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THE LEGACY OF FAITH FOUNDATION: GROWING OUR CATHOLIC MISSION TOGETHER

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP HENNEN

Greetings in Christ.

It is my privilege to reintroduce the **Legacy of Faith Foundation (LFF)**, established in 2006 to serve the faithful throughout the **Diocese of Baker** in supporting and sustaining our Catholic mission.

The Foundation offers **three principal ways** to give, each providing meaningful and lasting impact:

1. **Donor Advised Funds (DAFs)** – A flexible philanthropic “checkbook” that grows with the market while providing tax advantages.
2. **Endowments** – For those who wish to ensure their Catholic mission continues in perpetuity.
3. **Bequests** – A planned gift directing a portion of one’s estate to a Catholic cause close to the heart.

I invite you to prayerfully consider how these tools might help you build a lasting legacy of faith. Please visit our **new website** to learn more: www.LegacyofFaithCCF.org

Thank you for your time and ongoing generosity. May God bless you always.

+ **Bishop Thomas Hennen**
Diocese of Baker

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A MESSAGE FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR MARK FRENCH

A Year of Growth and Gratitude

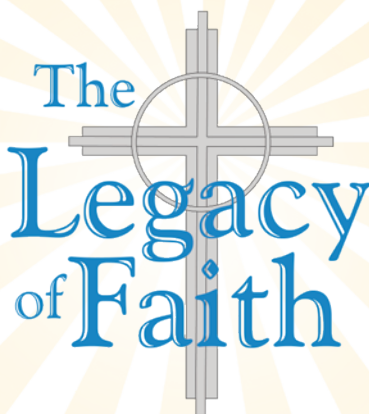
The **Legacy of Faith Foundation (LFF)** continues to thrive, guided by Catholic values and a shared commitment to faithful stewardship.

Over the past year, LFF achieved a **five-year average annual growth rate of 7%**, with **\$964,000 in growth recorded so far in 2025** across **32 funds under management**:

- 12 Donor Advised Funds
- 2 Designated Funds
- 10 Endowment Funds
- 3 Agency Funds
- 5 Bequests

On **June 8**, we launched our **new website**, www.LegacyofFaithCCF.org, which has received wonderful feedback from our community. This enhanced platform allows us to more effectively promote and support Bequests, Endowments, and other fund types, helping us grow the reach of our Catholic mission. This initiative was made possible through a generous donation, for which we are profoundly grateful.

Through sound governance, strong leadership, and **USCCB-compliant investment screening**, the Foundation remains firmly rooted in Catholic values while providing transparent and responsible financial management. We are deeply



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LEGACY OF FAITH, CONTINUED

thankful to all who continue to share our vision of faith-filled giving and stewardship.

Investing in Mission & Community Impact

LFF welcomed **two new deposits totaling \$106,000** in 2025, reflecting the growing trust of our benefactors and their confidence in the Foundation's leadership and investment strategy.

So far this year, the Foundation has distributed **approximately \$150,000** to parishes, schools, diocesan ministries, and outreach programs across the Diocese of Baker. In addition, **\$5,000 in targeted support** was provided specifically for **Catholic education**, underscoring our enduring commitment to the intellectual and spiritual formation of future generations.

Since **November 1, 2024**, LFF has partnered with **Catholic Extension** and **Cambridge Associates** as our strategic brokerage partners. Their professionalism,

responsiveness, and faith-aligned investment approach have been exceptional. Together, we are part of a Catholic investment network managing more than **\$320 million in assets**, achieving strong, values-based performance even amid challenging markets—all at one of the lowest costs available.

Looking Ahead with Faith and Gratitude

It has been a privilege to serve the faithful of Oregon through the **Legacy of Faith Catholic Community Foundation** in 2025. On behalf of our Board and staff, I extend heartfelt thanks for your continued support, prayers, and partnership in mission.

If you would like to learn more or explore new opportunities for giving, please visit our website or contact us directly. We look forward to walking with you as we build a legacy of faith for generations to come.

Mark French

Executive Director

*Legacy of Faith Catholic Community
Foundation of Oregon*



Sanctity of Life Conference

Cultivating Life

People from around the Diocese gathered on October 11th for our annual, bilingual “**Sanctity of Life Conference**” hosted by St. Thomas the Apostle Church (Redmond). Participants were inspired by our faith’s courageous defense of life from conception to natural death, while also being informed of the legal threats to the sanctity of life in our state. Bishop Hennen blessed the conference through his active participation, encouragement and inspiring stories. An attendee noted her appreciation for Bishop’s reminder that “...human dignity and the common good are very important!”

The event began with a multigenerational team, including Father Todd Unger, leading a Rosary for Life. Bishop Hennen shared a beautiful pro-life story of when his parents were pregnant with him, as their late-in-life eleventh child. Father Kyle Ratuiste, Bioethicist from the Diocese of Spokane, gave a well-received presentation about the Church’s stand on In Vitro Fertilization. Two speakers from Oregon Right to Life (ORTL), Makyra Williamson and Sharolyn Smith, addressed the challenges of discussing Pro-Life issues, offered compassionate strategies for “changing the narrative”, and an update on the laws governing abortion and assisted suicide. Students for Life also gave presentations. The day concluded with testimonies from two pro-life youth who shared their gratitude for God and commitment to spreading the gospel and defending the unborn. Several participants described their witness as: “...very, very inspiring,” and a beautiful way to end the event.

Other highlights of the conference included free childcare and a youth track. Many thanks to the St. Thomas’ parish community, Altar Society and Knights of Columbus, the interpreters, and all the amazing volunteers. Please make plans to attend the *Sanctity of Life Conference 2026* next October.

Conferencia Santidad de Vida

Cultivando Vida

El 11 de octubre, personas de toda la Diócesis se reunieron para nuestra conferencia anual bilingüe sobre la Santidad de la Vida, organizada por la Iglesia de Santo Tomás Apóstol (Redmond). Los participantes se inspiraron en la valiente defensa de la vida que nuestra fe profesa, desde la concepción hasta la muerte natural, y también se informaron sobre las amenazas legales a la santidad de la vida en nuestro estado. El obispo Hennen bendijo la conferencia con su activa participación, sus palabras de aliento y sus inspiradoras historias. Una asistente expresó su agradecimiento por el recordatorio del obispo de que «...la dignidad humana y el bien común son muy importantes».

El evento comenzó con un equipo multigeneracional, incluyendo al Padre Todd Unger, dirigiendo un Rosario por la Vida. El Obispo Hennen compartió una conmovedora historia provida sobre el embarazo de sus padres, ya que él fue su undécimo hijo a una edad avanzada. El Padre Kyle Ratuiste, bioeticista de la Diócesis de Spokane, ofreció una presentación muy bien recibida sobre la postura de la Iglesia respecto a la Fertilización In Vitro. Dos oradoras del Derecho a la Vida del Estado de Oregon (siglas en inglés ORTL), Makyra Williamson y Sharolyn Smith, abordaron los desafíos de hablar sobre temas provida, ofrecieron estrategias compasivas para “cambiar la narrativa” y una actualización sobre las leyes que rigen el aborto y el suicidio asistido. Estudiantes por la Vida también realizaron presentaciones. El día concluyó con los testimonios de dos jóvenes provida que compartieron su gratitud a Dios y su compromiso con la difusión del evangelio y la defensa de los no nacidos. Varios participantes describieron su testimonio como “...muy, muy inspirador” y una hermosa manera de finalizar el evento.

Otros aspectos destacados de la conferencia incluyeron servicio gratuito de guardería y actividades para jóvenes. Muchas gracias a la comunidad parroquial de Santo Tomás, a la Sociedad del Altar y a los Caballeros de Colón, a los intérpretes y a todos los increíbles voluntarios. Les invitamos a asistir a la Conferencia sobre la Santidad de la Vida 2026 el próximo octubre.



Bishop Thomas Hennen
of the Diocese of Baker



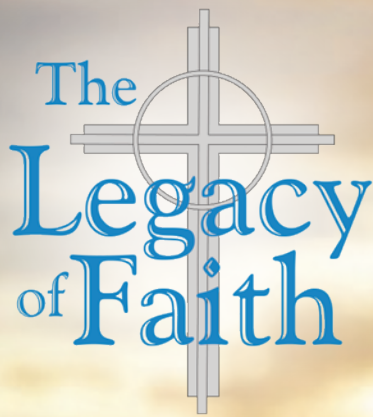
Fr. Kyle Ratuiste
Vice Rector & Diocesan Bioethicist (Spokane)



Makyra Williamson
Community Outreach Director for Oregon Right to Life



Sharolyn Smith
Political Director for Oregon Right to Life



LEAVE A LEGACY, IT'S FOREVER.



ENDOWMENTS

Support your purpose/mission now and beyond

A great choice for donors who want to perpetuate their charitable giving is by establishing a fund that will serve your desired Catholic-valued entity or purpose, and enjoy the associated tax benefits.

DONOR ADVISED FUNDS

Establish your philanthropic check-book

An appropriate choice for donors who want to perpetuate their charitable giving, recommend the recipients of those gifts, on your own schedule and enjoy the associated tax benefits.

BEQUEST

Maintain clear instruction for your loved ones

There are many reasons to make a bequest. A bequest allows you to honor a loved one, while providing critical support to the church or charitable institution.




REACH OUT TO US TODAY TO GET STARTED AND LEAVE YOUR LEGACY

*"Keep doing good works and
sharing your resources,
for these are sacrifices
that please God."
Heb 13:16*



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