It was just four years ago in the fall of 2012, when the Diocese of Boise launched the historic Building On Our Past, Envisioning Our Future capital campaign. Some of the income from the campaign is being used to support individual parish projects chosen by each parish and for building improvements and program needs at our three Catholic Campus Ministry centers. This newsletter highlights some of the ways our parishes and student centers are using these funds to grow the faith and build a stronger Church in Idaho.

Also, other proceeds from this capital campaign are endowed with the Idaho Catholic Foundation for the Diocese of Boise to provide a constant, reliable source of funding for: Education & Formation of Clergy, Catholic Education & Faith Formation, Charitable Works of the Church, Catholic Charities of Idaho, and Care of Priests. We truly appreciate and thank all those who continue to contribute to this campaign.

The Idaho Catholic Foundation board carefully monitors the funds raised through this campaign as well as the already held and invested funds for individual parishes, schools, and the Diocese of Boise. We need to continue building these endowments to meet the growing needs of our children and grandchildren, ensuring there are formed priests and deacons, trained teachers, vibrant campus ministry student centers, adequate personnel and facilities, and assistance for those in need.

As we look to the future to grow the faith, I hope you will consider including your parish, school and one or more of these endowments in your estate plans. A list of the 63 individual funds can be found on our web site at www.idahocatholicfoundation.org.

Yours truly in Christ,
Lesley Bahner
Chairperson, Idaho Catholic Foundation
BISHOP’S MESSAGE

We are blessed to have five more young men—all from Idaho—who are entering seminary formation for our diocese this fall 2016. We now have a total of 12 men studying for the priesthood at Bishop White Seminary at Gonzaga University in Spokane and at Mount Angel Seminary in St. Benedict, Oregon.

I want to thank the families of all these young men for supporting their sons in their decision to begin formation. Their commitment to study for the priesthood is also due, in part, to the work of our Vocations Office, Chase Hasenoehrl and, the administrative assistant, Cheri McCormack, for their commitment to growing vocations for our local church.

One of my goals as bishop is the continued care for our active and retired priests. One way we can accomplish this goal is to support more vocations to the priesthood. Priests daily bring the people of God the sacramental life of the Church in the Eucharist. We honor the lives and work of our older and retired priests by supporting those who come after them.

Priests proclaim with their very lives that the Eucharist is the “source and summit” of our Catholic faith.

With this good news comes the practical need for people to spiritually and financially support those preparing for the priesthood. The annual education for each seminarian is over $40,000, which includes his tuition, fees, books, stipends, travel, living expenses and health insurance premiums for some of them. I would encourage you to participate in our Seminarian Endowment Challenge. The annual interest earned from a strong endowment is used to defray the rising costs of seminary education. I can’t think of a better investment than the academic, moral and spiritual formation of future priests! Please consider your generous gift to the seminary endowment. Thank you for your past support as we look forward to the future with hope.

I ask all to pray for these young men in our seminary program. In a special way, I would like to invoke the fatherly protection of Saint Joseph who protected our Lord Jesus and our Blessed Mother, Mary. St. Joseph provided in countless ways for the holy family. We ask for his veneration and protection for these young men in their formation journeys.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
Most Reverend Peter F. Christensen, D.D.
Bishop of Idaho

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SEMINARIANS

OF THE DIOCESE OF BOISE

DEACON JOHN KURCERA
Theology IV
Lavant, Idaho

I am not even a priest yet and I am beginning to experience the joy of what it means to be a priest.

NATHAN DAIL
Theology III
Buhl, Idaho

Everything is for the priesthood, for God, for the people, for the Church.

JOSEPH LUSTIG
Theology III
Cottonwood, Idaho

As I continue in my formation and studies for the Priesthood, I am beginning to focus on the role for the priest as a shepherd of the people of God… The care of souls truly is the principal task of the priest.

JOHN MOSIER
Theology II
Boise, Idaho

I feel this call to ministry to serve the people of Boise and Idaho in any way I can.

JOSHUA FALCE
Theology I
Native of Rio de Janerio raised in Moscow, Idaho

...The Diocese of Boise is the place my vocation has awoken and continued to grow.

NELSON CINTRA
Theology I
Born in Brazil and raised in Washington State

I want my life to make a positive impact in the world. In my experience, priests have been the ones who are able to help bring Jesus Christ into people’s lives because priests serve as living “conduits” for the church’s sacraments.

JOSEPH ORDAZ
Pre-Theology I
Buhl, Idaho

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PAUL ALEX
College I
Boise, Idaho

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W ashington State lived in Michigan and is now calling me to the seminary so that I, in turn, may show others his love and bring him to them.

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TIMOTHY SEGERT
Pre-Theology II
Boise, Idaho

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NEW!
LANDON MULBERRY
College III
Boise, Idaho

I want to become a priest to bring people to God and God to the people.

NEW!
TOMMY MALONE
College I
Twin Falls, Idaho

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Boise, Idaho

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WHAT IS YOUR CATHOLIC LEGACY?

BY MARGARET HAMPTON, DIOCESAN COORDINATOR OF DEVELOPMENT

It’s been said, “You can’t take it with you when you die.” And I can say, I’ve never seen a house pulling a trailer with the deceased’s belongings during a funeral procession to the cemetery.

We spend a lifetime accumulating “stuff” and wealth preparing for the day when we will meet our creator, but oftentimes, not much thought is given to one Catholic legacy.

“For you know neither the day nor the hour.” (Matt 25:13)

What does a Catholic legacy mean, you may ask?

If you’re like me, being Catholic is very much a big part of who I am. I’m very grateful for the gift of my faith and all the rich traditions of our Catholic Church. We all believe in the mission of the Church and her values and want to see her continue to grow here in Idaho. We also all have a need to make a difference.

One of the easiest ways to make a lasting impact and statement about what was important to you during your lifetime is to make a bequest in your will. It doesn’t have to be complicated. Just one simple paragraph is all it takes to make a truly life-changing gift for the people and ministries that mean the most to you. Do you care about your parish, a Catholic school or Catholic Charities or other Catholic organization? Are you passionate about youth ministry or seminarians? Whatever ministries that give you great joy, you can make a difference and leave a Catholic legacy lasting well after you’ve gone to eternal life.

Once loved ones have been provided for, you can “bequeath” accumulated assets to help support the many important needs of our Catholic community. We can provide language for you and your advisor to make this simple bequest in your will or trust. A bequest may be a percentage of your estate, a gift of a specific asset or the residue of your estate.

While a bequest in your will or trust is one of the most common, there are other options to consider, too. Some don’t even involve an attorney! You can make a bequest with an insurance policy naming your parish (or other ministry) as beneficiary or contingent/beneficiary. Simply contact your insurance company for a beneficiary designation form. All it takes is a few minutes to fill out a simple form to benefit your Parish.

Another “lawyer free” way to make a bequest is with a retirement plan. Retirement plan assets are generally the most heavily taxed asset upon death. Consider leaving these assets to a portion tax-free to the Church.

Does your parish have an endowment? That’s a permanent fund to provide unrestricted annual income for anything the parish may need, like church repairs and improvements, new ministries—and yes, even a new roof in the future! Please consider making a bequest to support your parish’s endowment. If you are passionate about Catholic education, consider supporting one of our Catholic school endowment funds or perhaps the Seminary Bursar Endowment Fund. It’s a gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime. You can visit www.IdahoCatholicFoundation.org to see a full list of other endowments or how to begin your own named fund for your parish.

We hope you enjoy reading stories in this newsletter of how people like you and me are creating their Catholic legacy with a bequest. To receive help in creating your own personal Catholic legacy, contact the Development Office at 208-342-1111 or email Margaret at mhampton@redhi.org.

We look forward to hearing from you!

CATHOLIC LEGACY STORIES

Everyday People Making a Difference

Phillip and Martha Blick have always volunteered in their church and their communities. Martha was a member of the Catholic Church where she dedicated much of her time in service on various boards for youth and adult ministries as well as enjoying her association and service with the Council of Catholic Women.

Martha was also a Registered Nurse who loved and was devoted to her profession. In fact, she began and directed the Parish Nursing Ministry at her parish in Pocatello.

When she passed away following a courageous battle with cancer in 2013, her husband Phil began the Mark Blick Nursing Ministry Endowment Fund to continue her legacy at Holy Spirit Catholic Community in Pocatello.

A Legacy in Memory

Geraldine Nieber of southern Idaho is the first Legacy Society member in the Idaho Catholic Foundation with the creation of The Larry Lynn and Steven Gerald Jones Endowment Fund to benefit seminarians. The fund is named after Nieber’s two sons Larry and Steven who died when they were young. Nieber hopes other people realize how easy it is to include a bequest in their estate plans. It’s a simple way to honor a loved one.

Is your parish already in your will? Please let us know! Even if you wish for your gift to remain anonymous, this information helps your parish plan for the future. Don’t have a will? You’re not alone! Now is a great time to make a plan. Contact the Development Office for our free “Personal Planning Guide” booklet.

5 WAYS TO CREATE YOUR CATHOLIC LEGACY

Many people who support the Church say they experience great satisfaction from their generosity and they’d like to do more. Here are some ideas to consider.

1. Bequest through your Will or Trust

You can name your parish or the Diocese of Boise in your will for a certain dollar amount, a percentage of your estate or the residuary. This meaningful gift costs nothing today and you can always update your plans if your situation changes.

2. Bequest of Life Insurance

Life changes and so can the beneficiary of your life insurance. If you haven’t updated your plan in a while, consider naming your parish or the diocese as a beneficiary (partial or full). You can also make an outright donation of your policy and receive a tax deduction now.

3. Bequest of Retirement Plan Assets

If you leave a retirement plan to your family or heirs, much of your hard-earned dollars could be lost to taxes. If you name your parish or other 501(c)(3) charity as beneficiary – 100% of the residual value will go tax-free to the cause you care about! Please let us know! Even if you’re not ready to make this move, this information helps your Parish plan for the future.

4. Charitable Gifts from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

If you’re 70 1/2 or older, you may be able to make a gift from your IRA to your parish. An IRA rollover is an easy way for you to redirect IRA income to the Church and enjoy valuable tax savings. Ask your advisor about the latest news on this legislation.

5. The Gift that Pays You Income

If you’re interested in receiving retirement income now, or later, The Idaho Catholic Foundation offers a Charitable Gift Annuity. You’ll receive guaranteed income for life and a tax deduction. Payments may be much higher than your return on low-earning securities and CDs. To receive a personalized illustration of how a gift annuity would work for your, please contact the Development Office.

Note: Any action that affects your overall estate plans should be discussed with your professional advisors.
St. Paul’s Catholic Student Center, Boise State University  
By Fr. Jack Bens, SJ, Campus Minister

What an incredible year at Broncos Catholic! A year of setting up extra chairs for Sunday Masses, adding more space to our retreats, and running out of food for all our social events! Students have found a real home at St. Paul’s Catholic Center and we are blessed and inspired by them. This growth is supported by the generosity of the donors to the Idaho Catholic Foundation. We are so grateful to you all for believing in the life changing work of Catholic campus ministry at Boise State University.

In the past year, our ministry has been blessed by the addition of another Jesuit priest – Fr. Radmar Jau, who is with us but also serving half time with FreePre (formerly known as Treasure Valley Young Adults Ministry). Fr. Jau brings a heart on fire for retreat ministry as well as being a charismatic preacher and gifted spiritual director.

We have also been able to add Jake Ineck as our Campus Director of Music this year. Jake is not only a top quality liturgical musician, but he is also able to inspire a whole new generation of students in leading them all in prayer at a deeper level. As more and more students are drawn to worship with us, their hearts are opened by the beautiful musical ministry that is led by Jake.

Finally, this fall we begin a new collaboration with FOCUS missionaries and are looking forward to bringing to our students the ability to reach hundreds of students hungry for Christ. This successful campus evangelization model has worked well in many other campuses, and we are sure that they will have a very positive impact here at the University of Idaho.

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Daily mass, confession, and prayer continue as they always have and are foundational to our Benedictine spirituality approach. Our theology on Tape program continues to be hugely successful with participation from both students and the permanent Catholic community. Our relationship with Idaho State University is strong and we are beginning to find ourselves as a community. The arts projects we commissioned last year have all been completed and are being displayed proudly in our center.

We celebrated our 50 anniversary this past year and we look forward to new opportunities coming our way this fall.

A big project we were able to complete this past year was the renovation and repair of our baptismal font. This was a very large project that took several months to complete, but we are happy to have a functioning baptismal font in the entryway of our church. We were able to use it for the first time at Easter vigil this year when we welcomed four college students into full communion with the Catholic Church. We are so grateful for all of our financial donors. Because of their generosity, we are able to continue this important work at St. John’s. We look forward to the years to come and, God willing, there will be many more years to come at St. John’s.

It has been a busy year at St. John’s Catholic Center in Pocatello! Sometimes it seems like there is so much going on that I don’t know where to start when I’m asked to write about all that is happening.

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