Leaving a Legacy

Did you know that by including a charitable gift in your estate plan, will or living trust, you can make a lasting difference? Your gift will continue to have an effect on our future Church in perpetuity. Even a small amount can have a big impact over time.

Start today by making sure you have an up-to-date will or living trust that reflects your charitable objectives. Think beyond cash – you can leave stocks, real estate, insurance policies and personal property or make the Athenaeum a beneficiary of your life insurance, pension plan or IRA.

Your charitable gift may also benefit you and your family by providing an income tax deduction, helping you avoid capital gains, reducing your estate taxes or providing a steady stream of annual income. Contact your financial advisor and Kathy Kaelin, director of estates and trust services, at 513-233-6153 or at LeaveaLegacy@athenaeum.edu to further explore charitable gift options.

Make an impact beyond your life – Share your faith and the blessings God has given you.

There has never been a better time to make a difference

The St. Gregory Legacy Society was established to perpetuate the mission of the Athenaeum.

The society honors donors who have notified the Athenaeum that they have made the school a beneficiary of their estate plans, either through a bequest, life insurance policy, charitable annuity or trust, or a gift of real estate or other property. There is no minimum amount required to make a gift from your estate, only a firm belief in our mission.

Do you want to help educate people to serve our Church and to spread our Catholic faith? We invite you to prayerfully consider establishing a bequest or planned gift.

Your gift will allow you to make a statement of support during your lifetime, and create a legacy which will benefit countless generations to come.
More than 500,000 Catholics in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati depend upon the guidance and formation of the religious leaders educated at the Athenaeum to direct their spiritual life and bring them to a closer relationship with God.

The Athenaeum is the center for Catholic theological education in southwestern Ohio. Its three divisions – Mount St. Mary’s Seminary, the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program and Special Studies – prepare people to serve your church as priests, deacons and lay ministers.

For more than 175 years, Mount St. Mary’s Seminary has prepared seminarians to serve the Church. The Lay Pastoral Ministry Program was formed in 1975 as one of the first such programs in the United States. It helps educate lay ministers to meet the evolving needs of the Church in a changing society and provides preliminary education for most of the men who enter permanent diaconate formation. Satellite campuses in Vandalia, Maria Stein and Groesbeck allow the Athenaeum to better serve parishes throughout the archdiocese.

Thankfully, people in your parishes are answering God’s call and with the help of an education from the Athenaeum will serve you, your parish and the archdiocese.

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To ensure that The Athenaeum of Ohio can continue to provide the education and training needs of our Catholic community, we need a strong endowment – a permanent source of funding to sustain the ongoing training and formation of priests, deacons and lay ministers.

Did you know?
• 98% of the diocesan priests serving our archdiocese were trained at the Athenaeum
• 240 students, on average, study at the Athenaeum each quarter
• 32% of the students enrolled at the Athenaeum are women
• 218% increase in the number of men studying for the diaconate

Your gift can be tailored to appropriately fit your philanthropic and financial goals, and can be made in honor or memory of a loved one or to acknowledge a special event.

Your gift to the Athenaeum’s endowment will benefit the Catholic faith forever.

“As seminarians, we invest seven years preparing to become priests. We rely on the Church and its benefactors to provide for our education, housing, and other expenses. We would not be able to pursue God’s call without endowments in the form of seminarian scholarships.”

– Shawn Landenwitch
Seminarian, IV Theology

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