

Help Us Meet the Challenge!

A gift of \$1,000 was recently made to our parish's permanent endowment with the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena. This gift was made possible through the generosity of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Hamilton, Montana, who received a significant bequest from a long-time parishioner named Kay.

Through the call of biblical tithing, St. Francis of Assisi Parish is sharing 10% of the total bequest to be permanently endowed for the benefit of ministries and parishes of the Diocese of Helena—including our parish.

St. Francis of Assisi would like this bequest to be an example and challenge to continue the blessing forward.

Here's the challenge—if our parish raises \$1,000 for our endowment by June 30, 2014, St. Francis of Assisi Parish will match it with another \$1,000 deposit into our permanent endowment fund with the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena. Any unused funds from the match pool will be equally divided and permanently endowed with the Foundation for the benefit of the following Diocesan ministries: Aid to the Needy, Clergy Senior Status, Guatemala Mission, and Seminarian Education.

An endowment is a permanent fund that provides an ongoing source of income for our parish. Contributions to the fund (called "principal") are invested in adherence to Catholic principles on socially responsible investing. Income from the investment is distributed to our parish, while the principal remains intact and stands in lasting memory to the love and caring support of those whose sacrifice contributed to the fund.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this challenge to build our parish's permanent endowment fund. Please direct any questions and donations to either the parish office or to the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena.

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