



Campaign Gifts from Your IRA

To Strengthen Our Parish and Our Diocese

Tax Benefits of Qualified Charitable Distributions

If you are 70 ½ years old, or older, and have deferred taxable income residing in an IRA or individual retirement annuity, you may be able to direct tax-advantaged transfers to Witness to Hope in payment of your campaign pledge. Simply instruct your IRA trustee or custodian to direct that a transfer check be made from the IRA directly for the benefit of the campaign as described below. If you make such a qualified charitable distribution, (a “QCD”), for the amount of your required minimum distribution, you will have satisfied your annual distribution requirement and you will not have to pay income tax on that amount. In fact, you can make QCDs of up to \$100,000 each year from your IRA. That’s a real tax advantage for a charitably minded IRA owner who doesn’t need the required distribution to live on, and doesn’t want to pay income taxes on required IRA distributions.

To give from your IRA, please have the distribution check made payable to:

**Catholic Foundation
of the Diocese of Lansing**

Mailing Address

Witness to Hope
228 N. Walnut Street
Lansing, MI 48933

Ask your broker, trustee or custodian to include your name, address and parish name with the IRA distribution request.

Qualified charitable distributions can be made from any IRA or individual retirement annuity, but not from a simplified employee pension, a simple retirement account or an inherited IRA. Consult your tax advisor with any questions about this terrific opportunity!