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Past, Present, and Future



With our country's July 4th birthday behind us and as summer unfolds, I am reminded of how our past and present are so intertwined. The traditions and structures that surround us, be they civic or spiritual, started long before, and yet they endure today. We can thank the founders of our nation who turned to their faith and ensured that our country was founded upon lasting principles of freedom, justice, equality, and humanity. We are blessed by their actions, and for this, we are forever grateful.

Our founders built something lasting—and so can we. While we may not be called upon to start a new nation, we are called to pass on our faith and to ensure that future generations have vibrant church parishes, excellent Catholic schools, and ministries that bring dignity to those in need.

A commitment to the past, present, and future is at the heart of your Catholic Foundation. If you want to make an incredible life-giving impact, then consider starting or contributing to an endowment. An endowment is one of the most powerful ways to create long-term impact. By establishing or contributing to an endowment through the Foundation, we ensure that your gift is invested in alignment with Catholic teachings and managed in perpetuity, with annual distributions supporting the parish, school, or ministry of your choice.

Endowments through the Catholic Legacy Foundation of Acadiana offer the security of knowing your Catholic values will continue to shape the future year after year. Whether supporting vocations, Catholic education, or parish ministries, your endowment becomes part of the essential framework of the Church now and forever.

This July, as we celebrate the freedom to build a legacy rooted in faith, consider the lasting power of an endowment. It's not just a gift. It's a foundation for the future.

Shining Forth



Garland Hebert saw first-hand the importance of neighbor helping neighbor through his many years running a lumber company in Erath. He recalls how in the aftermath of Hurricane Rita, he partnered with many non-profit organizations who were rebuilding destroyed homes in Vermilion Parish. After selling his business, he asked the newly formed Catholic Legacy Foundation to assist him in establishing an endowment. He and his wife Kathy wanted to ensure that people in need would always have access to vital resources. They selected two recipients to continue their legacy of care—Catholic Charities of Acadiana with its front-line assistance to those impacted by tragedy and the Matthew 25 Grants Program that provides resources to church parish ministries that serve the poor.

Just as sanctuary lamps burn brightly and perpetually in every Catholic Church to remind us of the faithful presence of our Lord, endowed gifts are one way that you can share a faithfulness of your own that lights a path to the future. Kathy and Garland built a giving plan that aligned with their values, and in so doing have created a forever faithful legacy that will uplift the mission of the Church for generations to come.

Planned Giving Primer

Endowments are not complicated and they are easily established. Let the Catholic Legacy Foundation of Acadiana assist you in exploring this dynamic planned giving option.

[What is Endowment](#)