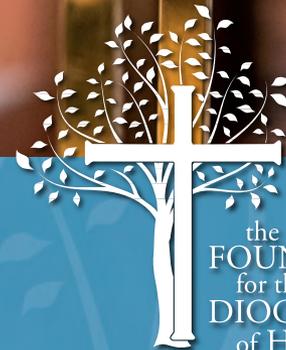




ANNUAL REPORT 2019



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Front cover: The oil for anointing and the signs of office (ring, crosier, and miter) were ready for Bishop Vetter's episcopal ordination Mass, Nov. 20, 2019.

Above: The newly ordained Bishop Vetter gives his first episcopal blessing at the conclusion of the Ordination Mass, with Deacon Doug Cordier who served as Deacon of the Gospel.

HONORING OUR PAST. BUILDING OUR FUTURE

DIOCESAN MESSAGE:

When I willingly answered Jesus' call to serve the people of the Diocese of Helena, I could not have imagined that my first Holy Week and Easter as your Bishop would include the grave events we have been facing together. Even so, I feel welcomed, loved, and cared for ... and excited that your faith is strong, permitting us to face adversity together and gradually move from this extended Good Friday into the New Life our God is revealing to us.

I am grateful for so many things, especially your faith and generosity. Our permanent endowments have served the parishes and ministries with annual income distributions year after year. Looking to the future, your endowed gifts today will support the Church in western Montana during my time as your bishop and beyond.

Above all, I am grateful to God. We are never more generous than He is; God's generosity is never outdone!

We have wonderful things to bring to the world. That's why income from our endowments is vital, as are your gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal and your parish offertory. Thank you for all that you do.

Please pray for me, and know that wherever I go I take you all with me in prayer.

Come Lord Jesus!
In Christ, I am



MOST REVEREND AUSTIN A. VETTER
Bishop of Helena

FOUNDATION'S MESSAGE:

It's such a blessing to serve the Church through this Foundation! Our work is unique—we build permanent endowments that support the parishes and ministries in the Diocese of Helena, forever.

We hope you enjoy this year's feature story of Fr. Joseph Oblinger. Fr. Joe received financial help from a local benefactor while studying for the priesthood in the 1940s. Over 70 years later, at the end of his life on earth, he paid that generosity forward by endowing a gift to support future priests of our diocese. What's most remarkable, of course, are the years in between.

You'll also read about three parishes that are investing in their future—the parish of twenty, fifty, and a hundred years from now—and how this came to be.

We're planning for the future of the Church and invite you to join us. Your gift now or through your will supports the parish or ministry you choose. May God bless you today, tomorrow, and always.



DEACON DOUG CORDIER
Board President



JEANNE SAARINEN
Executive Director

98 Years on Earth, 73 Years a Priest, and Forever a Legacy

Father Joseph B. Oblinger



In September 18, 2019, Fr. Joseph B. Oblinger passed from life on this earth to Eternal Life. Just four months earlier, Fr. Joe celebrated his 98th birthday and his 73rd anniversary of ordination, making him our oldest and longest ordained priest in the diocese.

Remarkably, at the time of Fr. Joe's death, his life spanned the service of all but one Helena bishop, Bishop John B. Brondel (*Helena Diocese 1st Bishop 1884-1903*).

The Early Years

Joe Oblinger was born in 1921 in Big Valley, Alberta, Canada. The family moved to western Montana shortly thereafter, so the growing family could be closer to relatives. During his youth the family moved several times for his father's work, but they always remained in western Montana. During this time the church was led by Bishop John P. Carroll (*Helena Diocese 2nd Bishop 1905-1925*), then followed by Bishop George Finnegan (*1927-*



Young Joseph, full of personality.

1932) and Bishop Ralph Hayes (*1933-1935*).

Finances were tight for the Oblinger family, which prevented him from following his dream of attending the University of Notre Dame. The summer following high school, the family was living in Missoula. Joe took a night job at Western Union for 30 cents an hour and he got around on a bike purchased on an installment plan. In the fall he continued to live with his family and work nights, which allowed him to enroll in the University of Montana.

Joe soon became active in the Newman Club at the University. In 1941 club members were asked to help with various parts of a diocesan wide celebration of the hundred years of Catholic Christianity in western Montana. In the midst of these events young Joseph Oblinger met a seminarian recently ordained a deacon, which stirred up the embers of a flame throughout his youth of a vocation to the priesthood.

After talking to his parish priest Joe transferred to Carroll College in Helena. At that time the college was



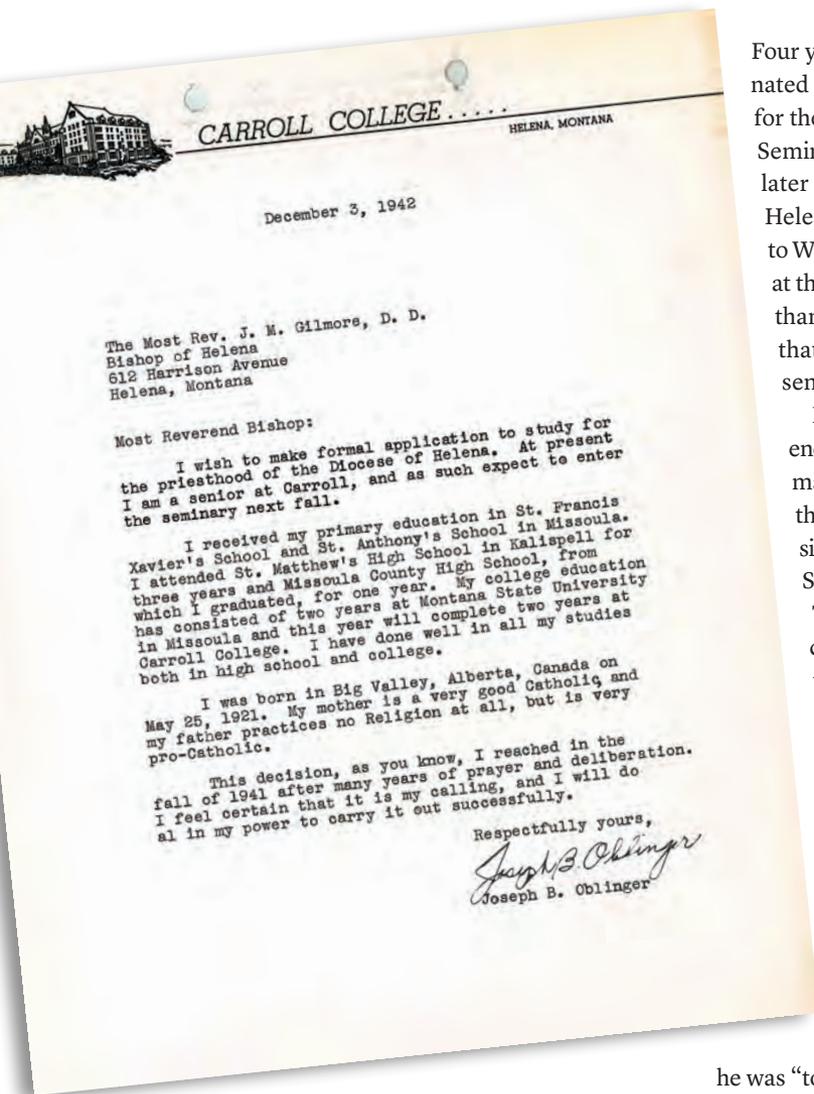
Newly ordained Joseph with his brothers, St. Anthony Parish, Missoula.

a junior seminary. Bishop Joseph M. Gilmore (*Helena Diocese 5th Bishop 1936-1962*) had arranged for Joe to have a part time job working in the Registrar's office to help with tuition.

A year later, Joseph Oblinger made formal application to study for the priesthood. Gilmore not only accepted his application, he also recruited a benefactor, Mr. Joseph Kimmet, to finance his education and formation. Kimmet, a farmer and bachelor, raised wheat, barley, and mustard east of Sunburst.



Fr. Joe, his nephew Deacon Jim Kaney, and Fr. Leo Proxell (background), Mass celebrating Fr. Joe's 95th birthday and the 70th Anniversary of ordination, Holy Rosary Parish in Bozeman.
Photo credit J. Michael Connell



Four years later, on May 5, 1946, soon to be ordained Joseph Oblinger presented the final petition for the reception of priesthood from St. Edward's Seminary in Kenmore, Washington. Twenty days later he was ordained a priest of the Diocese of Helena at St. Anthony's Church in Missoula. Due to World War II rationings, ordinations were held at the parish community of the ordinands rather than the Cathedral of St. Helena. Also ordained that year was Joe's friend and classmate in the seminary, Raymond Hunthausen.

Bishop Gilmore, impressed with Fr. Joe's energy, direct style and tendency to ask questions, made Fr. Joe's first assignment as his secretary, then as Chancellor from 1947 to 1951. Parish assignments followed at St. Ann (Butte) and then St. John's (Frenchtown) from 1951 to 1960.

The same traits that made Fr. Joe a great leader could also cause consternation from time to time. Take, for example, this letter dated Jan. 24, 1952 from the Diocese to Fr. Joe:

"In answer to your question 'Why the usury?' written on the note you signed and returned, the Most Reverend Bishop wishes to advise that if you can borrow the money at a lower rate, you should feel perfectly free to do so."

Challenges and Changes

In 1960 Bishop Gilmore brought Fr. Joe back to Helena to serve as Chancellor for the diocese once again, as the Bishop said he was "too tired to train someone else for the job," Fr. Joe shared in his autobiography, *Fisher of Men*. Just two years later, Fr. Joe was shocked to learn that his bishop



died suddenly of a heart attack. Perhaps not as shocked as he would be shortly thereafter when it was announced his good friend Ray Hunthausen would be Bishop Gilmore's successor.

Here's what Fr. Joe shared in *Fisher of Men*:
"This was a difficult time for me as the new Bishop began to establish his own pastoral and management style in the governance of the diocese. Ray Hunthausen was a classmate through college and the seminary, and we had been assigned to roles here in Helena right after ordination. We tended to recreate and socialize together. Now he was my boss, and that took some getting used to. As he was becoming more and more involved in planning and decision making, I was becoming less and less instrumental in the direction we were going."

Bishop Raymond G. Hunthausen (*Helena Diocese 6th Bishop 1962-1975*) came on the scene as the 6th Bishop of Helena at the beginning of the Second Vati-

A Reflection on Reverend Joseph Byron Oblinger

By Marilyn Barnhardt, member of Holy Rosary Parish in Bozeman

Either as a spiritual director for individuals, the Journey movement, or serving parishioners, Father Joe, as we familiarly called him, was the epitome of dedication to his ministry. Retirement did not seem to be in his vocabulary, and his door was always open whenever anyone would approach him asking for spiritual direction. This man was loved and respected by so many. Many warm friendships were formed as Journey members, Knights and others drove him weekly to Big Sky and West Yellowstone, often in the midst of winter weather. After his second retirement and his move back to Bozeman, he was always available when asked to fill in for the priests, or be a spiritual director for the Journey movement; and he always attended their monthly meetings.

Well into his nineties, he kept physically fit with hiking in the spring, summer, and fall and skiing in the winter. At 96 years old, after his last hike to the 'M' (a popular hiking trail in the foothills of the Bridgers), he commented, "I don't think I will be doing that again!" Dee Largess told me that, "in 2003, Fr. Joe wanted to hike to Mount Blackmore one last time. He was 80 at the time, and it took all day, but the day was filled with laughter and fun. We



Fr. Joe with Dee and Jim Largess

made it as far as the saddle just below the summit, and he was delighted to have accomplished his goal."

In his later years, he authored four books. In one of his visits to our home, he asked me if I would "review" the first pages of a manuscript he was writing for his second book entitled *Rescuing Vanishing Manhood*. I said I would, and over time the 'reviewing' continued...

“He called me one day and asked, “Are you busy sprinkling commas all over my manuscript?”

and continued. Being female, the content of that book became quite a challenge for me, along with questioning my ability to make corrections to HIS manuscript! He called me one day and asked, "Are you busy sprinkling commas all over my manuscript?" Without hesitation I responded, "Most people do not write 35-word sentences without punctuation!" He laughed and laughed, and then jovially bestowed upon me the title of "editor." His sense of humor was contagious and we enjoyed the time together as he wrote and I "edited" his final two books. With all of these wonderful publications, he will remain in our hearts forever.

So, Father Joe, we know that you have left your mark on this place and on our hearts, and you are now at peace in the arms of our Lord. God Bless! ■



Fr. Joe with Marilyn Barnhardt

can Council. Appointed by Pope John XXIII, Bishop Hunthausen was a Council Father at all four sessions of the Council from 1962-1965. This had a direct impact on Fr. Joe, as the Bishop put him in charge of implementing the Decrees of the Council. This also led to Fr. Joe's lifelong passion for the Charismatic Renewal ministries spawned by the Second Vatican Council, giving him the nickname, "the People's Priest."

During Bishop Hunthausen's time Fr. Joe was also appointed Vicar General of the diocese and pastor of the Cathedral of St. Helena. When the Bishop was transferred to the Archdiocese of Seattle in 1975, Fr.

Joe was elected Administrator of the Diocese until the next bishop was appointed.

Works of the Holy Spirit

After Bishop Elden F. Curtiss (*Helena Diocese 7th Bishop 1976-1993*) was installed, Fr. Joe found himself in a time of change once again. Another priest was assigned Vicar General for the diocese and Fr. Joe moved to Anaconda to serve as director of the Christhaven Diocesan Retreat Center. Bishop Curtiss also appointed him Vicar of Spiritual Renewal for the diocese, which meant he was also responsible for the Charismatic Re-

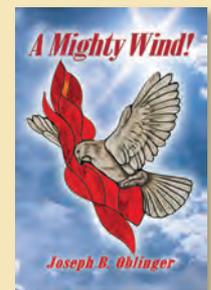
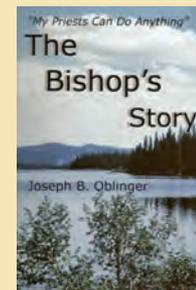
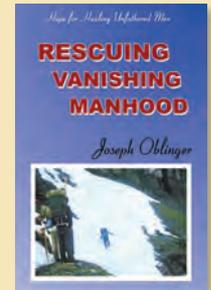
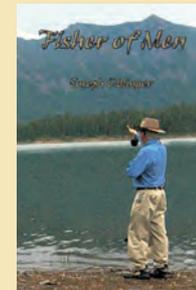
newal, Marriage Encounter, and Cursillo.

Fr. Joe loved this type of ministry—retreats, seminars, spiritual direction—all activities focused on spiritual growth. He remained at Christhaven running the Diocesan Retreat Center for 14 years until retiring in 1991 and moving to Bozeman. Never one to sit idle, Fr. Joe became active in the Cursillo/Journey movement in the Gallatin Valley. Fr. Joe shared in *Fisher of Men*, "When I moved to Bozeman as a retiree, I saw how much good the program was doing, that the Spirit really seemed to be alive in the Gallatin through this movement."

Fr. Joseph Oblinger's Writings

Fr. Joseph Oblinger's four published books can be found at online used book stores (or perhaps your local used book store).

- ▶ ***Fisher of Men***, 2006. Fr. Joseph Oblinger shares the story of his life commitment to the church expressed in his priesthood; his varied ministries; and an intimate window into sixty years of history of the church in the Diocese of Helena. In the ups and downs of those very active and exciting years, he always found God.
- ▶ ***Rescuing Vanishing Manhood***, 2008. Over 60 years, Fr. Joseph Oblinger has explored the traits of human behavior, much like a sociologist or psychologist would. Offering his observations of the diminishing role of the father in the family, Fr. Oblinger is hopeful that we may come up with more methodologies or therapies to stem the tide of all the destructive consequences of fatherlessness.
- ▶ ***The Bishop's Story***, 2011. Realizing that there was little material readily available about the bishop who served for 26 years, the longest of any bishop in Helena, Fr. Joseph Oblinger authored a book about Bishop Gilmore. "I was the last person who had close contact with Bishop Gilmore, and would be the obvious person capable of producing an authentic story of this man and the times in which he lived and ministered," Fr. Joe wrote in his prologue.
- ▶ ***A Mighty Wind***, 2014. His final book is an anthology of homilies, sermons, lectures and written columns Oblinger delivered over his years of ministry.





The Later Years

In 1996, Fr. Joe received a letter from Bishop Alexander J. Brunett (*Helena Diocese 8th Bishop 1994-1997*). That year, the Holy Father Pope John Paul II was celebrating his fiftieth anniversary of priestly ordination, and invited all priests of the world who were also celebrating their fiftieth to join with him in thanking the Lord. Bishop Brunett urged Fr. Joe to go, saying it was a fitting recognition and offered financial assistance. Fr. Joe was overjoyed to travel to the Vatican to share the celebration with the Holy Father, whom he considered to be an extraordinary man.

Also in that year Bishop Brunett coaxed Fr. Joe out of retirement and he was appointed as administrator of Lady of the Pines Parish in West Yellowstone and the Big Sky mission. He continued to serve these roles under Bishop Robert C. Morlino (*Helena Diocese 9th Bishop 1999-2003*).

We've come to Bishop George L. Thomas (*Helena Diocese 10th Bishop 2004-2018*). Fr. Joe was asked to make a toast to Pope John Paul II at the installation lunch for Bishop Thomas on June 4, 2004. In reflect-

ing on the privilege to have gone to Rome in 1996 to share his own celebration of 50 years of priesthood with the Holy Father, Fr. Joe said, "What can I say about this extraordinary man? What would he say to a young Bishop? And then it came to me: St. Paul's words to the young bishop, Timothy."

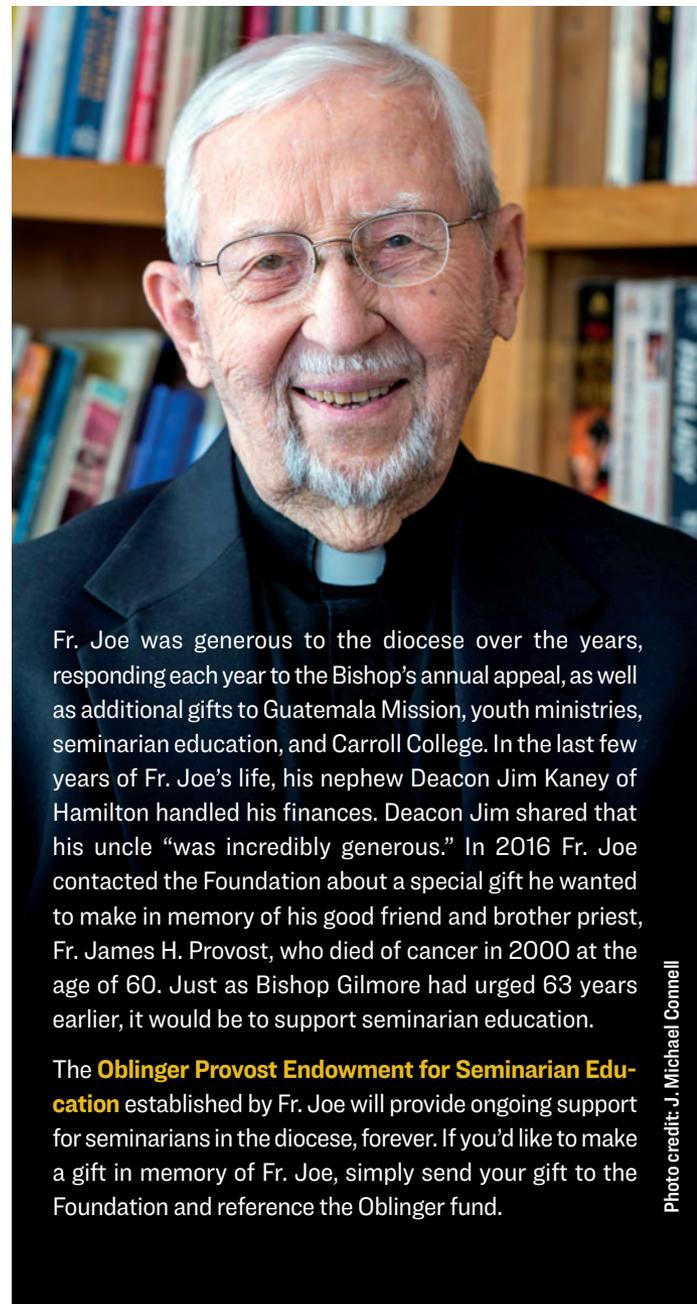
"I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who will judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingly power: proclaim the word; be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching.

For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine, but follow their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be delivered to myths.

For I am already being poured out like a libation, And the time of my departure is at hand. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his coming." (2 Tim 4:1-8)

A second retirement came for Fr. Joe in 2012, when medical reasons prevented him from continuing to serve in West Yellowstone and Big Sky. He continued in the spiritual renewal ministry as an active part of the Cursillo/Journey community in the Gallatin Valley to the end of his life.

Holy Father Pope Francis announced Austin A. Vetter as the 11th Bishop of Helena just three weeks after Fr. Joe died. Fr. Joe's memory and legacy lives on as we look to the future with faith, hope and joy for the Church in western Montana. God Speed, Fr. Joe! ■



Fr. Joe was generous to the diocese over the years, responding each year to the Bishop's annual appeal, as well as additional gifts to Guatemala Mission, youth ministries, seminarian education, and Carroll College. In the last few years of Fr. Joe's life, his nephew Deacon Jim Kaney of Hamilton handled his finances. Deacon Jim shared that his uncle "was incredibly generous." In 2016 Fr. Joe contacted the Foundation about a special gift he wanted to make in memory of his good friend and brother priest, Fr. James H. Provost, who died of cancer in 2000 at the age of 60. Just as Bishop Gilmore had urged 63 years earlier, it would be to support seminarian education.

The **Oblinger Provost Endowment for Seminarian Education** established by Fr. Joe will provide ongoing support for seminarians in the diocese, forever. If you'd like to make a gift in memory of Fr. Joe, simply send your gift to the Foundation and reference the Oblinger fund.

Financial report

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION FISCAL YEAR 2019

ASSETS

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|---|-------------------|
| Cash and Equivalents..... | 980,925 |
| Investments..... | 30,966,296 |
| Pledges Receivable for Legendary Lodge..... | 26,218 |
| Note Receivable..... | 431,693 |
| Other Receivables..... | 4,542 |
| Charitable Remainder Trusts..... | 575,729 |
| Gift Annuities Held by Diocese..... | 303,311 |
| Legendary Lodge Land and Buildings, net of depreciation..... | 3,411,733 |
| Other Assets..... | 7,077 |
| TOTAL ASSETS..... | 36,707,524 |

LIABILITIES

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| Grants and Endowment Distributions Payable..... | 322,664 |
| In-kind Contribution of Legendary Lodge to Diocese..... | 3,553,038 |
| Gift Annuity Obligations..... | 293,163 |
| Other Payables..... | 7,203 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES..... | 4,176,068 |

NET ASSETS

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|---|-------------------|
| Unrestricted..... | 403,373 |
| Unrestricted - Board Designated..... | 190,036 |
| Unrestricted - Board Designated for Legendary Lodge..... | (147,754) |
| With Donor Restrictions..... | 32,085,801 |
| TOTAL NET ASSETS..... | 32,531,456 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS..... | 36,707,524 |

SUMMARIZED STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FISCAL YEAR 2019

REVENUE

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| Contributions..... | 509,130 |
| Investment Gains and Income..... | 1,776,189 |
| Miscellaneous Revenue..... | 6,443 |
| In-kind Contribution Revenue - Legendary Lodge..... | 113,453 |
| Change in Cash Surrender Value of Life Insurance..... | 12,408 |
| Change in Value of Split Interest Agreements..... | (37,436) |
| TOTAL REVENUE..... | 2,380,187 |

EXPENSES

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|---|------------------|
| Program - Grants and Distributions..... | 1,557,149 |
| Program - Outreach..... | 145,113 |
| Program - In-Kind Contribution Legendary Lodge..... | 106,908 |
| Fundraising..... | 24,870 |
| Management and General..... | 106,183 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES..... | 1,940,223 |

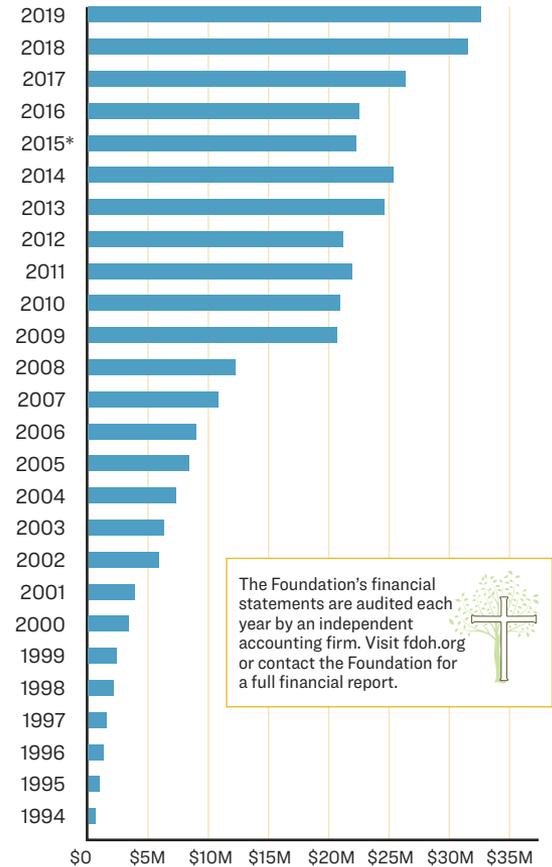
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| Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets..... | 439,964 |
| Net Assets - Beginning of Year..... | 32,091,492 |
| NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR..... | 32,531,456 |

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------|
| 11,131,607..... | Parish Ministries..... | 778,337 |
| 8,566,770..... | Bishop's Pastoral Outreach..... | 280,715 |
| 5,543,188..... | Priestly Support..... | 209,998 |
| 2,156,900..... | Youth & Young adult Ministry..... | 97,586 |
| 1,388,386..... | Other Diocesan Ministries..... | 60,732 |
| 1,377,313..... | Guatemala Mission..... | 58,770 |
| 1,259,179..... | Aid to the Needy/Social Justice..... | 41,891 |
| 704,740..... | Other (Non-Diocesan)..... | 29,120 |
| 403,373..... | Operations Reserve..... | |

32,531,456

1,557,149

ASSET GROWTH 1994 TO 2018



The Foundation's financial statements are audited each year by an independent accounting firm. Visit fdoh.org or contact the Foundation for a full financial report.

*Decrease due to debt incurred from Legendary Lodge purchase.

Parishes Investing in Their Future

In recent years three parishes have been working to build up their permanent endowment fund—Saint Mary Catholic Community in Helena, Immaculate Conception Parish in Polson, and Sacred Heart Parish in Ronan. We asked the pastors of these parishes to share why they feel this is important.

Your parish makes regular contributions into its permanent endowment fund with the Foundation; please tell us how this came about.

Fr. Kevin Christofferson: A few years ago the finance council for both Immaculate Conception and Sacred Heart parishes discussed what kind of strategy we wanted to adopt for budgeting and finances. When possible, it's important to save so that cash is on hand to meet immediate and emergency needs. It is also important to invest, and money contributed in our endowment fund with the Foundation generates income while at the same time focusing on the long term financial security of the parish. Saving and investing are a discipline; it's not the amount that matters as much as the habit.

Fr. Richard Francesco: At Saint Mary Catholic Community we have a strong commitment to outreach, enthusiastically supported by our parish councils and pastoral staff as well as the whole parish family. This outreach has many expressions in our parish ministries, including monthly payments providing financial support to a number of worthy concerns in the Helena area and beyond. We would like this outreach to continue well into the future, so that the Saint Mary Catholic Community of twenty, fifty, and a hundred years from now will be equipped to sustain or expand our present level of outreach. Building our parish's permanent endowment through monthly contributions will help to make this possible.

You recently chose to endow a portion of a bequest your parish received from a parishioner that had passed away. Can you tell us your thought process behind this decision?

Francesco: Our parish finance council agreed that this unexpected gift through a parishioner's will couldn't just be for us and for now. By endowing some of the bequest, it ensures their final gift to the Church will have a lasting impact for their parish and faith community.

Christofferson: At the time that Immaculate Conception received the large gift as the sole beneficiary of a parishioner's estate, there was a pressing need to resurface the parking lot. About half of the bequest was spent on that project. It took close to a year working with the finance council before it was decided to permanently endow the other half. There were a lot of misunderstandings about the Foundation and its work. Once all questions had been answered and concerns addressed, consensus was reached that endowing the gift with the Foundation made good sense. I believe two key factors led to this decision. The first is the regular income distributions the parish receives from the endowment that can be relied on year after year. The second is to memorialize the gift by naming the endowment after the donor, Mr. Thomas Cahill. He will always be remembered for his thoughtfulness and generosity, and Mr. Cahill remains a contributing member of the parish. Every pastor and finance council into the future will know it.



Fr. Richard Francesco

Fr. Kevin Christofferson

What would you tell other parishes who are thinking about contributing to their endowment at the Foundation?

Francesco: Clearly, the ongoing income we receive from distributions is important, and the Foundation is a valued partner at Saint Mary. In addition to managing endowments, the Foundation has an annual grants program funded from its own resources. This grant program supports many parish projects and ministries across the Diocese of Helena. When parishes contribute to their endowment at the Foundation they help their own parish as well as other parishes.

Christofferson: We are all passing guests in our parishes, and God willing our parishes will continue long after we have left this world. Among the many considerations we have as stewards is to ensure our parishes have the resources to extend the faith to the next generation. Building your endowment through regular contributions is a great way to accomplish that. Another way is when you receive an unexpected gift through a will or trust, consider extending that person's generosity through your endowment fund so future generations may benefit as well.



Funds of the Foundation

General Ministry Funds

Aid to Needy
 Apostolic Mission
 Bishop's Pastoral Outreach
 Catholic Relief Services
 Catholic Social Services Birthmothers Fund
 Clergy Senior Status & Security Trust
 Diocese of Helena Annual Fund
 Diocese of Helena Communications
 Diocese of Helena Tribunal
 Foundation Greatest Needs
 Good Samaritan Ministries & Thrift Store - Helena
 Guatemala Mission
 Lay Ministry & Diaconate Training
 Legendary Lodge Operations
 Legendary Lodge Capital Improvements
 Montana Catholic Conference
 Parish Community Projects
 Priestly Formation & Development
 Seminarian Education Fund
 Spiritual Growth & Renewal
 Youth & Young Adult Ministry

Named Funds Established by Donors

<Anonymous> Family Apostolic Mission Fund
 Alden P. Howell Perpetual Memorial
 Anna & Charlie Lincoln Fund
 Charles Lincoln Estate Fund (St. William-Shelby)
 Chris & Michelle Field Family Fund
 Clark & Toni Broadbent Perpetual Fund
 Daughters of Isabella Fund for Seminarian Education
 Deacon Gerry Kuhl-Msgr. Mavsar Memorial Fund
 Deacon Robert Lane Perpetual Fund
 Donald & Mary Shaughnessy Family Endowment *
 Donald Andrew Murphy Fund for Good Samaritan Ministries
 Dr. Daniel & Mary Ann Fiehrer Family Fund
 Dr. George & Helen Dachs Memorial Fund (St. Matthew School-Kalispell)
 Dr. Mabel Tuchscherer Fund
 Elizabeth Maloney Seminarian Burse
 Fr. Albert N. Kaparich Fund
 Fr. J.J. O'Kennedy Helena Burse
 Fr. Joseph P. Fleming Fund *
 Fr. Mike O'Neill Memorial Fund (St. Matthew-Kalispell)

Fr. Oliver Lee Hightower Fund
 Gary & Susan E. Sundstrom Fund *
 Helen M. Murphy Catholic Ministries
 Hilda & Gayle Kramer De La Salle Blackfeet School Fund
 Hugh M. & Mary Grace Black Fund for Catholic Relief Services*
 James & Joan Schneller Seminarian Fund
 James & Nevada Mansfield Carroll College Scholarship
 James & Kathleen Cummings Fund
 James & Rita Brown & Family Fund
 Joan & Lefty Dowdall Fund
 John & Elsie Eigeman Dornbos Fund *
 Joseph & Julia Strnisha Memorial Fund (St. Francis of Assisi-Hamilton)
 Joseph W. Slobojan Memorial Fund
 Josephine McDermott Memorial Scholarship Fund (St. Margaret-Cut Bank)
 Kaney Family Fund
 Katherine K. Helppie Fund (St. Francis of Assisi-Hamilton)
 Kathleen Yuhaz Murphy Fund
 Kolitsch Catholic Education (St. Teresa of Avila-Whitehall)
 Launer Family Fund (St. Richard-Columbia Falls)
 Lillian Topp Scholarship (St. Matthew School-Kalispell)
 Mary D. Munger Fund (St. Mary Catholic Community-Helena)
 Mary Thomas Memorial Fund for Seminarian Education
 Matelich Family Fund
 Megan Cummings Guatemala Education Fund
 Moerkerke Family Fund
 Monsignor Joseph Mavsar Fund
 Nuebel Family Fund
 Oblinger-Provost Fund for Seminarian Education
 O Sullivan Maloney Fund for Seminarians
 Patrick Walsh Kelly Legendary Lodge Scholarship Fund
 Pearce Family Fund
 Peter W. & Sheila M. Sullivan Fund

Quinn Family Perpetual Fund
 Raemaeker Family Fund *
 Ratkowski Fund (St. Francis of Assisi-Hamilton)
 Ray & Arlene Anderson Fund
 Rev. Eric Gilbaugh Fund for Religious & Charitable Needs
 Rev. Francis J. Shevlin Memorial Fund for Seminarian Education
 Rick & Rhonda Booth Fund *
 Robert & Victoria Dieringer Fund for Major Seminarians
 Samuel A. & Margale R. Prestipino Fund *
 Simons Apostolic Mission Fund
 Sycamore Tree Contemplative Prayer Center (Swan Lake)
 Thelma Billerbeck Perpetual Memorial Fund (Our Lady of the Lake-Canyon Ferry)
 Thomas W. Cahill Memorial Fund (Immaculate Conception-Polson)
 Trustee's Endowment for the Grants Program
 Vincent Simons Fund (St. Francis Xavier-Missoula)
 Wall Family Trust (Our Lady of the Valley-Helena)
 William G. Myers, Jr. Fund *
 Wunderlich Fund (St. Ignatius Mission)

Catholic Parish, School, and Cemetery Funds

Anaconda Catholic Community
 Blessed Trinity Parish - Missoula
 Butte Catholic Community North
 Cathedral of St. Helena
 Cathedral of St. Helena Preservation
 Christ the King Parish - Missoula
 De LaSalle School - Browning
 Divine Mercy Academy - Belgrade *
 Guardian Angel Mission - Power
 Holy Cross Cemetery - Townsend
 Holy Cross Parish - Townsend

Holy Family Altar Society Scholarship - Three Forks
 Holy Family Parish - Three Forks
 Holy Rosary Parish - Bozeman
 Holy Spirit Parish - Butte
 Immaculate Conception Parish - Deer Lodge
 Immaculate Conception Parish - Polson
 Libby / Troy Catholic Community
 Little Flower Parish - Browning
 Living Water Mission - Seeley Lake
 Madison County Catholic Community
 Our Lady of Lourdes - Marysville
 Our Lady of Mercy Parish - Eureka
 Our Lady of Swan Valley Mission - Condon
 Our Lady of the Pines Parish - West Yellowstone
 Our Lady of the Valley Parish - Helena
 Resurrection Cemetery - Helena
 Resurrection Parish - Bozeman
 Risen Christ Parish - Kalispell
 Sacred Heart Mission - Wolf Creek
 Sacred Heart Parish - Ronan
 Saint Mary Catholic Community - Helena
 Spirit of Christ Mission - Lolo
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Calling All Business Owners...Let's Meet the Match for Seminarians!

We're on the hunt to find Catholics in our diocese that are business owners, small and large...main street businesses, financial services, farmers/ranchers, medical practices, accounting and law firms, hospitality, contractors, construction companies, real estate brokers, etc. *Here's why.*

We've been generously awarded a \$25,000 grant through Catholic Extension's Seminarian Formation Endowment Match Challenge program. In return, we must raise \$100,000 for the same purpose.

Our plan to "Meet the Match" is to focus on **corporate gifts from Catholic-owned businesses** across the diocese. Corporate donors through this initiative are eligible for a **20% Montana Endowment Tax Credit**. We are seeking corporate gifts of \$1,000 or more, and a \$1,000 gift will qualify the donor for a \$200 state income tax credit.

Catholic business owners will be invited to meet Bishop Vetter and our seminarians at events held across the diocese. Savvy business owners will appreciate the ability to support vocations through this match opportunity while at the same time learning about and taking advantage of the current tax law.

What You Can Do Now

- ▶ *If you are a business owner*, please let us know so we can invite you to join us at an event with Bishop Vetter and our seminarians.
- ▶ *If you know Catholics in our diocese that are business owners*, please share their business name with us so they are given an opportunity to partner on this exciting initiative.

Simply share this information with us by returning the envelope included with this report. You can also reach us by email to [or by calling](mailto:orbycalling) Jeanne at the Foundation (406) 389-7051 or Glenda at the Diocese (406) 389-7062.

Forming seminarians ensures a bright future for our Church! Let's consider our resources and together provide for future needs.

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