

A Message from the Executive Director

Blessed Lent to you!

I pray it is off to a good start and that it will be a fruitful season.

Thank you for your support of our shared mission during the combined End of Year Appeal. Although the greater culture is trending differently, the Church in Wyoming responded with generosity, giving 32% more this year than last. Thank you! It truly has an impact on the mission of Christ throughout the Diocese of Cheyenne. Please see our [WCMF 2024 Annual Report](#) to learn more about the good work being done throughout the diocese.

Since our last newsletter, several parishes have begun to participate in the long-term future of our diocese through the *Communion for Mission* campaign. The goals for this collaborative campaign are aggressive, but attainable. We are seeking \$26 million in 5-year pledges and are intentionally targeting \$10 million in legacy giving.

The campaign is structured to support each parish, care for those in need, form missionary disciples, meet infrastructure needs, plan for seminarian needs, and care for our retired priests. Retired priests are cared for through the St. Joseph's Society. After retirement priests need to pay for their own housing and insurance, which were previously provided. Although social security and Medicare are helpful, St. Joseph's Society tries to help by providing a portion of their previous salary to supplement those added expenses.

We can all be very grateful for the St. Joseph's Society and for all the retired priests of the diocese, many who continue to serve us.

In Christ,



Peg Louiselle
Executive Director





St. Joseph's Society

Our goal is for a priest's retirement benefit to match the salary of a priest with 40 years of service.



- Average Retirement Benefit with 35 Years of Service
- Average Retirement Benefit with 40 Years of Service
- Priest Salary with 40 Years of Service



St. Joseph's Society is currently engaged in the work of the *Communion for Mission* campaign. St. Joseph's Society seeks to move closer to providing the equivalent of 100 percent of the salary of a priest with 40 years of ordination, up from the current provision of 86.81 percent. The goal is to secure a minimum of **\$1.3 million** within five years and an additional **\$2 million** in legacy gifts. By contributing to this fund, we all can ensure that our retired priests can live their retirement years with financial security and dignity.

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WCMF Summer Grant Cycle

The Summer 2025 Grant Application is open now! If your Catholic parish, school, or organization has a project that needs funding to take it to the next level, submit an application by **MAY 31st**.

Learn more and apply on [our website](#).

Notification of decisions in July.

Tips and Tools for Giving

Planning your Legacy

As a valued member of the Wyoming Catholic community, we want to extend our gratitude for your ongoing support. Your generosity has been instrumental in advancing Christ's love throughout Wyoming and the Diocese of Cheyenne.

In thanks for your commitment, and we're delighted to offer the Catholic community of Wyoming a tool to help you steward your God-given blessings. Through our partnership with [FreeWill](#), you now have access to a secure online resource that guides you through the process of creating your estate plan at no cost to you.

Taking this important step for your family is an incredible way to ensure your family is cared for and your values are upheld for generations to come, carrying forward your faith and leaving a legacy to help ensure vibrant ministries and parishes for the People of God in Wyoming!

To get started, simply visit FreeWill and follow their prompts. The tool is designed for ease of use, there is no cost to you and provides you with a legally binding will or trust. It is easy to use and accessible online. You can use this resource on its own, or to create a will or trust that you can then finalize with an attorney.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you, again, for your dedication to our Catholic community. Together as the Body of Christ, we can make a profound and lasting impact.

Peace in Christ,



Vince Marcantonio

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