

## Supporting Senior Priests & Seminarians in the Diocese of Saginaw

*Fr. Charles L. Ganley Memorial Endowment  
Fund for Priests & Seminarians*



The *Fr. Charles L. Ganley Memorial Endowment Fund for Priests & Seminarians* was established in 2009 to support men of God who have dedicated their lives to the Priesthood and the Diocese of Saginaw. Fr. Charles L. Ganley served as pastor at numerous parishes across Michigan throughout his career before his retirement in 1996. His estate established this fund “in gratitude to a man who spent a lifetime serving God and His people through his ministry as a priest.”

When priests retire from the priesthood, many continue to serve their parishes and communities in a diverse number of ways such as volunteering, providing administrative support, or aiding in sacramental ministries. Many senior priests, if not assigned to a specific parish, remain on-call for any needs related to parish life or supporting current pastors. However, towards the end of life many of these men face challenges due to mobility limitations, cognitive decline, or medical concerns. While priests receive generous retirement packages and are often able to access resources through these retirement plans, in some cases retired priests find themselves experiencing financial insecurity and benefit from supplemental financial support to improve their quality of life. The *Fr. Charles L. Ganley Memorial Endowment Fund for Priests & Seminarians* helps to meet these needs.

Fr. Josè Maria Cabrera, pastor of All Saints Parish in Bay City, has embraced his calling to serve senior priests in the Diocese of Saginaw, inspired by his own background supporting dozens of retired priests and providing end-of-life care in their time of need.

Fr. Josè regularly supports retired priests by providing guidance and insight to both them and their families towards the end of life. This includes helping make care decisions, connecting with necessary resources, and being a source of companionship.

“I am the bridge between the family of the priest and the Diocese,” Fr. Josè continued. “This service has helped me to grow in my love for the priesthood.”

Fr. Josè states that he is often the person who stays with retired priests in their last moments, and has received powerful insight by asking these men for advice regarding the priesthood. **“It’s beautiful preparing a man of God for eternity.”**



“I’m grateful that Fr. Ganley thought of his fellow senior priests who may be in difficult financial situations, and I’m grateful for anyone who has, or would like to, supplement this fund in the event that our senior priests are in need.”

*Father Josè Maria Cabrera*

Learn more about this fund and how you can support retired priests at [CCFMM.org](http://CCFMM.org)



# Priest & Religious Retirement Endowment Fund

**“The priesthood is the love of the heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ.”**

*-St. John Vianney-*

*The Priest & Religious Retirement Endowment Fund*, managed by the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan, was established with the purpose of providing financial support to retired priests and religious who have exhausted financial resources offered through the Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund or their respective religious orders' retirement plans.

This endowment was established in 2008 by the then Bishop of the Diocese of Saginaw, Reverend Robert J. Carlson, and funded through the generous donations of community members and matched funds from Catholic Federal Credit Union. From its inception over 15 years ago, this endowment's purpose has been to provide resources that support retired priests and religious' quality of life in gratitude and acknowledgement of their lifetime commitment to serving Christ, their parishes, and their community.

On **Father's Day**, consider donating to the Priest and Religious Retirement Endowment Fund collection at your parish to support seasoned priests who have dedicated their lives to the priesthood and religious life!



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