

# The Catholic Community Foundation of San Diego



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# Vision

Our vision is to become the recognized leader of Catholic philanthropy in San Diego and Imperial counties, whose trusted stewardship satisfies our donors' intentions, while meeting the needs of our community.

# Mission

Our mission is to receive, manage, safeguard and grow investments that support organizations and donors carrying out the mission of our Catholic faith.

# Values

In the service of charity, the core values of the Foundation are to:

- Abide by Catholic principles
- Uphold the highest ethical standards
- Lead responsibly
- Respect our donors' intentions
- Manage resources efficiently and effectively
- Provide transparency and accountability
- Serve faithfully and professionally





The **Catholic Community Foundation of San Diego** serves as a resource to encourage Catholic philanthropy and to provide an opportunity for families and individuals to pass along their Catholic heritage and values to future generations. CCFSD is rooted in Christian Stewardship, where community members recognize the profound ways in which God has blessed them as they respond with deep gratitude to God for their spiritual and worldly gifts. CCFSD exists to support those community members who have a strong desire to give back to the institutions and ministries that shaped them in their faith development throughout their lives.

### **Independent Foundation**

CCFSD is an autonomous pious Foundation formed under canon law and is a tax-exempt nonprofit under civil law. The foundation is independent from the Diocese of San Diego and has its own board of trustees.

### **Donor-Focused**

Donor-centricity is a core principle of the Foundation. All fund distributions from our donors are fulfilled in a manner that respects and honors each donor's fund intentions. The Foundation encourages purposeful giving to those Catholic and other charitable organizations that are personal and spiritually meaningful to each donor; thereby proclaiming their Catholic identity and leaving a legacy to those organizations which are near and dear to their hearts.

# Our Call to Stewardship & Creating a Legacy

*We are dedicated to providing our donors with opportunities to create their legacy, express their Catholic identity and make an impact by making purposeful contributions.*

Reflecting on our Catholic faith: What other institutions have been with us throughout our lifetime, from the beginning of our Catholic faith at baptism, through our spiritual development as we faithfully receive the sacraments, bringing us into holy communion with Christ, providing the formation for our deep faith and trust in God. What other institutions have been our rock in the good times and bad? What other institutions will continue to be with us as we eventually pass onto Heaven?

*As followers of Christ, we as one collective community, share in the responsibility to sustain the cornerstone of Jesus' ministry here in San Diego and beyond.*

## The Cornerstones of Our Foundation

### Parishes

Our parishes provide us with a place to assemble where Catholics worship together with a strong sense of community. The ongoing financial needs of the parish are great. Funds are needed to provide the flexibility to create and support new spiritual ministry programs, and for the maintenance and development of the parish infrastructure. **Endowment support** helps assure that our parishes will continue to thrive. As **parish endowments grow in perpetuity**, it can help reduce the amount of time our parishes spend fundraising, allowing them to spend more time creating and supporting essential parish ministries.

### Vocations

Now, more than ever, it is crucial for young Catholics to hear and react positively to the call of God to prepare for and enter religious life. The future of our faith depends on it. It is important that we support the needs of our retired Religious, so that they are able to maintain a high quality of life and live out their retirement with the dignity they've earned and deserve.

## Catholic Education

Preserving our Catholic values in Catholic K-12 education in San Diego and Imperial counties is imperative to fostering the development of future Catholic leaders in our parishes, our local communities, and our world. **Funds designated for Catholic Education** provide opportunities for young Catholic students to be able to attend our Catholic schools through **tuition assistance programs**, and they support our Catholic schools' ability to attract and retain outstanding Catholic school administrative and classroom leaders to teach our children. Catholic education provides vital formation for our children to grow in their faith while attaining the knowledge and skills needed to help them develop into responsible global citizens as disciples of Christ.

## Social Services

Social Services in San Diego and Imperial counties are one of the many ways God calls us to serve others in our community. These essential services provide food for those experiencing financial hardship, shelter for those directly affected by the housing crisis, health care for the ill, and hope for those in despair. Through our funds and endowments, the Catholic Community Foundation of San Diego supports both Catholic and non-Catholic 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations whose causes and mission align with Catholic values and support the needs of our community.



# Investment Policy

The Catholic Community Foundation of San Diego investments are aligned in accordance with the Catholic Values Investing standards that have been established by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. In addition, the Foundation supports organizations that are in alignment with Catholic values in serving the entire community and whose mission reflect our faith.

# Support the Mission

The Foundation has the ability to accept all types of gifts including cash, securities (stock, mutual funds), life insurance, real estate, and other marketable assets.

To learn more about our current funds, to discuss a donation, or to donate online, please call us at (858) 397-9700, or visit our website at [ccfsd.org](http://ccfsd.org).

# Contact Us

The Catholic Community Foundation of San Diego exists to support your philanthropic goals, for more information on how we can best serve your charitable giving needs, please contact us at:

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