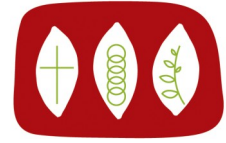


# Frequently Asked Questions



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**Q. Why are the Catholic Foundation and Parishes conducting the *Advancing the Mission Stewardship Campaign* together?**

**A.** The Catholic Foundation and our parishes are conducting a campaign together in order to strengthen the parishes and diocese now and in the future. When parishes are fiscally stable, the ministry of the entire diocese is enhanced. Thus, we are working together to support our needs today and to prepare for future challenges.

**Q. Who is participating in the Advancing the Mission Stewardship Campaign?**

**A.** All 160 parishes in the Diocese of Green Bay will be involved in the campaign. Each parishioner will be asked to prayerfully consider three years of generous sharing, that is "over and above" their present financial support for the parish and diocese. In addition to parish involvement, businesses and other corporate donors will be solicited on behalf of the diocese.

**Q. What is the goal of the campaign?**

**A.** There is not an established financial goal for the campaign. It is expected that each parish will establish its own financial goal based upon the particular needs of the local parish. These typically will fall in between 1 ½ to 2 ½ times the parish ordinary income to be pledged over a three-year period. The overall goal is for each of us to embrace Stewardship as a Way of Life. The desired outcome is that by embracing the principles of stewardship, each of us will be willing to pray, serve and at a future point, prayerfully consider a generous sacrificial sharing that has a financial outcome.

**Q. How will the funds be used?**

**A.** St. Bernadette and the diocese will share the proceeds 75/25. Approximately 75% of the funds will benefit Vibrant Parish Ministry (which benefits the local needs of our parish) and the other 25% percent will be placed into separate endowments within the Catholic Foundation for Leadership Development, Evangelization, Life-Long Catechesis and Priestly Retirement Care.

**Q. How are the needs of the parish determined?**

**A.** The pastor together with other parish leadership (parish council, finance council) as well as input from our Calling Outreach program will determine parish priorities and goals.

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**Q. How will St. Bernadette's portion of the funds be used?**

A. St. Bernadette's portion of the funds will be used in several ways, as identified in our Calling Outreach program.

Parish Physical Needs:

1. Eliminating the balance of parish debt not met by Fifty & Free.
2. Repair church & school parking lot.
3. Repair the leaking school roof.
4. Make the school cafeteria handicap accessible for school and church functions (Elevator).

Parish Spiritual Needs:

1. More Youth Ministries and activities.
2. More parish family and social activities.
3. Additional adult education opportunities.
4. More parish social outreach programs.

**Q. How can I make a gift?**

A. You can make a gift by prayerfully filling out a commitment card and returning it to the parish on Commitment/Special Event Weekend.

**Q. How will the diocesan share of the funds be used?**

A. All of the funds for the diocesan share of the campaign will be placed into separate donor-designated endowment funds. (Leadership development, Evangelization, Life-Long Catechesis and Priestly Retirement Care). Each fund will have an advisory board. This ensures the money will be used for the intended purposes.

**Q. Will my gift be used to pay for legal fees?**

A. No. All gifts received will go for their stated intent – the local parish needs and one of the four endowments.

**Q. If anyone has additional questions, whom should they contact?**

A. All questions regarding the Advancing the Mission campaign should be directed to either the parish office (739-4157), or you may contact the Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Green Bay at 920-272-8181 or [AdvancingtheMission@gbdioc.org](mailto:AdvancingtheMission@gbdioc.org).

**Q. How will gifts and pledges to the Advancing the Mission campaign be collected?**

A. Pledge commitments will be handled in the same manner that the Bishop's Appeal is handled. The Foundation office will receive and acknowledge pledges, send pledge reminders, and provide contribution substantiation at the end of the year for tax purposes.

**Q. Is my contribution tax-deductible?**

A. Yes. All contributions are tax deductible in accordance with federal law. You will receive appropriate substantiation for your contribution. Please consult with your personal tax advisor.