

## A Message from the Executive Director

Happy Summer!

I hope you're relishing the delights of this season, soaking in the beauty of our countryside and the wonders of God's creation. Amidst the busyness of life, it's essential to pause and express heartfelt gratitude for all God's goodness.

I want to extend a special thank you to our dedicated chancery and parish staff members who work tirelessly to keep the Church running smoothly. Their unwavering commitment to service is truly commendable, even though not always visible.

In particular, I want to shine a spotlight on the invaluable contributions of the Diocese of Cheyenne Chancery Staff. Their work impacts the lives of every parish and parishioner. Supporting their work through the *Living and Giving in Christ* appeal is an opportunity to be part of something very meaningful.

*Living and Giving in Christ* enables the Chancery Staff in the Offices of Human Resources, Finance, and Communications to assist every parish. In addition, it funds healing ministries through the Offices of the Tribunal and the Chancellor, support for clergy, parish leaders, faith formation for all ages, Hispanic and campus ministries, as well as diaconate formation.

Gifts to *Living and Giving in Christ* are received with deep gratitude, managed responsibly, and reinvested into the infrastructure that supports every parish in the diocese.

If you haven't already, I encourage you to consider making a gift or pledge to *Living and Giving in Christ*. In his annual appeal letter this year, Bishop Steven invited the People of God in Wyoming to see their offerings to *Living and Giving in Christ* as a way to participate in the mission of Christ. He wrote: "We are co-responsible for his mission. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to use our varied gifts to become that mission. By the grace of the Spirit, we bring Christ to the world. Through us, his life overflows to others."

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and may the remainder of your summer be filled with abundant blessings!

In Christ,



**Peg Louise**  
Executive Director





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## WCMF Grants

Thank you for submitting your applications for the Summer 2024 Grant Cycle! The WCMF Grants Committee is thoughtfully reviewing these applications. Notification of decisions will be sent in July.



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## Tips and Tools for Giving

What is a Charitable Remainder Trust (and when should you have one)?

If you want to minimize taxes and contribute to a charitable cause, then a Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT) may be of interest to you. The concept is that an irrevocable gift is made by you (“the trustor”) which, in the long term, benefits the charity of your choosing. However, in the meantime, the interest generated by this gift goes back to you or another beneficiary, tax-free. The period of time between is typically your lifetime or that of another beneficiary. Eventually, the remainder of the trust is donated to a private foundation or public charity.

The Charitable Remainder Trust can be established with cash, stocks, or most any other asset. These may be tax-deductible. However, unlike a revocable trust, you cannot make changes to a CRT unless it is established as a Charitable Remainder Unitrust (CRUT). In this situation, it is possible to make additional contributions to the trust over time.

Charitable Remainder Trusts are an excellent option if you'd like to maximize tax savings and ensure that your philanthropy is not tied up in probate after you pass on. If you'd like to learn more about CRTs, please reach out to the Wyoming Catholic Ministries Foundation!



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