



## Making a Lenten Sacrifice to Ensure the Legacy of our Catholic Faith

During the season of Lent, we are called to consider the abundant blessings that are part of our daily lives and to make sacrifices that will be transformative. From the natural beauty that envelops us, to the homes that shelter us, to the food that nourishes us, we are richly blessed by these and so many other facets of life. During the Lenten season, we have an opportunity to cultivate humble gratitude for these blessings and a spirit of generous giving through Lenten sacrifice.

### **The St. Hilary Parish Foundation: Our Foundation**

One way to infuse special and deeper meaning into an act of Lenten sacrifice is by making a contribution that will ensure the legacy of our Catholic faith. A donation to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation can help to achieve this. If you think of the St. Hilary Parish Foundation as the literal foundation of our St. Hilary community, it is easy to see how each of us plays a part in the strength of that foundation. There are numerous Biblical passages that refer to the importance of a single stone in building a foundation, often likening each of us to a living stone joining with others to establish a solid foundation to do God's work. It is from us, these living stones, that the St. Hilary Parish Foundation derives its strength and sets about the work of ensuring a vibrant future for our parish and school.

### **Supporting Needs and Amenities of Parish and School**

The St. Hilary Parish Foundation is enriched by those who have shared their gifts and enabled the Foundation to underwrite an array of needs and amenities for our parish and school. Some of these are easy to see around us: the impervious roofing over the church and school buildings; the flooring, pews, paint, acoustical treatment, and stained glass inside our beautiful church; the air conditioning system that keeps the school classrooms comfortable for learning; the parking lot that holds our many cars on school days and during Masses; and the Spiritual Center kitchen that is the hub of so many parish events. Others are less visible but no less important: added security at the church; technology in the school and church; support for ministries, retreats, and special parish programming; scholarships and financial assistance for St. Hilary School students; and funding for St. Hilary School educator salaries. With 68 funds and just over \$11.5 million in holdings, the Foundation makes it possible to eliminate the need for appeals for financial support to be made from the pulpit during Masses.

### **You Can be Part of Our Foundation**

There are many ways you can give to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation and be part of the literal foundation of our St. Hilary community. The easiest and most obvious is through a direction donation. You can write a check to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation with instructions for earmarking your contribution, scan this code to make a donation online, or consider one of the many other ways to donate highlighted on the next page. The Foundation accepts donations in any amount throughout the year, and 100% of monies donated support the needs of St. Hilary Parish and School. To learn more about making a Lenten sacrifice to ensure the legacy of our Catholic faith, please contact Diane Sarkis, Development Director, at 330-608-4787.



# Ways to Support the Foundation

## Establish a Named Fund

Named funds in the St. Hilary Parish Foundation can be established with a \$5,000 gift. You can name a fund for your family, a special person, or whomever / whatever you would like to honor or recognize. Funds may be designated as unrestricted, in which the Foundation Board determines the greatest needs and grants awards based on the particular fund, or as restricted, in which funds are used for a specific purpose.



## Where There is a Will, There is a Way

Including the St. Hilary Parish Foundation as a beneficiary of your will, life insurance policy, retirement account, or other estate planning will foster gifts that can help to ensure the financial stability of St. Hilary Parish and School for years to come. Such giving will also earn you a place in the St. Hilary Parish Foundation Legacy Society.

## Let Your Legacy Ensure Ours

You can plan now for giving that can be acted upon later. Perhaps you will choose to give back by suggesting that others make gifts to the St. Hilary Parish Foundation upon your death. These gifts will honor your legacy and help to ensure the legacy of our Catholic faith.



## Reduce Your Taxes and Support St. Hilary

If you are 70-½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA that will reduce your taxable income and help the St. Hilary Parish Foundation support our parish and school. Talk to your financial / legal advisors and IRA administrator for more information.

## Invest in Our Future

Your generosity can grow the fund that will help to keep the salaries of our St. Hilary School educators competitive and allow us to retain and recruit top talent. You can make a donation directly to the Investing In Our Future campaign by check, online or via Venmo to @StHilary-Parish – just be sure to note “Teacher Salary Fund”. Gifts of \$1,500 or more can also be pledged over three years.

