

Blessings to be Shared

The Catholic Foundation Of the Diocese of Lubbock

Leaving a Legacy for the Future

Who We Are

We are the Roman Catholic Diocese of Lubbock, established by His Holiness, John Paul II, on June 17, 1983, in order to bring about the presence of the Triune God in West Texas, and guide people to salvation. The mission of evangelization is entrusted by Christ to His Church to be carried out in all forms of ministry, witness, and service.

“Evangelizing is, in fact, the grace and vocation proper to the Church, her deepest identity. She exists to evangelize.” (Evangelii Nunciandi.no.14).

The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lubbock exists to help Catholics live out this sacred mission of the Church by financially supporting the spiritual, the educational, and social future needs of our Catholic Community. We look to the future of our Church. We save for the future. We want to leave a legacy.

The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lubbock is a non-profit organization first created in 1987 by the Most Rev. Michael J. Sheehan, D. D., the first Bishop for Lubbock. **The Catholic Foundation** is governed by a Board of Directors, both lay and clergy leaders with a Managing Director and presided by the Bishop of the Diocese. Our business is a lasting legacy through savings for the future of our Diocese. In 1998, **The Catholic Foundation** was incorporated, and has grown through memberships, end-of-the-year giving, endowments, annuities, life insurance policies, bequests, and investments.

What We Do

We help you leave a legacy of your faith to the Parishes, Schools, and Catholic Organizations through **The Catholic Foundation**. The wishes of the donor are fully honored and respected in fulfilling the mission of **The Catholic Foundation**.

How We Do It

We provide many options to fit your giving objectives.

Annual Memberships start at \$25 for students and new members, but there are various yearly levels of giving which include:

Friends of the Foundation	\$25-\$249
Bronze Level	\$250-\$499
Silver Level	\$500-\$749
Gold Level	\$750-\$999
Platinum Level	\$1,000 or more

All annual memberships include invitations to the two annual dinners and all sponsored events.

Annual Red Mass Donations help with expenses in providing our Annual Judicial Red Mass for the legal community. Such gifts can include cash, gift-in-kind donations, and securities. The Annual Red Mass takes place usually during the month of October and includes a Celebratory Mass, presentation of a speaker and a reception.

Memorials Gifts and Mass Intentions allow for donors to recognize a friend or family member with a Memorial Gift or Remembrance at Mass. Donors and designees receive a special card and are included in the “Book of Life” that is kept at the front of the Diocesan Chapel.

Outright Gifts – With a donation of cash, securities, or real estate, you can donate at any time of the year. The gift will be invested.

End-of-the-Year-Giving allows individuals to donate a gift in December towards the general fund and to help with their personal income tax deduction. Such gifts can include cash, securities, and property.

The Legacy Society for The Catholic Foundation allows individuals to leave a permanent gift or legacy for the future of the Diocese of Lubbock. Several options include:

Wills and Bequests – By naming **The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lubbock** a specified amount or percentage from your estate to permanently benefit **The Catholic Foundation**, thus, you leave a permanent gift or legacy for the future of the Diocese of Lubbock.

Gift Annuities – By establishing a Gift Annuity, you can receive an annual lifetime income in exchange for a cash gift, securities or property, and at the same time possibly reduce capital gains taxes and even provide tax-free returns of the principal.

Life Insurance Policies – By donating a Life Insurance Policy to **The Catholic Foundation**, you can direct the proceeds, cash value of the policy, or any portion of it to benefit the Foundation for either restricted or unrestricted purposes.

Endowments – This is the best way you can honor your choice of parish, school, ministry or Catholic organization that is meaningful to you. The principal of your gift remains on deposit and continues to grow, while every year the Catholic organization you’ve chosen to honor. An endowment may be opened with a minimum of \$5,000 in cash, securities, or other property and may be added to at any time.

All funds are permanently invested with a professional financial company whose decisions are made to provide the best possible return for **The Catholic Foundation**.

By making a commitment to **The Catholic Foundation** through one of these planned giving methods, you automatically become a member of **The Legacy Society of the Catholic Foundation** for the Diocese of Lubbock.

How You Can Help

You can positively impact the future with your gifts. You can accomplish more than you ever thought possible with the wise and thoughtful sharing of the blessings God has entrusted to you.

The Catholic Foundation exists to serve you and to help you establish a legacy of your faith. **We are here to serve our Catholic Church.**

To start, please complete the attached membership form. For questions or additional information, contact:

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Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lubbock Annual Membership Form

Name _____

Spouse and Family Member Names _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____ Phone _____

My Pledge for Annual Membership Year of _____ is \$_____.
(Membership Year is from July 1 through June 30.)

___ \$25 - \$249	Friends of Catholic Foundation
___ \$250 - \$499	Members at the Bronze Level
___ \$500 - \$749	Members at the Silver Level
___ \$750 - \$999	Members at the Gold Level
___ \$1,000 plus	Members at the Platinum Level

___ I wish to be listed as an anonymous donor.

___ Check _____ Check Number (Make checks payable to The Catholic Foundation.)

___ MasterCard ___ Visa \$_____ Amount to be Charged

Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Thank you for your gift to the Catholic Foundation!