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## St. Anthony Parish Foundation

February 6, 2022

Dear Fellow Parishioners:

As chair of the St. Anthony Parish Foundation, it is my privilege to write this letter to the parish about our parish foundation. Each year, the foundation is the most significant and largest single donor to the parish, giving between \$20,000 and \$30,000 annually.

The foundation was established more than 30 years ago with the intent to establish an endowment for receipt of permanent gifts to the parish. Your gift to the foundation is a permanent gift to the parish. It is and will be your investment in the future of St. Anthony Catholic Church and a venue to show your ongoing gratitude for its ministries. The foundation serves as a source of revenue for special needs and emergencies of our church and school for future generations.

Gifts to the foundation come in many forms. Often gifts are made in memory or in honor of a deceased loved one. The foundation has received gifts of real estate, stocks and bonds, and other assets. Gifts can be made to the general endowment fund or as a restricted gift to provide funding for a specific purpose. Current restricted funds include an endowment fund and the Rose Alessio Fund for St. Anthony School, the Elizabeth Chandler Scholarship Fund to assist students from St. Anthony's in attending Dowling Catholic High School, and the School Endowment Fund. The foundation's total assets as of December 31, 2021, are detailed on the back of this letter.

Also attached to the bulletin is our foundation brochure that describes in more detail the foundation and giving levels of the St. Anthony Legacy Society. As a member of the society, you are acknowledged on a plaque permanently placed at the back of the church and are recognized at an annual Mass. Please review the brochure and decide on how you can participate in the foundation and the continuing growth and success of St. Anthony Parish. We want all parishioners to be involved. For example, consider joining the "850 Club". Give \$8.50 each month through automatic withdrawal for 12 months to be a "Give" donor and have your name included on the Legacy Society plaque. The website to sign up is **StAnthonydsm.org**; the foundation link will be found under the Ministries heading. You may also make a gift to the foundation or join the "850 Club" by clicking on the green dollar sign in the top right-hand corner of our parish home page.

Also, please view the foundation's video hosted by Msgr. Chiodo to learn more about the foundation and how you can give. The video is on our parish home page at **StAnthonydsm.org**.

February is "Foundation Month" at St. Anthony. At all Masses the weekend of February 19-20, a second collection will be taken for the foundation. The Mass honoring the Legacy Society members and their families is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on February 27.

Our foundation continues to grow but we need your ongoing support to make that happen. Please remember that gifts to the foundation are not in lieu of general support and tithing to the parish. The funds held by the foundation are intended to be a permanent endowment for the future of St. Anthony Parish.

Respectfully,

Stephanie Sarcone