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FOUNDATION  
of Eastern Montana

ANNUAL  
REPORT  
2021

OUR MISSION

*In joyful relationship with Christ and our donors, the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana builds permanent, everlasting endowments to secure a vibrant future for Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries in the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings.*

The Lord's mercy is from age to age, toward those who fear Him.

His salvation is for the children's children of those who keep His covenant, and remember to carry out His precepts.

Psalm 103:17-18



# My fellow Catholics:

Perhaps it's because I just celebrated a milestone birthday, or perhaps it's because of everything we've lived through over the last couple years, but either way my sights are set on the *future*—the future of our families, our economy, our environment, world events, and above all the Catholic Church. **Whether you're a cradle Catholic, or new to our ranks, the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana offers you the opportunity to make the future you want for your family and your Church.**

Our Board of Directors represents a broad cross-section of parishes, large and small, from the huge geographic area that is our diocese. Their individual talents and skill sets are impressive and diverse, but their commonality is the Faith. We take the challenge of governing this organization seriously, and are blessed to have experienced, dedicated staff ready to help design your gift to maximize its potential and leave the legacy you desire. Your gifts not only help accomplish your personal goals for the Church, but also allow us to award various grants to help Catholic parishes and other organizations.

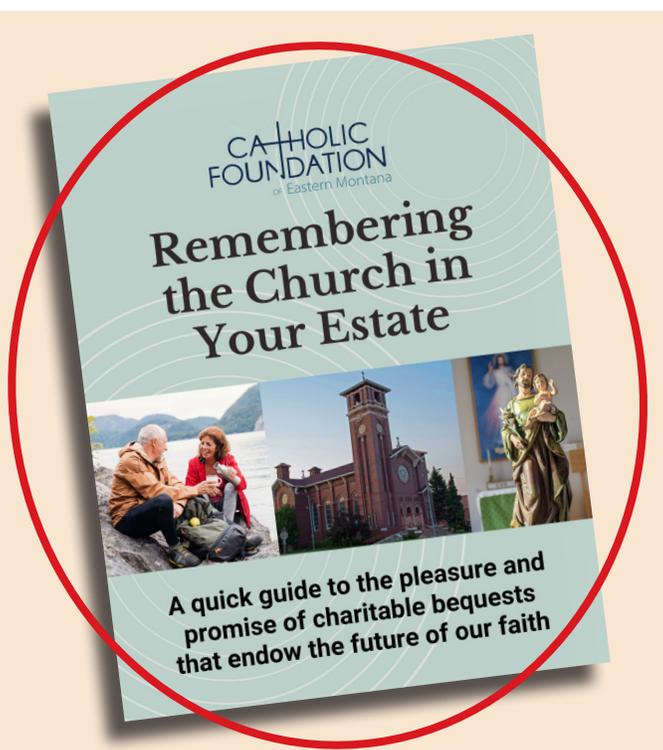
**Donors, past and present, you have my most sincere thanks for your generosity, and I salute your commitment to the future of the Church in our diocese.** Please know I'm honored to serve as Chair of the Foundation Board, and excited for you to see, in these pages, what our organization is doing thanks to you, our visionary donors.

My thanks and God's blessings,

**JOHN T. PATTERSON**  
Foundation Board Chair



St. Mary's Parish  
Columbus, MT



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Legacy society members are our generous Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana donors who have arranged to benefit the Church in our diocese through their wills and estates.

# Because of you, \$470,921 was distributed to Catholic entities in our diocese in 2021!

Nearly 70 of Montana's Catholic parishes, schools, ministries, and other organizations can count on their annual distributions as a growing source of income, every year, forever. See the following for a full list of the Foundation's endowments.

## PARISH ENDOWMENTS

### Corpus Christi (Great Falls)

- Greatest Needs Endowment\*

### Holy Spirit (Great Falls)

- Building and Maintenance Endowment
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*

### Immaculate Conception (Fort Benton)

- Greatest Needs Endowment
- Old Church Restoration Endowment

### Immaculate Conception (Wolf Point)

- Greatest Needs Endowment\*

### Mary Queen of Peace (Billings)

- Greatest Needs Endowment\*
- Holy Rosary Greatest Needs Endowment

### Our Lady of Lourdes (Great Falls)

- Greatest Needs Endowment\*

### Our Lady of Lourdes (Poplar)

- Greatest Needs Endowment\*

### Queen of Angels (Nashua)

- Greatest Needs Endowment

### Sacred Heart (Bridger)

- Greatest Needs Endowment

### Sacred Heart (Cascade)

- Greatest Needs Endowment

### Sacred Heart (Glendive)

- Building and Maintenance Endowment\*
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*

### Sacred Heart (Miles City)

- Greatest Needs Endowment

### St. Agnes (Red Lodge)

- Greatest Needs Endowment

### St. Ann (Fort Shaw)

- Novak and Toman Families Endowment for Greatest Needs\*

Endowments newly established in 2021 are listed in bold. An asterisk\* after an endowment's name indicates that it received donations in 2021.

## You gave 24 women in Central Montana the opportunity to choose life for their unborn children.

Every year, the distribution for the *Bishop Schuster Endowment* at the Foundation goes to support **pro-life** work in Eastern Montana. In 2021, Bishop Warfel gave half of the distribution to Echoz Pregnancy Resource Center in Great Falls.

Autumn Robertson, director of Echoz, says, "Statistics prove that more than 80% of women choose life for their unborn children when they see their babies on an ultrasound. This gift allowed Echoz to provide more than 24 life-saving ultrasounds this year. You are saving lives—thank you for standing for life!" Imagine what God will do with the children whose lives have been saved!

**There's more good pro-life news:** Outreach Clinic in Miles City received the other half of the 2021 Bishop Schuster Endowment distribution, impacting pro-life work further east! Also, the *LaVie Billings Endowment* was established in 2021 to support LaVie Pregnancy Services in Billings forever. Thank you for your generosity that saves innocent lives!



Your gifts to the Bishop Schuster Endowment help create a culture of life in our diocese. The funds Echoz received covered the cost of 24 ultrasounds for women in crisis pregnancies in the Great Falls area. Echoz director Autumn Robertson pictured here with Judy Held, President of the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana.

# Endowing the Future of our Faith

## PARISH ENDOWMENTS (CONT.)

- St. Ann's Cathedral (Great Falls)
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*
- St. Anthony (Box Elder)
- Greatest Needs Endowment
  - Religious Education Endowment
- St. Anthony (Culbertson)
- Greatest Needs Endowment
- St. Anthony (Laurel)
- Greatest Needs Endowment
- St. Bernard (Billings)
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*
  - Mission Endowment
- St. Clement (Monarch)
- St. Clement Endowment
- Sts. Cyril and Methodius (Ballantine)
- Greatest Needs Endowment
- St. David (Broadus)
- Greatest Needs Endowment
- St. Francis of Assisi (Saco)
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*
- St. Gabriel (Chinook)
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*
- St. John the Evangelist (Baker)
- Greatest Needs Endowment
- St. Joseph (Big Timber)
- Greatest Needs Endowment
- St. Joseph (Hardin)
- Father Fabian Fehring Memorial Endowment\*
- St. Joseph (Plentywood)
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*
- St. Jude Thaddeus (Havre)
- Greatest Needs Endowment
- St. Leo the Great (Lewistown)
- Ed and Mary Althoff Endowment (for Calvary Cemetery)\*
  - Greatest Needs Endowment\*
- St. Margaret Mary (Big Sandy)
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*
- St. Mark (Belt)
- Greatest Needs Endowment
- St. Mary (Columbus)
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*

- St. Mary (Malta)
- Building and Maintenance Endowment
  - Greatest Needs Endowment\*
  - **Matthew A. Sr. and Cleo M. Gollk Memorial Endowment\***
  - Religious Education Endowment
- St. Mary (Livingston)
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*
  - William A. and Martha V. Hampson Memorial Endowment\*
- St. Mary (Rocky Boy)
- Greatest Needs Endowment
  - Religious Education Endowment
- St. Mathias (Moore)
- Greatest Needs Endowment
- St. Matthew (Sidney)
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*
- St. Michael (Absarokee)
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*
- St. Patrick Co-Cathedral (Billings)
- Friesen Scholarship Endowment
  - Greatest Needs Endowment\*
- St. Paul Mission (Hays)
- Building and Maintenance Endowment
- St. Peter (Wibaux)
- Greatest Needs Endowment
- St. Philip Bonitus (Scobey)
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*
- St. Pius X (Billings)
- Building and Maintenance Endowment\*
  - Cemetery Endowment\*
  - Ministry Endowment\*
- St. Raphael (Glasgow)
- Francis and Bernadine Gallagher Endowment
  - Greatest Needs Endowment
- St. Rose of Lima (Stanford)
- Boeck Family Endowment (for building and maintenance)
- St. Thomas (Lodgepole)
- Building and Maintenance Endowment

- St. Thomas the Apostle (Billings)
- Beautification and Preservation Endowment\*
  - Don and Jane Ryan Endowment (for parish stewardship)\*
  - Greatest Needs Endowment\*

## SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS

- Great Falls Central Catholic High School
- Ginnaty-McArthur Family Legacy Scholarship Endowment\*
  - Greatest Needs Endowment
  - Keenen Dunn Scholarship Endowment
  - Margaret Wynn Endowment (for scholarships)
  - Mary E. Miller Memorial Scholarship Endowment
  - Mustang Academic Chest (MAC) Endowment
  - Scholarship Endowment
  - **Tom and Mary Jane Helsler Family Scholarship Endowment\***
- Holy Spirit School (Great Falls)
- **George and Ida Schlosser Family Endowment\***
  - Greatest Needs Endowment\*
  - Margaret Wynn Endowment (for scholarships)
- Our Lady of Lourdes School (Great Falls)
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*
- Sacred Heart School (Miles City)
- Greatest Needs Endowment
  - Patrick V. and Katherine M. Shevlin Memorial Endowment
- St. Jude Thaddeus School (Havre)
- Eastop Family Endowment
  - Teacher Excellence Endowment\*
  - Wathen Family Endowment\*
- St. Mary School (Livingston)
- Bill Tecca Memorial Endowment\*
  - Greatest Needs Endowment
  - Teacher Endowment
  - William A. and Martha V. Hampson Memorial Endowment\*
- DIOCESAN AND PRIESTLY MINISTRY ENDOWMENTS**
- Bishop Schuster Endowment (for pro-life causes)\*
- Bishop's Endowment\*

**“The Holy Family is the beginning of countless other holy families!”**

Pope Saint John Paul II

Care and Share Endowment\*

**Carling for Our Priests Endowment\***

Priest Retirement Endowment\*

Seminarian Education

- Frank and Emma A. Novak Endowment
- Fred S. and Marie C. Toman Endowment
- Seminarian Education Endowment\*
- Wesley F. and Emma F. Toman Endowment

St. Thomas Catholic Camp Endowment\*

Stites Memorial Residence Endowment\*

Tribunal Endowment\*

Youth and Young Adult Ministry Endowment\*

**OTHER ENDOWMENTS**

Angela's Piazza (Billings)

- O'Reilly Family Endowment\*

**Assumption Cemetery of Broadview Endowment\***

Billings Catholic Radio

- Greatest Needs Endowment\*

Carroll College

- Nellie May Deegan Cox Memorial Nursing Scholarship Endowment

Catholic Social Services of Montana Endowment\*

Knights of Columbus

- Clem Nagengast Scholarship Endowment (Fort Benton)
- Matthew Gappa Knights of Columbus Culture of Life Endowment (Baker)
- Knights of Columbus Endowment (Wolf Point)

LaVie Pregnancy Services (Billings)

- **LaVie Billings Endowment\***

Little Flower Parish (Browning)

- Ruth Sharone Food for the Hungry Endowment\*

Perpetual Adoration Chapel (Billings)

- Greatest Needs Endowment\*

Poor Clares of Montana (Great Falls)

- Poor Clares Endowment\*
- Wesley F. and Emma F. Toman Endowment

St. Ann's Kitchen (Great Falls)

- John Sharone Food for the Hungry Endowment\*

St. Vincent de Paul (Billings)

- Bill and Lori Belinski Family Endowment\*
- Greatest Needs Endowment\*

## You helped a young man become our diocese's newest priest—and the Foundation's newest board member.

Rev. John Pankratz, born and raised in Billings, was raised to the holy priesthood on June 24, 2021, the Feast of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist. He is now serving as Parochial Vicar of St. Patrick Co-Cathedral, and as the newest (and youngest!) board member for the Foundation. Father John is deeply thankful to his family and to all our Seminarian Education Endowment donors, who helped make it possible for him to receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders, and now to administer the Sacraments as a diocesan priest! Currently, the Seminarian Education Endowment at the Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana helps support two seminarians.

What could be better than knowing you helped a good man commit his life to the service of Jesus Christ, providing the Sacraments for generations to come? Thank you, donors, for safeguarding the Church's future!



Your gifts to the Seminarian Education Endowment bless the priesthood by helping young men discern their vocations without financial fear! Above: Father John Pankratz blesses family members following his ordination.

# *\$71,700 granted in 2021—all thanks to you, the generous donors who support these endowments:*

GREATEST NEEDS ENDOWMENT\*  
GREATEST NEEDS FUND (NON-ENDOWED)\*  
HELD BY THE HOLY FAMILY ENDOWMENT\*  
JIM AND MARY ELLEN STROSNIDER ENDOWMENT  
PARISH ASSISTANCE ENDOWMENT  
STEFFEN ENDOWMENT

## The following parishes, schools, and other Catholic organizations received Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana grants in 2021:

**Billings Catholic Radio** (Billings) — to repair and logo-wrap a donated van, creating a mobile billboard.

**Emmaus House** (Sidney) — to provide scholarships for individuals who couldn't otherwise cover the costs of Spiritual Direction and 32-week virtual retreats using the Exercises of St. Ignatius.

**Immaculate Conception Church** (Fort Benton) — for new liturgical vestments.

**Immaculate Conception Church** (Wolf Point) — to purchase new religious education curriculum for second and third grade and to provide dinners for sacramental prep students.

**Mary Queen of Peace Church** (Billings) — to remove the old AC units from the second floor of the Little Flower school building and to replace them with windows and trim that will lend natural light and decrease utility costs.

**St. Ann's Cathedral** (Great Falls) — to improve acoustics, upgrade sound system, and install live-streaming video system.

**St. Anthony Church** (Box Elder) — to replace torn and damaged kneelers in the church; and to add lighting fixtures to improve visibility.

**St. Bernard Church** (Billings) — to purchase a video projector for adult education, youth formation, and parish retreats.

**St. Gabriel Church** (Chinook) — to install a new sound system to fix dead space in the church, improving the ability of elderly parishioners to hear the Mass.

**St. Joseph Church** (Hardin) and **St. Mary Church** (Custer) — to purchase updated office equipment; a projector, screen, and materials for religious education and adult faith formation; and to upgrade the IT network to improve live-streaming of Mass (particularly to a nearby nursing home).

**St. Leo the Great Church** (Lewistown) — to improve accessibility in the church by constructing a handicap-accessible bathroom and confessional.

**St. Margaret Mary Church** (Big Sandy) — to partially fund the youth group's 10-day pilgrimage to France, Spain, and Portugal in June 2022.

**St. Mary Church** (Rocky Boy) — to purchase a crucifix (pictured below) from local artist Tom Collins to replace what was destroyed in the 2019 fire.

**St. Mary Catholic School** (Livingston) — to purchase new middle school math curriculum materials suited to the influx of new students who enrolled at St. Mary's when other schools limited in-person learning due to COVID-19.

**St. Raphael Church** (Glasgow) — to replace 30+ year-old carpet throughout the church building.

**St. Thomas the Apostle Church** (Harlem) — to correct the negative drainage creating water damage in the basement.

**St. Vincent de Paul** (Billings) — to upgrade and expand the security system & outdoor surveillance cameras, ensuring that the most vulnerable people in the Billings community are safe at St. Vincent's.



# One Last Thank You

In these pages, we've only scratched the surface of what you, our donors, accomplished for the Church in 2021. Your gifts are supporting priests and seminarians, a culture of life, the needs of hard-working Catholic schools and parishes, care of the poor, and more.

And because you chose to make your gifts through permanent endowments, every dollar you gave will pay dividends *until the end of time*. The priests and seminarians who will administer the Sacraments to your great-grandchildren, and the parishes and schools of *their* grandchildren, will still be supported by each gift you made to to an endowment in your lifetime or through your estate. See below for graphs showing how much we've grown in just the last few years!

This is the promise of the Holy Family—the logical extension of the Year of Saint Joseph that just ended. “The Holy Family,” as St. John Paul II says, “is the beginning of countless other holy families,” and the bedrock of the Church. In God’s happy economy, the family and the Church are each modeled and perfected by the other. The best guarantee, then, of happiness for our families is the holiness and security of the Church, and nothing safeguards that security better than prayer, sacrifice—and, at a financial level, the building of endowments.

It is such a joy to see and be a part of Catholics leveraging the power of endowment for the sakes of their families and the Church.

May God bless you all with His abundant graces in 2022!

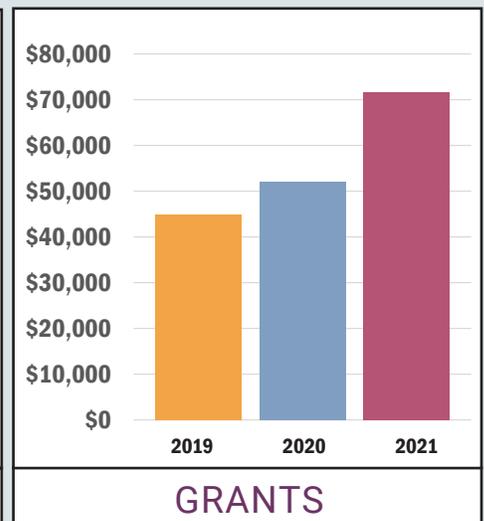
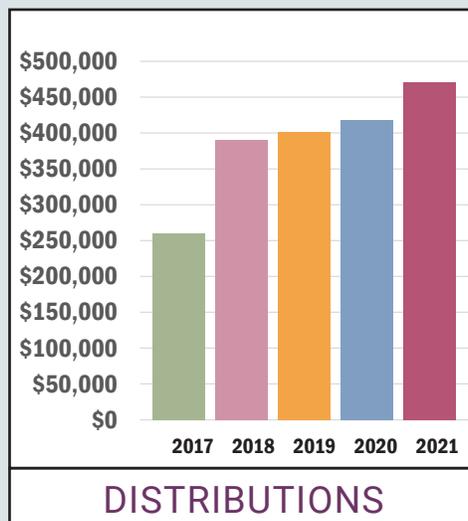
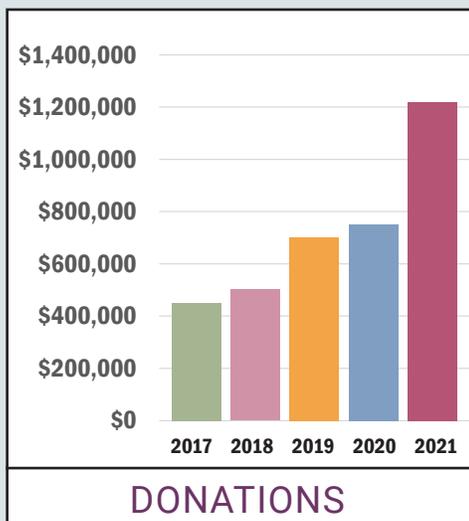
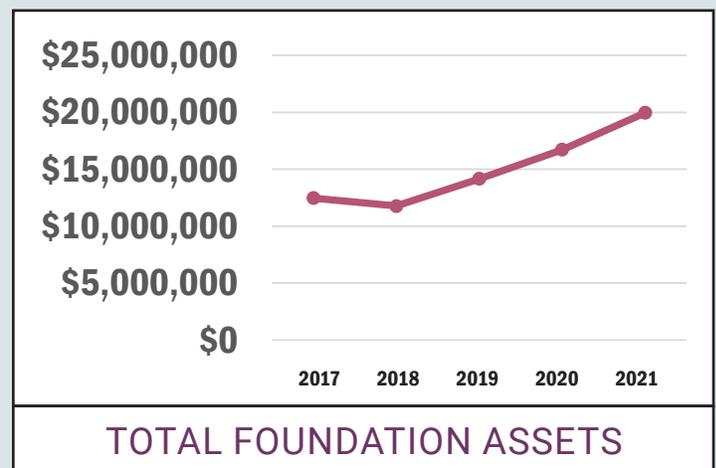
In Christ,

**JUDY HELD**  
President



## Financial Snapshot

For detailed financial information and past annual reports, please visit [www.catholicfoundationmt.org/about/](http://www.catholicfoundationmt.org/about/)



## OUR LEADERSHIP

The Catholic Foundation of Eastern Montana is an independent nonprofit organization, managed by a volunteer board of laypeople and clergy throughout the Diocese of Great Falls-Billings. We manage the permanent endowments of the Catholic causes you care about most, while stewarding the intent of your gifts with the utmost integrity.

**Cami Chandler — Secretary**  
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St. Anthony Parish (Box Elder)

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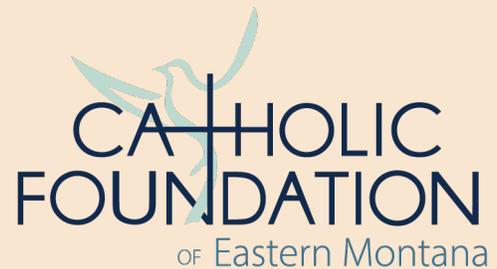
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## YOUR PART

Our work to help secure a vibrant future for God's Church in our diocese hinges on the generosity and vision of Catholics who care deeply for our shared faith. Every day, it is an honor for Foundation staff to serve those wishing to give back to the Lord for his many blessings.

As your Catholic Foundation, we are here to help you sort through the best ways to achieve your giving goals for the Church, in ways that maximize the benefits for you and your family. Please reach out to us anytime by phone, mail, or email. We would also be happy to meet with you.

Thank you for allowing us to help you keep your philanthropy local, lasting, and above all Catholic!



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