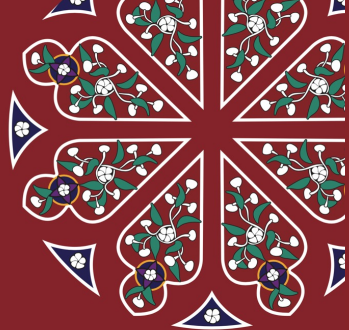


Endowment Fund



CATHOLIC
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PROGRAM

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*My fellow parishioners and
friends of Stella Maris,*

Our four church communities are a living legacy of the vision, sacrifice and determination of those who handed on the faith to us. In 1922, our first Catholic Church on the Sunshine Coast opened on Christmas Eve. Our Lady Star of the Sea was attended by those first Catholic families who travelled by foot, boat, tram or horse and cart from across Buderim and the Maroochy River areas to what we today refer to as the Nambour/Maroochydore Connection Road in Maroochydore.

This Parish lay foundation to our Catholic faith in this corner of the world. From unsure and humble beginnings, our Parish has evolved into a vibrant and responsive community that is a beacon of faith in the midst of a seaside city.

One of the biggest challenges we face today is how do we honour our Catholic forbears and hand onto the next generation a parish that is engaging and serious about celebrating our Catholic Faith while at the same time being financially viable.

For many of us, a deep fear is that any financial gift we give will not be appreciated or will be squandered! It is a legitimate fear.

In other parts of the world, to honour the generosity and sacrifices of benefactors into the future, they have established endowment funds. For example, in the United States, most schools, hospitals and parishes have established endowment funds into which bequests or significant donations are permanently invested for growth and never spent down. In practical terms, it means that in 50 or 100 years, a person's generosity will still be recognised and will still be working for the parish. Each year the fund distributes a percentage back to the parish and, as the endowment fund grows, the distribution increases, providing the parish with a steady annual income to fund the good works of the parish.

With the support of the Catholic Foundation, we established the Stella Maris Catholic Parish Endowment Fund and already have received several donations and bequests.

This fund will support the work and ministry of our Parish in perpetuity. In inviting you to consider supporting the Parish Endowment Fund, my hope is that the fund will continue to grow with gifts and bequests from parishioners and friends over the years.

In this way, we all have the opportunity to hand on the faith and provide a lasting legacy.

Fr Peter Brannelly
Parish Priest
Stella Maris Catholic Parish Maroochydore





Frequently Asked Questions

Does Stella Maris Catholic Parish need my endowment?

Yes, to continue to provide faith opportunities for parishioners and visitors, we must create a sound financial foundation for our parish future. Gifts of all types and sizes are needed and welcomed by the Parish Endowment Fund and they will provide Stella Maris with the sustainability and confidence to face the future as the centre of faith on the Sunshine Coast.

Why should I consider an endowment rather than an outright gift?

With an endowment, the gift stays permanently invested. An annual distribution from the income generated by the fund supports the life and work of our Parish indefinitely.

Can the parish ever claim funds from the endowment, in all or in part?

No. As a legally established investment contract, the endowment can never be closed or used in any way other than specified at its establishment.

Do I have to be Catholic in order to make a contribution?

No. The Stella Maris Parish Endowment Fund is very appreciative of anyone who has an interest in helping support the mission and work of the Church.

Who manages the Endowment Fund?

The assets of the Stella Maris Parish Endowment Fund are managed through the Catholic Foundation of the Archdiocese of Brisbane.

How does the Parish benefit?

The endowment fund is a permanent investment fund from which a 5% (on average) allocation is paid annually to support the life and programs of the Stella Maris Catholic Parish. The contributions to the fund are never spent, and the fund is insulated from any legal claims against the Parish. Donors can be assured that their gifts will be a permanent legacy to support the work of our parish and cannot be used for any other purpose.

Is there a minimum amount that can be given?

No. Contributions of every size are gratefully accepted.

Giving to the Endowment Fund



Your Will

Your Will is an important legal document. It recognises loved-ones and reflects the values and causes closest to your heart. A gift pledged through your Will of any size is also known as a 'bequest'. Before preparing or updating your Will discuss your wishes with family and loved-ones and seek professional legal advice.

Recommended clause for a bequest to our Parish:

"I give [insert amount/percentage/asset] to The Corporation of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane ABN 25 328 758 007 for the use and benefit of the general charitable, religious and educational purposes of the #. However, if this parish ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new parish erected in its stead which may include the Parish named in this clause (if more than one then equally as tenants in common). I direct that the receipt of the Financial Administrator for the time being of The Corporation of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane ABN 25 328 758 007 shall constitute a sufficient discharge to my trustee."

Insert

"Maroochydore- Stella Maris Catholic Parish Endowment Fund"

or

"Stella Maris Catholic Parish, situated at 2-10 Church Street, Maroochydore in Queensland"

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DONATION FORM MAROOCHYDOORE – STELLA MARIS PARISH ENDOWMENT FUND

Yes I'd like to make a Gift in the amount of
 \$1,000 \$500 \$250 \$100 Other _____

Name

Address

Phone

Email

Gift made in honour or in memory of:

Cash Cheque Please make payable to
Maroochydore- Stella Maris Catholic Parish Endowment Fund

Credit Card
Please charge my Visa Mastercard American Express

Card Number

Card Expiry

Account Name

Signature

Please post completed form to the Catholic Foundation
GPO Box 282, Brisbane Qld 4001

THANK YOU

Donations to the Parish Endowment Fund are not tax-deductible

The Maroochydore - Stella Maris Endowment Fund donations are managed by the Catholic Foundation.

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