

Manistee Catholic Central Foundation

The Manistee Catholic Central Foundation was established in 1985. Serving as Officers were: President - LaVerne Tarkowski, Vice-President - Ervin Kowalski, Secretary - JoAnn Kruse and Treasurer - Leonard Kalcher.

The Non-Profit Foundation was established to raise an endowment fund to assure fiscal stability for Manistee Catholic Central Schools.

Fast forward to 2022...Foundation Officers are: President - Dale Kowalkowski, Vice-President - Mary Lou Racine, Secretary - Kay Fortier and Treasurer - Bernie Pieczynski.

The MCC Foundation Endowment Fund currently has assets totaling over \$1.3 million dollars. The total contributions to Manistee Catholic since the foundation began, thru October of 2022, is over One MILLION Dollars!

There are three other funds in the foundation portfolio:

The Angeline and Donald Cichy Scholarship Fund was established in 2004 by their son, Dr. Ronald Cichy, MCC alum - Class of '68, and his wife Shelley. This scholarship is awarded annually to a current K-12 student. Dr. Cichy and his wife funded the scholarship, until the fund began earning enough money thru investments, to provide the annual award. Over \$6,000 has been awarded to students.

The Mary S. Roehm/Chuck Herbert Tuition Assistance Fund was established in 2011 to assist current students with tuition costs. Earnings from this fund to MCC students total over \$140,000. The funding for this account came from the Roehm Estate and the Charles Herbert Family. Mary Roehm attended the annual HARVEST event as a guest and was impressed with what she saw happening at Manistee Catholic. Chuck Herbert was a very active member of the foundation from Day One!

The Doris & Ed Polcyn Fund was established by the Polcyn Estate in 2019. Doris was a member of the MCC Foundation Board of Directors, and a very supportive volunteer at MCC. The earnings from this fund are divided between scholarships for graduating Seniors and tuition assistance for current students. During the short existence of this fund, \$28,000 for scholarships and tuition assistance has been awarded.

The Manistee Catholic Central Foundation is proud to continue their support of Catholic education in Manistee County. This group truly appreciates the generosity of everyone in the area...Businesses, Industry, Saber Alumni, Memorials and Individuals, especially the parishioners of the Catholic Community.

Anyone wanting additional information about the Manistee Catholic Central Foundation may contact the MCC School Office at 231.723.2529, or any of the current officers.



Current MCC Foundation Board of Directors

Seated: Mary Lou Racine, Sara Linke, Marilyn Kliber, Karen Goodman, Kay Fortier and Ann Wilkosz

Standing: Bernie Pieczynski, George Saylor, III, Tom Kaminski, Mary Krusniak, Steve Duchon, Jeff Janowiak and Dale Kowalkowski

Absent from the photo: Dr. John Baribeau and Paul Niedzielski