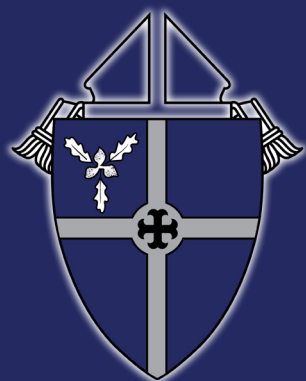




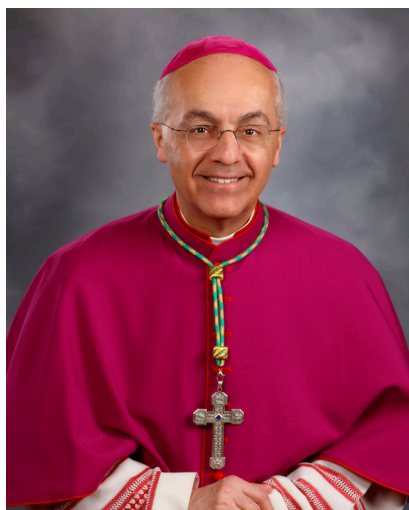
# Catholic Foundation of Western North Dakota

2018-19  
Annual Report

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# Message from the Bishop



My dear Brothers and Sisters,

I write to express my sincere gratitude for your continued support of your parish, our Catholic schools, and all the ministries of our beloved Diocese by your sacrificial financial gifts. You continue to give back to Almighty God and His holy Church a generous portion of your gifts as a sign of your love and gratitude for everything God in His mercy continues to give you.

All that you have offered this last year and as explained in our annual report continues to bear good fruit for our parishes, Catholic schools and parish religious education programs of faith formation and catechesis, our parish and diocesan outreach ministries to the poor and all in need, our seminarians and our priests both active and retired. The most precious gift you continue to give is your fervent prayers. No words of thanks can express how much your prayers mean for all of us.

The Catholic Foundation for Western North Dakota is your foundation. Your wonderfully generous support continues to produce those much-needed funds and assistance so vital to the continuation of our acts of charity and evangelization for everyone. By your continued generous support and prayers, you are creating that holy inheritance for your children and generations of future Catholic men and women.

What you are doing is for the honor and glory of Almighty God. Your support is so much appreciated, and I thank you.

With an assurance of my daily remembrance of you and yours at the Holy sacrifice of the Mass and entrusting you to the constant loving embrace of the Holy Family, I remain

Gratefully yours in Christ Jesus,

The Most Reverend David D. Kagan  
Bishop of Bismarck

# Message from the President

Dear Friends,

As President of the Board of Directors, I am pleased to bring you this 2018-2019 Annual Report for the Catholic Foundation of Western North Dakota.

Because of your great faith and stewardship, the Foundation has seen yet another fruitful year. I invite you to spend some time with this report to witness the difference you are making, and as you do, please note some of the areas where the Foundation is looking to offer more support. In this year's report, we are highlighting the Bishop Zipfel Endowment Fund, Seminarian Scholarship Fund, and Individual Parish Endowment Funds.

Your Catholic Foundation has seen tremendous growth this year, which directly impacts the number of ministries supported and at what level. Net assets have increased by \$2,093,655 for total assets of \$32,907,523 (an increase of 8.3% over last year's report). As a result, I am proud to say that this year we have \$3,886,953 to distribute across diocesan ministries (an increase of 17.5% over last year's report).

In addition, the Foundation continues to grow and develop as an organization serving the people of western North Dakota with resources and opportunities for individuals and parishes to learn about, and participate in, our desire to "ensure the faith for generations to come". We have introduced our second annual Magi Appeal, an opportunity focused on supporting our local parishes and their missions in the community. Success of the Magi Appeal is a deep reflection of the generosity and faith of the Catholic people of western North Dakota.

The Foundation underwent a name change this last year, a name that will reflect its people-focused, diocesan-wide scope. These are exciting times for your Catholic Foundation!

On behalf of Bishop Kagan, the Board of Directors and the staff of the Catholic Foundation of Western North Dakota, we want to "THANK YOU" for your continued support. May God bless you and your loved ones each and every day.

We encourage you to visit our website at [www.cfwnd.org](http://www.cfwnd.org) or call our office at 701-204-7206. We are happy to help assist in any way possible.

Sincerely,



Dean Rubbelke, President

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# Statement of Financial Position

June 30, 2019

**Assets**

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 229,708
Accounts/Pledges Receivable (net of allowance)	8,903
Interest Receivable	74,532
Annuities Receivable	472,220
Investments	32,122,160
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$32,907,523</u></b>

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

**Liabilities**

Accounts Payable and Accrued Expenses	\$ 417,221
Funds Held for Others	5,140,485
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>5,557,706</u></b>

**Net Assets**

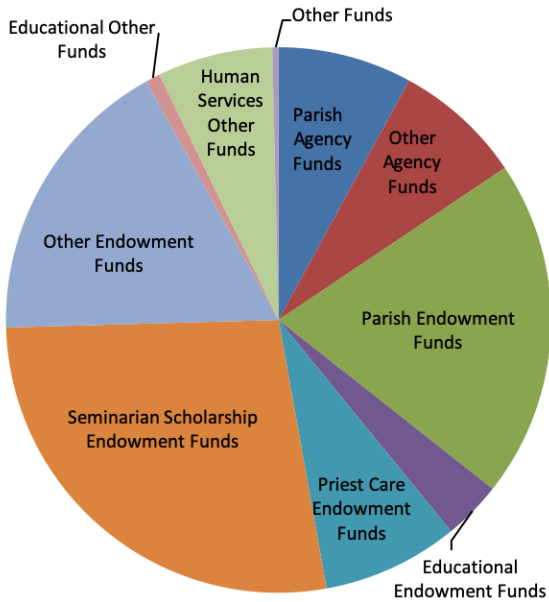
Temporarily Restricted	9,683,949
Permanently Restricted Endowments	17,665,868
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b><u>27,349,817</u></b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>	<b><u>\$32,907,523</u></b>

## 2019 Board Members

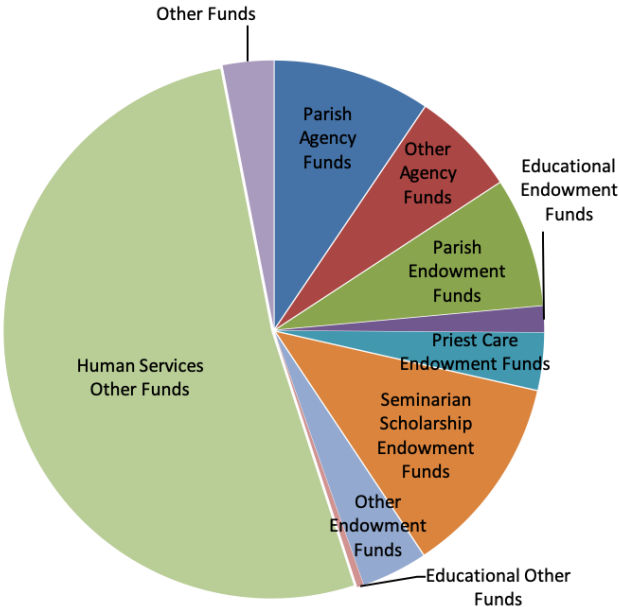


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## 2019 FUND BALANCE



## 2019 DISTRIBUTIONS AVAILABLE



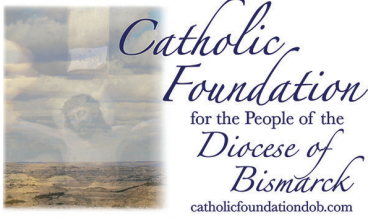
## Recap of Funds

June 30, 2019

Type of Funds	Fund Balance	% Fund Balance	Distributions Available	% Distribution Available
<b>Agency Funds</b>				
Parish Agency Funds	\$ 2,584,569	7.95%	\$ 367,558	9.46%
Other Agency Funds	2,479,779	7.63%	244,950	6.30%
	<u>5,064,348</u>	<u>15.58%</u>	<u>612,508</u>	<u>15.76%</u>
<b>Endowment Funds</b>				
Parish Endowment Funds	6,510,374	20.04%	302,863	7.79%
Educational Endowment Funds	1,128,181	3.47%	60,791	1.56%
Priest Care Endowment Funds	2,625,048	8.08%	133,936	3.45%
Seminarian Scholarship End. Funds	8,896,902	27.38%	470,498	12.10%
Other Endowment Funds	5,647,624	17.38%	153,589	3.95%
	<u>24,808,129</u>	<u>76.35%</u>	<u>1,121,677</u>	<u>28.85%</u>
<b>Other Funds</b>				
Educational Funds	277,304	0.85%	15,413	0.40%
Human Services Funds	2,221,324	6.85%	2,018,491	51.93%
Other Funds	119,197	0.37%	118,864	3.06%
	<u>2,617,825</u>	<u>8.07%</u>	<u>2,152,768</u>	<u>55.39%</u>
<b>TOTAL FUND</b>	<u><u>\$32,490,302</u></u>	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>	<u><u>\$3,886,953</u></u>	<u><u>100.00%</u></u>



# Foundation Changes Name



*Ensuring the faith for generations to come*

The Catholic Foundation for the People of the Diocese of Bismarck, which for over the past 6 years has served the Catholic people and entities with its charitable giving, has a new name: Catholic Foundation of Western North Dakota.

Foundation Executive Director Matthew Stevenson announced the new Foundation name, emphasizing the Catholic Foundation of Western North Dakota will not only continue the mission and service, but to serve its goal as the premier foundation for the faithful in this region.

“We are excited to launch the Catholic Foundation of Western North Dakota name, which will help carry on the legacy of our entire Catholic community,” Stevenson said. “Our goal is to

provide the best foundation and place for charitable giving. This can be done through gifting to endowment funds hosted in the foundation, as well as gifts through a bequest, major gift, annuities and various other opportunities. We will strive to support and communicate this goal to our region and look forward to the response.”

The name change signifies the Foundation’s new focus on reaching out to all in Western North Dakota. Stevenson stated, “We wanted to identify with the entire region, and make it known that each person in our area can make a significant impact on the Church’s future.”

Foundation Board President, Dean Rubbelke, of Minot, noted

the Catholic Foundation of Western North Dakota’s board will serve as ambassadors for the Foundation. “Our new name reflects our mission to support the various organizations of our faith in Western North Dakota. The Board enthusiastically supports the Foundation and its Executive Director, Matthew Stevenson. We look forward to the future and what lies ahead.”

The Catholic Foundation of Western North Dakota is located at 520 N. Washington Street, Bismarck, ND 58501. It can be reached by phone at 701-204-7206.

The Foundation’s website is [cfwnd.org](http://cfwnd.org). It can be found on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/cfwnd](https://www.facebook.com/cfwnd).



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# Two new priests ordained

The diocese has been twice blessed with new priests— Fathers Gregory Crane and Brandon Wolf. The newly-ordained offered first blessings to the faithful following their ordination on June 10. Fathers Crane and Wolf were ordained before a packed sanctuary at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit. During the Rite of Ordination, Bishop Kagan anointed each man's hands saying, "The Lord Jesus Christ, whom the Father anointed with the Holy Spirit and power, guard and preserve you that you may sanctify the Christian people and offer sacrifice to God." The priest's hands are anointed to sanctify the Christian people. By the grace of his ordination, the priest stands in persona Christi; he now possesses this most sublime power not because of himself, but because of Christ acting through him, a chosen vessel in His Church. For this reason, there is a pious devotion in the Catholic Church of seeking priests' blessings after



ordination. After Mass, the new priests blessed Bishop Kagan as he knelt before them. Upon receiving the blessing, Bishop Kagan kissed the palms of the newly ordained priests in recognition of the sacred character of his priesthood and of the hands that will now hold the Eucharist and confer the sacraments. Following, long lines of faithful remained in the church after ordination to receive the new priests' first blessing. Both men celebrated their first Mass, Mass of Thanksgiving, in their respective home churches the next day—Fr.

Crane at the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit and Fr. Wolf at St. Leo the Great in Minot.

*Both Fr. Crane and Fr. Wolf directly benefited from the Seminarian Scholarship Fund. The Seminarian Scholarship Fund assists our seminarians with their costs of education, allowing for our future priests to focus on their ministry once they become ordained. Currently there are 21 seminarians from the Diocese of Bismarck. Please consider giving to the Seminarian Scholarship Fund to support our future priests.*

## A Letter from the Development Team

Dear Friends,

The Catholic Foundation was created to share and ensure our faith by offering opportunities to support the works and mission of our faith. With each parish, school and agency within the Diocese of Bismarck, we are able to fulfill this mission we are aware of. This mission, and our faith, is not taken lightly here at the Catholic Foundation. We are here to support you, to serve our donors, to facilitate and financially support the good works of all of the faithful within Western North Dakota. Our purpose is to help you and assist you in whatever goals you have to be good stewards to the faith.

We know building trust and assurance is essential to the success of the Catholic Foundation. With our knowledge, professionalism, and effort, we want to communicate to each person in Western North Dakota that we are here to serve you. Whatever your financial goals are in supporting the faith for generations to come, please know it is our goal to assist you and your loved ones on this path.

We thank you for your continued support as Western North Dakota thrives in supporting God and his mission through the catholic faith. Witnessing the faith and the fruition which comes from your support is something we are extremely grateful for! We are excited and overjoyed to continue this mission. Please pray for the Catholic Foundation of Western North Dakota, and the future of our faith.



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Seminarian Scholarship Endowment Fund - Major	\$ 34,840	\$ (5,905)
Priest Benefit Association	26,130	(4,429)
Catholic Schools & Religious Education Endowment Fund	36,850	(6,246)
Priests’ Care Endowment Fund	36,180	(6,132)
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Assumption Abbey, Richardton ND	5,000	4,462
Benedictine Sisters of the Annunciation, Bismarck ND	5,000	4,433
Bishop Paul A. Zipfel Endowment Fund	10,000	11,805
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Church of Christ the King, Mandan	9,000	10,042
Church of Corpus Christi, Bismarck ND	55,000	38,313
Church of St. Anne, Bismarck ND	4,000	13,279
Church of St Anthony, Linton ND	5,000	6,431
Church of St. Gertrude, Raleigh ND	5,000	4,450
Church of St. Joseph, Dickinson ND	10,000	8,729
Church of St. Joseph, Williston ND	5,000	2,133
Church of St. Mary, Bismarck ND	50,000	55,384
Church of St. Patrick, Dickinson ND	27,000	11,295
Church of St. Pius V, New Salem ND	10,000	853
Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Mott ND	13,800	14,561
Dickinson Catholic Schools Embracing our Future Capital Campaign	10,000	3,871
Diocese of Bismarck	828,431	775,989
Diocese of Bismarck Catholic Relief Fund	100,000	109,192
Joseph K. & Julianna Schatz Endowment for Christ the King School	200,000	222,480
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Seminarian Scholarship Endowment Fund - Major	339,000	320,207
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St. Vincent Care Center, Bismarck ND	5,000	4,315
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# Turning the ship around

## Priestly vocations increased dramatically during Bishop Zipfel's time

By Sonia Mullally, DCA Editor

When Bishop Zipfel was installed in the Bismarck Diocese, he quickly noticed that the average age of priests was high, not unlike many dioceses across the country.

"During Bishop Zipfel's time, we turned the ship around from dwindling numbers of priests to a strong number of priests and, even more importantly, the average age decreased dramatically," said Msgr. Tom Richter.

In the Bismarck Diocese, many of the priests were preparing to retire and the diocese needed priests to serve the people. In response, Bishop Zipfel invested resources to increase vocations.

One of those resources was to appoint a priest as full-time vocations director, a practice not widely adopted around the country. However, Bishop Zipfel found the man for the job in Msgr. Richter, ordained in 1996.

By 2002, he was the full-time vocations director for the diocese. When he began his assignment, Msgr. Richter said the number of men in formation for the priesthood for the diocese was below a dozen and the average age of active priests was quite high.

"It was of great concern for Bishop Zipfel that the diocese would have

a sufficient number of healthy, holy priests to serve the people of God," he said. "Vocations were a very high priority for him."

And, so was raising the standards for seminary formation and the admission process. According to Msgr. Richter, Bishop Zipfel instituted a much more rigorous battery of psychological testing and screening and in-depth background checks for seminarians. He also required the men considering the priesthood to spend a summer at the Institute of Priestly Formation so they could develop a strong spiritual life and a strong prayer life as a foundation for the man to become a "healthy, affectively mature man, rooted in friendship with Christ with a strong prayer life."

He sent Msgr. Richter to preach about vocations at all the parishes around the diocese and helped him to develop an annual vocation day for fifth graders that was held for a few years. Data was showing that youth about this age began to think about vocations to the priesthood and religious life. All the fifth graders from the diocesan Catholic schools gathered in Bismarck for workshops and learning sessions. Bishop Zipfel devoted several hours each year to speak to those in attendance about vocations.



Through the increase in prayer from lay faithful and an investment by Bishop Zipfel, the Bismarck Diocese became one of a handful of dioceses with an abundance of vocations. Monsignor Richter estimates that the number went from around 10 to as high as 23 under the direction and guidance of Bishop Zipfel.

The diocese continues to be blessed with a large number of vocations, thanks, in large part, to Bishop Zipfel's visionary approach that is continued by today's leadership.

*Bishop Zipfel's legacy and passion for seminarians and priests lives on through the Bishop Zipfel Endowment Fund. The Bishop Zipfel Endowment Fund was established to honor our sixth Bishop of Bismarck. This endowment fund benefits seminarian education and the care of our priests. Please consider giving to this fund to make sure our dear Bishop Emeritus' legacy is never forgotten.*



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Lead us to the awareness that everything we are and everything we have is your gift.

Grant us the spirit of sacrifice to always seek your will and to share our gifts with our brothers and sisters. May we be good stewards of all we have received and cooperate with you in building your kingdom of love and justice.

We ask this through  
Christ our Lord.  
Amen

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