

# CATHOLIC FOUNDATION FOR GREATER PITTSBURGH

The Catholic Foundation for Greater Pittsburgh (CFGPitt) has been established as a new, independent nonprofit dedicated to strengthening the future of our faith community. This Foundation was long envisioned as a way to steward and grow endowed funds, ensuring that our parishes, schools, and ministries have the resources they need to thrive today and for generations to follow.

Rooted in faith and guided by the grace of God and the protection of our Blessed Mother, we are embracing a pivotal moment in the life of the Church. Together, we are called to build a more welcoming, compassionate, and vibrant Catholic community, one that nurtures our youth, honors our traditions, and uplifts the most vulnerable among us.

Funded by the generous gifts and legacy gifts of faithful Catholics, the Foundation exists to **Sustain Our Parishes, Advance Our Faith, and Endow Our Future**. Together, we can ensure that the Church remains a beacon of hope and love for our children, grandchildren, and all who follow.

## Our Catholic Foundation:

- Supports Catholic causes in Pittsburgh **in perpetuity**
- **Makes giving easier** through long-term, short-term and quasi endowments
- Ensures investments are **managed with Catholic values**
- Provides **long-term support** for individual parishes, schools and ministries
- Leads with **accountability** and **builds trust**

## How the Catholic Foundation Supports Donors:

The Catholic Foundation for Greater Pittsburgh values the unique opportunity that gifts and legacy gifts create for donors and for the parishes, ministries, and schools they love. We work closely with donors and their chosen Catholic causes to design meaningful gifts that reflect their faith and values.

## Our Support Includes:



Legacy planning seminars and education



Education on giving vehicles such as bequests



Access to FreeWill to simplify estate planning



A trusted partner with shared Catholic values to guide your legacy

For more information about the Catholic Foundation visit: [www.cfgpitt.org](http://www.cfgpitt.org)



Catholic Foundation  
For Greater Pittsburgh †  
BUILDING A BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### What is the mission of the Catholic Foundation for Greater Pittsburgh (CFGPitt)?

As an independent, nonprofit foundation, the CFGPitt is committed to growing philanthropy according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. The CFGPitt promotes charitable giving to sustain the legacy of the Church by serving our sisters and brothers and addressing the needs of the community for generations to follow.

### How is the Foundation different from an annual offertory or capital campaign?

A gift to the Foundation is different from an annual offertory or capital campaign in purpose and impact:

**Annual Offertory** supports the day-to-day operations of your parish like utilities, staff salaries, and liturgical needs.

**Capital Campaigns** fund specific, time-bound projects such as building renovations or new facilities.

A gift to a **Foundation Endowment** is a long-term investment. It's preserved and grown over time, with just a portion spent annually supporting ministries, parishes, schools, or causes you choose. It's the difference between giving for today and giving for generations to follow.

### Can I direct how my gift is used?

Yes, you can absolutely direct your gift. At the Foundation, we welcome designated gifts whether you want to support Catholic education, vocations, parish life, or a specific ministry close to your heart. We'll work with you to ensure your gift honors your intentions and makes a lasting impact in the area you care about most.

### How does the CFGPitt support my parish?

Each parish has an endowment fund within the Foundation. This fund directly supports the parish in perpetuity and ensures ongoing support to be used at the discretion of the parish.

### Why should I give to the Foundation instead of directly to my parish?

Both gifts to the Foundation and direct gifts to your parish are impactful. Discussing your intentions with your pastor and the Foundation staff can help you determine the best giving destination based on your desired impact.

**Foundation Gifts:** Gifts to the Foundation, especially through endowment funds, are designed to grow over time, ensuring a lasting source of income.

**Parish Gifts:** Direct gifts to your parish may have a more immediate impact, addressing current needs and projects.

### Are gifts to the CFGPitt tax-deductible?

Yes. All gifts to the CFGPitt are tax-deductible.

### Does the CFGPitt offer any planned giving options?

Yes. A primary focus of the Foundation is to provide opportunities for our Catholic brothers and sisters to leave a legacy through planned gifts.

### How does the CFGPitt ensure that gifts are used effectively?

We take the stewardship of your generosity seriously. Every grant distribution is carefully reviewed and approved by our Board of Directors, ensuring alignment with our mission and values.

### What does "sustainability" mean in the context of parish finances and mission?

Sustainability in this context means having the resources and structure in place to support the parish's spiritual, pastoral, and operational needs, not just today, but for the long term.