

DIOCESAN COMMON TRUST

The Diocesan Common Trust (DCT) was established in 1956 as a pooled investment fund to provide for regular income while maintaining value versus inflation. Investment is open to any congregation or affiliated entity of the diocese. Individual investing is not allowed.

OVERSIGHT

Participants benefit from professional investment management with both the oversight and direction of the Trustees of the Diocese of Fond du Lac. Investing with the DCT saves participants time because they do not need to maintain a relationship with an advisor.



WHAT DCT DOES

By pooling assets, the DCT is able to invest more effectively and efficiently through economies of scale, discounted fees, increased 'purchasing power' and access to institutional shares. All this is possible regardless of the amount invested. The results are reduced expense and improved performance to all participants.

ALLOCATION

Similar to a mutual fund, DCT pooled assets are managed as one investment while being accounted for as segregated sub-funds with each participant's investments belonging to the participant. Asset allocation an optimal mix of equities, bonds and alternative assets for the DCT's purpose and is reviewed annually by the Trustees for adjustments to market conditions. Having a long-term horizon with a larger pool of assets, the DCT has historically provided regular distributions to participants and maintained investment value compared versus inflation.



TRANSACTIONS

Participants may contribute to or withdraw at any time by contacting the Diocesan Office. Participants annually determine their distribution of up to 5% of the value of their funds which is direct deposited into their bank account the beginning of each quarter. If no distribution is requested, received, assets remain in the fund and continue to grow.

PERFORMANCE

For over six decades, the performance (net of fees) has exceeded inflation after providing distributions to participants. Past performance does not guarantee future results and assets in the fund are subject to risk and may lose value.

In one sub-fund, \$1,000 was invested ten years ago, received regular distributions of 4%, and is worth \$1,263.54 today (slightly better than inflation). If no distributions had been made, that \$1,000 would be worth over \$1,800 today.

ADMINISTRATION & FEES

The Diocesan Office administers the DCT as a service and charges no fee. To establish a fund, contribute to, or withdraw from a current fund, contact the Diocesan Office at any time.

The diocesan Trustees oversee the DCT as a service and charge no fee.

Graystone Consulting, an affiliate of Morgan Stanley, charges 0.5% per year for professional investment management, pro-rated across sub-funds based on value.

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The purpose is long-term

- **The DCT is a long-term investment vehicle intended to maintain funds.**
- **To clarify this purpose, it is important to note that the DCT is not:**
 - a savings vehicle. Assets needed in the next 3-5 years are better deposited into a money market fund or Certificate of Deposit with their minimal risk of loss of value.
 - a short-term investment vehicle. Short term market volatility may lead to a loss in assets if withdrawn too soon. Investments historically hold value when kept for longer periods of time.
 - your investment advisor. Participants may provide input to the Trustees for their consideration, but do not have the ability to determine the specific investment placement or allocation of their funds.

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Common Investment Vehicle

- **Individuals may give directly to a participant's fund to support the Church's mission and ministry.**
- **A diocesan congregation or affiliated entity may invest and receive regular distributions to support local ministry, now and in the future.**

Participant Benefits

- **Ability to invest with a minimal commitment of time or human resources**
- **Access to professional investment expertise, regardless of the amount amount.**
- **Lower fees when compared with other investment opportunities.**
- **A predictable and steady revenue stream allowing for better cash flow and budget planning.**
- **Strong likelihood of long-term asset growth, historically beating inflation.**



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*An investment vehicle to provide
regular income with growth
for congregations and entities
of the diocese.*

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