



As we navigate the trying times brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic, The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia (CFGF) is working to address the immediate needs of our faith community at every level.

We understand that the suspension of public Masses has impacted parish communities directly in many ways. As a result, we have established the **Parish Support Initiative** in collaboration with the Archdiocese of Philadelphia.

Please visit www.TheCFGF.org/parish to support your home parish, or a parish in need, through the **Parish Support Initiative**.

Below are some answers to common questions that you might have. If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to reach out to CFGF at parish@catholicfoundationphila.org or 215.587.5650.

Who is CFGF?

CFGF is an independent, nonprofit community foundation committed to growing philanthropy according to the teachings of Jesus Christ. Grounded in the principles of faith and service, CFGF meets the diverse needs of donors and Catholic institutions through charitable fund management and development consulting. Our services ensure an investment in the future of our faith.

Can I continue using my parish's online giving platform?

Absolutely. If your parish has an established online giving platform, we strongly encourage you to continue utilizing it. You are also encouraged to mail in your regular offertory envelopes if that is your preferred method of giving. You still have the opportunity to donate to your parish, or a parish in need, through the **Parish Support Initiative**.

How will my parish know I donated?

CFGF will provide your pastor with an overview of contributions made to their parish, as denoted on the donation page drop-down menu.

What is the "Parish Most in Need" category?

This option allows donors to direct their support to parishes that are experiencing the most severe financial difficulties. These parishes will be determined by the senior administration of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in consultation with the Archdiocesan Office for Parish Services and Support.

Are there any costs associated with utilizing CFGP's Parish Support Initiative?

CFGP is providing this Initiative free of charge to your parish. There are transaction fees that accompany electronic payments. It is important to note that you will not be billed for these costs. CFGP will facilitate payment of these fees. Checks issued by CFGP to your parish will be reflective of net contribution of proceeds after deductions for fees.

Our platform's fees are as follows:

- Credit cards: 2.798% + \$0.26 per transaction
- ACH/Direct Debit: \$0.75 per transaction and \$5.00 per returned transaction

For example, if you make a \$20 donation using a credit card, your parish will receive \$19.18. 2.798% of \$20 is \$.56 + \$.26 = \$.82 for the total transaction fee

How will my contact information be used if I choose to participate in the Parish Support Initiative?

CFGP ensures that your information will never be sold, and you will not start receiving any additional direct mail solicitations due to your participation in this Initiative. Your information will only be shared with the pastor of the parish that you denote on the online donation form.

Can physical checks be sent in support of the Parish Support Initiative?

While we encourage online giving, we can also accept checks. **Please do not send cash.** Checks can be made payable to CFGP with **Parish Support Initiative** and the name of the parish you are supporting noted on the memo line. Checks can be sent to:

Parish Support Initiative
100 N. 20th Street, Suite 301
Philadelphia, PA 19103

How can I support other important causes in the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, in addition to my parish?

Many organizations in our community are in need and your support is greatly appreciated. Below are just a few of those causes:

- [Catholic Charities Appeal](#)
- [St. Charles Borromeo Seminary Appeal](#)
- [Office for Catholic Education](#)
- [CFGP's Emergency Relief Fund](#)

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