

ST. BERNADETTE PARISH

PERPETUAL ENDOWED FUND

Promoting Long-term Sustainability for
St. Bernadette Church and School

An initiative to create a sustainable income stream to support the vision and mission of St. Bernadette Parish (Church and School).

The Perpetual Endowed Fund has great potential to significantly impact the communal life of the parish and ensure a lasting legacy. It will provide direct benefits to the parishioners in both the school and church setting, including the much needed maintenance of buildings and grounds as well as the support of current and future ministries and programs.

**INVEST IN
ST. BERNADETTE
BY MAKING YOUR
GIFT TODAY!**





Dear Parishioners,

In early Fall of 2023, I announced the establishment of the St. Bernadette Perpetual Endowed Fund. Your gifts to this fund, which are an investment in the future of St. Bernadette Church and St. Bernadette Catholic School, will be invested in perpetuity with the income to be used to support the future maintenance and operations of both the school and church.

With a short-term goal of \$2,500,000 by the end of 2025 (our 75th Anniversary year as a parish) and a long-term goal of \$5,000,000, I am asking each parishioner to consider a gift of \$3,600 to the Perpetual Endowed Fund (\$100 per month for three years). Since announcing the establishment of the fund, I am happy to report we have quietly received over \$500,000 in lead gifts which have seeded the fund. Of course, for those parishioners who have the means, I am asking you to consider a larger gift.

Thanks to the amazing generosity of our parishioners in supporting the Pious Trust, we have been able to make significant enhancements to our church and school buildings and grounds over the last 12 years – many of those enhancements were long overdue as the parish did not have the means to pay for them prior to the establishment of the Pious Trust. The Pious Trust will remain an active fund. With the Perpetual Endowed Fund, we are building a long-term, sustainable stream of income to provide the needed resources for the entire parish and the dozens of ministries and programs as well as the parish and school buildings and grounds for future generations.

I ask that you review these materials carefully and prayerfully consider a cash gift or pledge to the St. Bernadette Perpetual Endowed Fund. Additionally, I ask that you consider reviewing your estate plans and including the Perpetual Endowed Fund in your plans (or updating your estate plan if St. Bernadette is already included in your plan). These materials along with additional information and online giving forms are included at www.saintbernadetteparish.org/perpetual-endowed-fund.

As your Pastor, I remain humbled and grateful for the generosity and sacrifices you make for the benefit of St. Bernadette Parish. You remain in my prayers as we proudly celebrate our Catholic faith together!

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Philip G. Racco

Pastor, St. Bernadette Parish



- Supporting the vision and mission of St. Bernadette Parish (Church and School).
- Future improvements for the parish buildings and grounds including the school, church, and rectory.
- The establishment and continuation of religious programs for the parish, including the parish school.
- Tuition assistance for the school.
- Ensure a lasting legacy of Catholic faith, tradition, and education in Westlake.
- Providing an income stream to maintain current and future programs as directed by the pastor.
- Increasing the sense of community and progress, unifying church and school as one parish.
- Fulfilling the promise of the Catholic Church for transformational change.



DONOR LEVELS

Level	Total Contribution
Contributor	< \$3,600
Patron	\$3,600+
Legacy	\$10,000+
Sustainer	\$25,000+
Pastor's Circle	\$100,000+

PLEDGE PAYMENT OPTIONS

- **Monthly Plan**
Total contribution divided by 36 months
- **Flexible Plan**
50% down and 50% over 36 months
- **Total Contribution**
Entire gift at any point in 36 months

RECOGNITION

Each contributor over the Patron Level will be recognized:

- On a Perpetual Endowed Fund plaque in the church.
- In the bulletin during various points in the campaign.
- During the Heart and Harvest Festival.



In the past 12 years, over \$4 million of capital improvements have been made to the St. Bernadette property. Through the generosity of numerous donors, we have accomplished the following:

School Renovations

- New Pre-school
- Renovation of Cafeteria Kitchen (walls, tables, partitions)
- School Roof Repair/Replacement Phases 1-3
- Science Station/Science Lab in the school
- Private Dining Room in Cafeteria
- Clague Road Shrine
- Clague Road Sign
- South Fence
- State of the Art HVAC/AC in School
- All parking lot lights/LED Installation in Church, PAC
- Dempsey Hall
- School Innovation Lab
- School Parking Lot Resurfacing

Church Renovations

- Fascia Board of Church Perimeter
- New Roof on Church & Parish Office
- Stained Glass Window Above Altar
- All New Carpeting/Tile
- Upholstery of Chairs
- Ceiling Cleaned and Recoated
- Baptismal Font Renovation
- Community Room Glass Wall Installation
- New Bathrooms in Church
- Children's Chapel/Cry Room
- New Confessionals
- Installation of New Pews
- Parish Office Painting & Carpeting
- New doors at Parish Office
- New Organ
- Roof HVAC Unit Replacements

Grounds Renovations

- Outdoor Altar
- Pond Fencing
- Renovation of Pond



Your gifts to the Perpetual Endowed Fund will ensure these enhancements and all school and parish ministries, buildings and grounds will be responsibly maintained for future generations.

