

1634

Ark and Dove arrive at St. Clement's Island; St. Mary's City founded; Mass is celebrated on Maryland shores by Fr. Andrew White, SJ

1789

The Diocese of Baltimore, the first in the United States, is created by Pope Pius VI

1852

John Neumann is consecrated a bishop in Baltimore

1858

First Baptism at Holy Cross is George Muller by Fr. Francis van Emstede

1860

First Baptism at St. Lawrence O'Toole/Our Lady of Good Counsel is Daniel O'Connell by Fr. John F. Hickey

1868

First Baptism at St. Mary, Star of the Sea is Emma Mary Frances McNeen by Fr. Peter McCoy

1906

Cardinal James Gibbons confirms Bernadette Agnes Daley at St. Mary, Star of the Sea

2003

Our Lady of Good Counsel joins with Holy Cross and St. Mary, Star of the Sea, which were twinned in 1996

2058, 2059, 2068

The parishes of the Catholic Community of South Baltimore enter their 3<sup>rd</sup> Century

## MAPPING THE MISSION

The Endowment Campaign for the Catholic Community of South Baltimore

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### In the beginning was the Word

These first words of the Gospel of John recall for us how it all began. It began so simply. It began with a relationship between God and His people. In the beginning of Catholic ministry here, settlers gave thanks to God for their safe arrival and set up a large cross as they came ashore on a small island called St. Clement's which is part of what we now call Maryland. The date was March 25, 1634, which we celebrate today as Maryland Day.

In 1789, when the Archdiocese of Baltimore was established as the first diocese of this New Republic, Roman Catholics had already been in the area for over 150 years. The people were here long before there was a Cathedral. Ministry was here long before there was a diocese. The Word was being proclaimed long before there was a parish.

By the time any parish was established in the few square miles we now call the Catholic Community of South Baltimore, the Sacraments had already been celebrated, the Gospel had been proclaimed for decades and the People of God had been served.

Parishes come into being from the ministries that give birth to them. In the 150 years since the three parishes of the Catholic Community were established, the ministries have been innumerable; the people served, countless. It is a parish's responsibility to keep their ministries vibrant and healthy and to continue serving the mission of the Church.

The Catholic Community of South Baltimore is *'mapping out its mission'* to ensure that the ministries which have put us on the map are supported for decades to come. A ministry endowment is being established to support the mission of the Church. Capital endowments are established to care for buildings. Ministry endowments are established to care for the ministries which keep a community vibrant. The ministries are the pillars on which these parishes were established. Just as universities endow a 'chair for learning' to assure that a particular subject is taught or research is preserved, the Catholic Community of South Baltimore will establish a ministry endowment to honor the ministries and people who gave birth to us by assuring that these ministries are preserved.

The monies collected during the endowment campaign will be divided between the immediate operating budget (25%) and the perpetual endowment (75%). Each year the interest from the endowment will be available to the operating budget to support the ministries of education, liturgy, and outreach to the people of these few square miles. Many people have already contributed to our campaign. My thanks to those of you who have already made a pledge.

To be successful, we will need broad participation. I ask that you be as responsive and generous as your resources allow you to be. Please think about the results of the entire Catholic Community of South Baltimore acting together as one body to make certain that our ministries live on forever.

I am grateful for everything that all of you do for our Catholic Community of South Baltimore. Please remember those who have gone before us and given generously.

Sincerely,



Rev. Patrick M. Carrion  
Pastor

## HOW HAS THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH IMPACTED YOUR LIFE?

*“Not only during Sunday worship have we been influenced by the CCSB pastoral ministry, but specifically during the happiest times of our lives. We were married in the church and both our children were baptized here. Because of the care and thought of the pastoral ministry, it was during these most special of times that we felt a true connection and calling to spread the good news of Jesus to others in our lives.” Meg MacGill*

## MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS?

### Why place 75% of our donations in an endowment?

By creating an endowment, the parishes are committing themselves to provide for the future as they intend to continue serving the community for many years to come. The endowment fund provides a permanent and secure source of income, which can ensure the future of our parishes and its ministry.

The most stable and effective colleges and institutions have established endowment funds. Likewise, it is important that our Catholic values be supported to ensure their stability and effectiveness into the future.

### What is an endowment?

An endowment is a permanent fund, the principal of which is never touched but the income from which can be used in accordance with the wishes of the donor organization or individual. The principal, as it is defined includes, the initial contribution given to establish the endowment as well as all additional contributions to the endowment.

### Who manages the Endowment?

The endowment is managed by the Catholic Family Foundation (CFF) which presently manages over 300 endowments established by individuals or Catholic entities. Total assets presently are more than \$23 million.

The CFF Board of Trustees' objective is to pursue an investment policy consistent with reasonable growth while being socially responsible given the values of the Catholic Church and prudently safeguarding the principal. The directors are leaders in their parishes and communities and are accountable to both donors and recipients.

For more information on the Foundation [www.archbalt.org/cff](http://www.archbalt.org/cff).

## YOUR DONATION SUPPORTS THE COMMUNITY'S MISSION OF:

### *Celebrating the Sacraments*

- Developing the liturgical ministers and ministries

### *Serving the People of God*

- Supporting our visitors who take Eucharist weekly to the ill

### *Proclaiming the Gospel*

- Enhancing the Religious Ed Program for our young people

This is the first in a series of inserts to inform the Catholic Community of South Baltimore about the Endowment Campaign

## HOW CAN I HELP?

Many people are needed to make this campaign a success for ourselves and for our descendants.

### Volunteers are needed:

1. to contact parishioners through phone calls once the request letters are mailed asking people to consider a gift.

2. to visit parishioners personally asking them to consider a gift. Some twenty families have been visited and so far we have commitments nearing \$100,000 !!!

### Be open to a visit and a phone call

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