



The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida

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How to Make a Charitable Gift to Your Parish or Ministry from Your IRA

A qualified charitable distribution (QCD), is a direct distribution from your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) to a public charity. Making this distribution can lower your taxable income, which may also reduce the impact to certain tax credits and deductions such as Social Security and Medicare.

A QCD makes it easier to use your IRA assets to make charitable gifts to your favorite causes.

Under current law, withdrawals from traditional IRAs and certain Roth IRAs are taxed as income, even if they are immediately directed to a charity. You may still receive a tax deduction for your donation, but tax law changes have limited the availability of itemized deductions. As a result, many have chosen not to use IRA assets for lifetime gifts. The QCD eliminates this problem because the distribution is not included in withdrawals as income for the year.

What gifts qualify for a charitable IRA rollover?

A gift that qualifies is:

- Made by a donor age 72 or older (70 ½ prior to 12/31/19) prior to completing the distribution
- Transferred from a traditional or Roth IRA **directly** to a permissible public charity, such as The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, Diocese of Orlando, parish or other Diocesan ministries.
- Gifts must be received at the charity by December 31 to be considered completed for the tax year.

Is there a limit on the amount that can be given?

Yes. The maximum annual amount that can qualify for a QCD is \$100,000. This applies to the sum of QCDs made to one or more charities in a calendar year. (If, however, you file taxes jointly, your spouse can also make a QCD from his or her own IRA within the same tax year for up to \$100,000.)

What about the required minimum distribution?

If you have not already taken your required minimum distribution in a given year, this gift can count toward satisfying this requirement.

Is an income tax deduction also available?

No. IRA QCD gifts are not deductible – however the distribution is not included in your income in the first place, which for most people is more favorable than a deduction.

What can my IRA gift support?

Your IRA gift can support your parish offertory, the annual Our Catholic Appeal, and campaign pledge or be used to support or create an endowment. Please contact Janet Carmello at 407-246-4802 for more information and other ways to support your Church.

How do I make a charitable gift with my IRA?

Contact your IRA administrator/custodian to initiate the distribution. The check should be made out to The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, tax ID 26-0879378, and sent to Susan Hunt – Director of Finance, The Catholic Foundation of Central Florida, P.O. Box 4905, Orlando, FL 32802-4905.

Let Susan know this distribution will be taking place by phone (407) 246-4803 or email shunt@cfocf.org. She will need your IRA administrator's name, the amount, and what you want it to support (for example, Our Catholic Appeal for *insert Parish name here*, Offertory for *insert Parish name here*, Capital Campaign for *insert Parish name here*, etc). This information is not always included on the check, so please notify her so she can credit your parish and area of support.

Should you have questions, Susan Hunt is available to assist you at (407) 246-4803 or shunt@cfocf.org.

This information is not intended as tax, legal or financial advice.

Please consult your personal financial advisor for information specific to your situation.