning attorney and financial advisor. It's also helpful to organize documents and outline goals before these meetings.

Rethink it: Consider the sense of accomplishment and peace of mind you'll have knowing your wishes will be fulfilled.

Roadblock: I don't want to make decisions I might have to change later. Any plan is better than no plan. During your lifetime you can change your mind and make updates as needed.

Rethink it: Make sure you have control over your estate and can provide instructions for its use.

We Can Help

To learn more about how to be charitable through your estate plan, please contact Terri Gadzinski at 906.227.9108 or tgadzinski@dioceseofmarquette.org.



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Our Mission

We, the Diocese of Marquette, united in Word and Sacrament and in communion with the universal Catholic Church, witness to and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ for all the people in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

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Print the reply card below and mail to us or click [here](#).

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Please complete and return this reply card in the enclosed envelope today. Thank you!

- Please send me the free planning resource ***Give Your Family the Gift of Peace of Mind.***
- I would like to learn more about the impact my gift could have at the Diocese of Marquette.
- I have included the Diocese of Marquette in my estate plan but haven't yet notified you.
- I would like to learn more about planning my Catholic funeral.



Thank you for supporting the Diocese of Marquette!



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