

Feeding Our Faith



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4th Quarter 2020



15th Anniversary

Coming in the Fall of 2021, the Catholic Community Foundation will be celebrating 15 years of service to our Catholic community's parishes and schools. If you have a memory, story or photo you would like to share with the CCFMM for our 15 year anniversary, please contact us.

What will your legacy be?

Are you ready to start planning your estate but don't know where to start? Your first question may be what is the difference between a will and a trust? Well, the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan is ready to help you! We can connect you with helpful information that may enable you to successfully plan your estate and avoid an accidental disinheritance. We can introduce you to charitable planned giving strategies that can benefit you, your heirs and the Catholic ministries you care about.

BIG Raffle 2021

Ticket Sales Begin: January 29th

Event Drawing Date: April 26th

Mark your calendars! Yes it's that time of year. The Catholic Community Foundation is preparing for the BIG Raffle Celebration of 2021. Watch our website and our Facebook page for updates! If you are new to the BIG Raffle and would like to be a participating organization please contact the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan at (989) -797- 6680 or ccfmm@ccfmm.org

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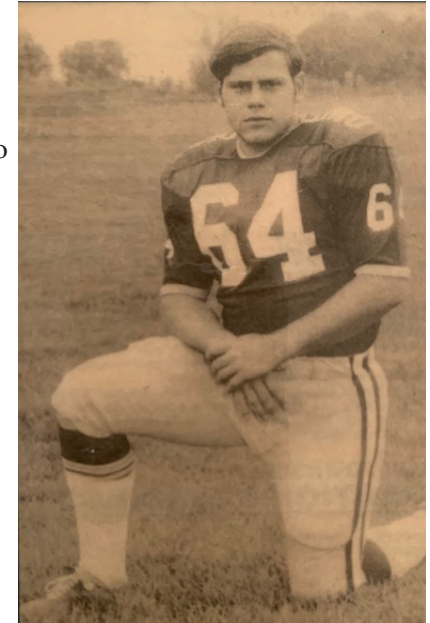
CCFMM Scholarship Fund Honors Rod Luplow

Crisp fall Friday nights. Stadium lights illuminating grass fields. Gleaming goalposts, screaming fans, marching bands! All this brings to mind the excitement of the high school football season. We remember our favorite games—the ones we won, the ones we lost, the ones we tied. We also remember special coaches and players. One such player remembered by many is Rod Luplow.

Luplow was a football standout at former St. Andrew's (first 2 years) and St. Stephen's High Schools, where he earned 3 varsity letters and was awarded first team all-state football honors his senior year, 1971. He was recruited by Eastern Michigan University to play offensive guard on the Huron football team. Luplow went on to become a co-captain of the team in 1975 and was named the winner of the Elton J. Rynearson award as the top scholar athlete on the 1975 EMU football team.

Weighing in at around 250 pounds and standing 6 feet tall, Luplow was a powerhouse. According to Saginaw attorney, Greg Meter, Rod's close friend and St. Stephen's teammate, "Rod and I would work out Monday through Friday every week, each summer, from late April to early August, in preparation for our upcoming college football seasons; Rod at Eastern Michigan and myself at the University of Dayton."

Then tragedy struck during the fall of Rod's junior year at EMU. According to Meter, "A routine X-ray revealed Rod had Hodgkin's disease, which required surgery and intensive chemotherapy and cobalt treatment." Luplow dropped 50 pounds and lost his speed and endurance. However, he fought back. He pushed himself, never gave up, and inspired all those around him.



Scholarship Highlight Cont...



Despite the setback, Luplow returned to play his junior and senior years as a starter and co-captain of the Huron football team. After graduation from EMU, Luplow became a teacher and coach. He later moved to Florida and became a successful businessman, selling insurance. He married and had 2 sons.

In 1988, significant scaring from the Hodgkins treatment required Rod to undergo surgery. According to Meter, Rod, always a fighter, was up and walking after the procedure. Yet, a blood clot formed, and when Rod went to sleep that night, he would never awake. Meter still feels the deep loss of his former friend, teammate, and one of the best people he has ever known. He adds,

“One of the many memories I have about Rod was that, despite the challenges he faced, he never complained or felt sorry for himself. What I watched him go through has impacted my life since.”

Those who knew and loved Rod wanted to keep alive the memory of this champion on and off the field, and so the Rod Luplow Scholarship was established. Meter says they sold chicken dinners out of the Expressway Bar each summer to raise most of the funds for the Luplow Scholarship, which has been awarded to a Nouvel Catholic Central (NCC) senior/seniors each year since the early 1990s.

If you would like to read more of our story about Rob Luplow and the NCC 2020 recipients of his memorial scholarship please visit our website at www.ccfmm.org/stories

The Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan (CCFMM) is proud of its role in keeping alive the memory of a man, Rod Luplow, who was an inspiration on and off the football field. In addition to administering the Rod Luplow Scholarship, the CCFMM has over 250 funds -- endowed, scholarship, grants and donor advised -- that serve the Diocese of Saginaw. Many of the CCFMM funds, such as the Luplow Scholarship, have been established in memory of a loved one.

Written by Mary Beth Looby

Scholarship Announcement



Nouvel Scholarships

*The Bob Logan Memorial
Scholarship*

The Craig Siler Scholarship

*The Cesario Hernandez
Memorial Scholarship*

*The Fr. E.C. LeFevre College
Scholarship*

*The Larry J. Oswald Memorial
Scholarship*

*The Maria Elizabeth Paquette
Memorial Scholarship for the
Advancement of Life*

*The Patrick Ackerman
Scholarship*

Nouvel Scholarships

*The Rod Luplow Memorial
Scholarship*

*The Shannan Marie
Thompson Memorial
Scholarship*

*The Scott Dangel Scholarhsip
Endowment Fund*

*The St. Thomas Aquinas
Slominski Scholarship*

*The Timothy Horny Nouvel
Basbeball Scholarship*

*The Val and Julie Kostrewa
Scholarship*

***We are now accepting applications
for College Scholarships!***

Saint Thomas Aquinas Parish Specific Scholarship

The Berberovich Memorial Fund

All Saints Central Scholarships

The Lori Stillwell Memorial Scholarship

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The Fr. Robert G. Navarre College Scholarship

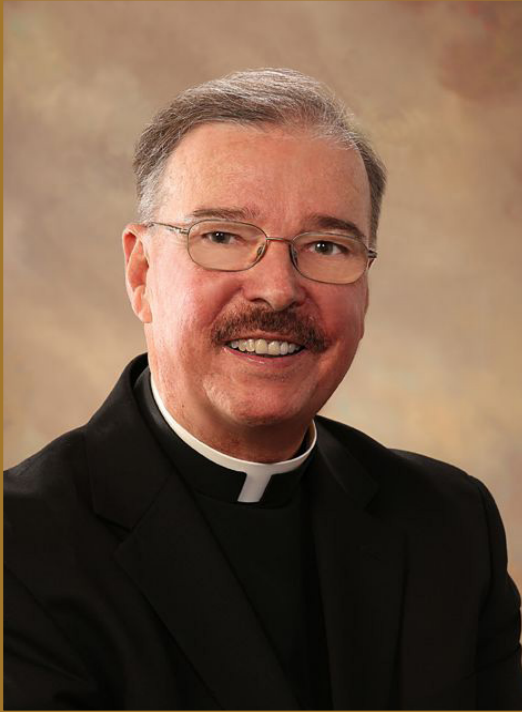
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*For more information on College Scholarships visit our
website at ccfmm.org/collegescholarships*

Fr. Bill Taylor Endowment for Lay Ministry



Father William (Bill) Taylor was able to transform peoples' lives through his love of Scripture.

He instructed more than 800 candidates in the Diocese of Saginaw's Lay Ministry Formation Program from its beginning 42 years ago. His classes brought the Bible to life.

"He was a teacher that the lay ministers embraced," said Kellie Deming, coordinator of lay ministry for the Diocese of Saginaw." He had the ability to make each of them feel they had a personal relationship with Jesus Christ."

Fr. Taylor, 80, died July 13 after serving the diocese as a priest for 53 years. During the vigil ceremony preceding his funeral, Fr. Steve Gavit acknowledged Fr. Taylor as the "best Scripture scholar in the history of the Saginaw Diocese."

Fr. Taylor conducted classes perched on his favorite high-top stool using maps to pinpoint the locations of significant events in the Bible. "He loved to share the good news of the gospels and remained the most popular teacher in the Lay Ministry Formation Program throughout the years," Deming added.

Pam Daily, lay minister at Blessed Trinity parish in Frankenmuth, appreciated his deep and vast knowledge of the Old Testament as well as his dry sense of humor. "What a loss for our diocese. He was a treasure," she said.

Fr. Taylor was born June 16, 1940 in Saginaw to Richard and Eileen Taylor. He was an only child and his priestly journey began early. A childhood friend

Fr. Bill Taylor Endowment for Lay Ministry Cont...



wrote on the memory page of his funeral notice that he made his first vestments out of his mother's sheets and colored them with crayons. "He gave every pet in the neighborhood that passed away a proper funeral," the friend wrote.

He graduated from St. Andrew High School. Then he earned an associate degree from Jordan Seminary in Menominee, MI; a bachelor's degree from St. Mary Seminary in Baltimore, MD; and a Master's of Divinity degree from St. John Provincial Seminary in Plymouth, MI.

He was ordained in 1967 at the Cathedral of Mary of the Assumption in Saginaw. His pastoral assignments included Our Lady of Lake Huron, Harbor Beach; Holy Spirit, Shields; Ss. Peter and Paul, Saginaw; St. Michael, Wilmot; St. Joseph, Mayville; St. Christopher, Bridgeport; St. Maria Goretti, Bay City; Blessed Trinity, Frankenmuth and Holy Family, Saginaw.

In addition to his pastoral ministry, he was a member of the Clergy Personal Board for 30 years. He also offered scripture seminars and conducted retreats, logging many miles to parishes throughout the diocese.

Parishioners he served remember him as wise, generous, witty, wholesome, holy, meticulous and a man who strictly followed tradition and routine. Some even adopted him into their families. Carol and Kevin Maurer, of Frankenmuth, met Fr. Taylor in 1986.

"He soon became part of our family, celebrating holidays and birthday dinners. We even named our youngest son Ethan Taylor after him," Carol said. "His homilies really helped us grow spiritually."

He mentored seminarians including Fr. Andy Booms, homilist at Fr. Taylor's funeral. "He was like a father, keeping an eye on the younger priests in a very positive way," Fr. Booms said. "He had a wonderful sense of humor, care, concern and wisdom, never judging or condemning. He had his views but he never made them the litmus test or took joy in condemning those who disagreed."

Fr. Taylor retired in 2007 and served as a senior priest in residence at St. Dominic Parish in Saginaw. He continued teaching. His impact remained strong. "Because of his love of Scripture, he was able to build relationships necessary to form true disciples of Christ," Deming said.

An endowment honoring Fr. Taylor's memory is established at the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan to benefit the Lay Ministry Program. Contributions can be made by accessing the CCFMM website: ccfmm.org/donate/ and specifying Fr. William Taylor Endowment in the message/details section of the webpage. Contributions can also be mailed to:
The Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan
5800 Weiss St., Saginaw MI 48603-2779

Written by Joan Ramm

Fr. Bill Taylor Endowment Growth, Thanks to You



Fr. Taylor's Estate
Legacy Gift

\$35,915

Total Donors

71

Total Donations

\$5,235

*The day which we fear as our last is
but the birthday of eternity.*



Father Bill Taylor was a kind man and a wonderful friend. Enjoy the Tiger games with your buddy Father Heller!

- Donor



The Fr. Bill Taylor Endowment was established in October 2020. The endowment is designed to support the continuing formation of lay ministers through the Office of Lay Ministry of the Diocese of Saginaw or its successor. The fund serves as a lasting legacy to Fr. Bill's love and support for the Church and Sacred Scripture.



A Gift that Keeps on Giving

You may be looking for a way to make a big difference to help further our mission. If you are eligible, an IRA charitable rollover is a way you can help continue our work and benefit this year.

BENEFITS OF AN IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER

Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to our organization.

Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts.

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Please note that IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.

Please contact us if you wish for your gift to be used for a specific purpose.

*Please contact us with all of your questions and the
Catholic Community Foundation of Mid - Michigan can help get you started!*

Contact us at (989) - 797-6680; ccfmm@ccfmm.org; kristin.smith@ccfmm.org

Letter from the Executive Director



Greetings,

I pray that the last few months of 2020 will find you well and safe. During the pandemic, the Catholic Community Foundation transitioned to remotely working part-time to keep our work environments safe. While this has been a challenge, our dedication to our donors and benefactors has remained strong and focused. In fact, we've been in more contact with our community through social media postings and our newsletter. I am proud to share that it has been one year since the creation of the CCFMM's first newsletter! It was one year ago December when *Feeding our Faith* was launched. Thank you Mary Beth Looby and Joan Ramm for the beautiful stories that we read each quarter that touch our hearts and remind us of our rich Catholic faith.

God's blessings abound as the CCFMM has opened six new endowments this year! One of the endowments is the Mary Beth Curtiss Endowment, opened in honor of our dear friend and supporter Mary Beth Curtiss. She served for 11 years as the Administrative Liaison to the Bishop's office. Mary Beth retired from the Diocese of Saginaw on Sept. 8. According to her wishes, the endowment will fund the Bishop's Mission to care for the faithful people of the Diocese of Saginaw.

Looking ahead, there are many exciting opportunities for the Catholic Community Foundation in 2021. Next fall, we will celebrate our 15 year anniversary! Since 2006, more than 250 endowments have been established to fund Catholic schools and students, the poor and those in need, vocations, evangelization outreach, faith formation and religious education, parish operations, community service agencies and the operations of the CCFMM office. Distributions over the 15 years have exceeded \$11.8 million. Thank you faithful donors! None of this would be possible without your generous support and contributions. Therefore we are planning to celebrate you, our donors. Watch for details of our 15th Anniversary celebration in upcoming newsletters.

In closing, may the peace of Jesus Christ be with you this Christmas season and bless you abundantly.

Yours in Christ,

Kristin Smith, CCFMM Executive Director



Please Join Us!



Helping People Help People!

We hope you enjoyed the fourth edition of *Feeding Our Faith*, a quarterly publication by the Catholic Community Foundation of Mid-Michigan.

New stories and funds are featured monthly.

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We hope to hear from you!

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