



INSPIRED, COLLECTIVE INVESTING, PROVIDING INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR CATHOLIC CAUSES

The Catholic Leadership Circle is an opportunity for individuals and couples to magnify their personal philanthropy by joining forces with other members of the Circle. Exploring ideas, passions and creative solutions through exclusive educational events this group enjoys fellowship with other accomplished individuals, but most importantly is committed to strengthening the fabric of our Catholic communities through collective and inspired grantmaking.

HOW DO I BECOME A MEMBER?

Members are invited by existing Catholic Leadership Circle members and encouraged to attend one of the quarterly events to determine interest. Interested individuals may also contact the Foundation directly to become a member- an invitation is not required.

WHAT SORT OF TIME COMMITMENT IS REQUIRED?

The Catholic Leadership Circle hosts four member events per year and members are encouraged, but not required, to participate in one of the three committees.

WHAT ARE THE COMMITTEES OF THE LEADERSHIP CIRCLE?

New Member Recruitment – This cohort ensures new and continued enrollment in the Catholic Leadership Circle. Members focus on identifying and involving local Catholic leaders with an interest in influencing community impact through collective grantmaking.

Grantmaking – Members of this committee invest their time in the research and evaluation of grantee needs, organizational effectiveness and application review.

Grant Liaison – This committee maintains the relationships between our grantee organizations and you - the funders! Take it beyond the big check and stay in touch with these organizations through grant implementation.

WHERE DOES MY CONTRIBUTION GO?

100% of membership contributions are redirected back into the community, to organizations that have been selected by the Catholic Leadership Circle membership, through the grantmaking process.

HOW DO PROGRAMS APPLY FOR FUNDING?

The Catholic Leadership Circle requests proposals from organizations nominated by membership and whose values are aligned with Catholic teaching.

HOW ARE PROGRAMS EVALUATED?

Members of the Catholic Leadership Circle review applications, conduct site visits, and evaluate effectiveness. Finalists are invited to present to the members of CLC at one of the annual events.

HOW ARE WINNERS SELECTED?

Members of the CLC vote on program finalists and, based on ballot rankings the grantmaking committee, determine final allocation of awards- both in terms of which organization receive awards, and the value of the award itself.