

Announcing the formation of the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund

To perpetuate support for the core values, mission, and ministries of the Pax Christi Catholic Community

Dear People of Pax Christi,

As we complete our 35th Anniversary year, Pax Christi has much to celebrate. We have grown from the few determined founding members to a community of over 10,000 individuals. From the parish's founding, the core values of Justice, Lifelong Learning, Hospitality, Stewardship, Inclusivity, and God-Centeredness, have shaped and formed our community. In fact, the very first collection taken at Pax Christi was given in its entirety to justice concerns. After that first collection, Pax Christi continued to make justice a priority, and since that first collection in 1981, Pax Christi has given \$4,162,446 in grants to over 200 worthy organizations.

We do not plan to slow down; in fact, we would like to increase the amount we share to meet the needs of the ministries of Pax Christi, as well as with our partners in the greater community. The Justice Grants awarded are a percentage of all the general fund gifts we receive each year, but over the last few years, our giving has remained fairly flat and we have not been able to increase the grant funding to our goal of a true tithe of 10%.

To assist with this, I am pleased to announce the creation of the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund. An Endowment Fund will help us achieve our goal of increasing our grants to justice and lifelong learning core values. The initial investment is permanently secured and the grants come out of the interest earned each year. Over time, as the principal grows, and new gifts are added, the annual grants grow too – forever.

Universities and hospitals all over the world successfully use endowment funds to support and serve their mission. When we learned that the Catholic Community Foundation was providing grants to help local parishes start an endowment fund, we knew this was a great opportunity for us to pursue. We applied for, and were awarded, a \$25,000 Delora Mayer Matching Grant. **Here is where the people of Pax Christi can assist. In order to receive this matching grant, we are required to raise new money from the members of the community, specifically designated for the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund by June 30, 2017.** There is no gift too small, and each gift makes a difference. We want to start the fund with as much capital as we can so that the first grants received next year will be more substantial.

Enclosed is an envelope for your household's gift to support the launch of the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund. Bring it back to Pax Christi on the weekend of June 3 – 4, and place it in one of the specially marked baskets. We will share prayers of gratitude for Delora Mayer for making the matching grant available, for the members of Pax Christi for contributing to this exciting new initiative, and for all the people and organizations we will be able to serve more fully with the Pax Christi Community Endowment Fund. After each Mass, we will celebrate with tasty treats, meet representatives from some of the many organizations we have supported over the years, and toast the launch of this new program – one more way we will be able to serve the greater community - forever.

To Bill Murtaugh



Pax Christi at a Glance

PAX CHRISTI CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

3,485 Households
10,119 Individuals



1 and only
Catholic church in
Eden Prairie



SHARED MINISTRY



138 Active
Shared Ministries

100,234 hours gifted =
49 full-time employees!



3,682 occurrences of
Shared Ministers

FINANCE



\$2.8+ million
annual revenue

\$ 4 million
Successful Capital Campaign

\$1.5 million reserve fund for
long-term maintenance needs

6 months of operating expenses
in a reserve fund

6 consecutive years debt free

FAITH FORMATION



ENERGIZING FAITH FORMATION
PROGRAMMING:
Faith Interest Connectors



ADULT FAITH FORMATION:
Gallup's Living Your Strengths Program
and Pax Café offer focus on individual gifts
and feed core value of Life Long Learning.

PAX CHRISTI JUSTICE GRANTS

Entirety of
1st Collection
in 1981 given away

1989 Justice Grants Instituted
\$35,658 awarded

2016 Justice Grants =
\$122,397

\$4,162,446
gifted in **661** grants to
over **200**
organizations

THE PAX CHRISTI COMMUNITY ENDOWMENT FUND:
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Love is not a word, it is a deed, a service; humble service, hidden and silent...It entails putting at others' disposal the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given us, so that the community might thrive (cf. 1 Cor 12:4-11). Furthermore, it is expressed in the sharing of material goods, so that no one be left in need. This sharing with and dedication to those in need is the lifestyle that God suggests, even to non-Christians, as the authentic path of humanity.