## ALTERNATIVE GIFTS ARE GROWING



As we head into Commitment Weekend for the Catholic Ministry Appeal, it is important to know what types of gifts can be shared. While a majority of donations are made by check and cash, online giving is the method of choice for about 25% of our donors who are not only helping ministry grow – but also gaining points to use in other ways.

Another option to consider is giving through an Individual Retirement Account (IRA). This method is growing in popularity because of the added benefits it provides to those who are required to begin taking distributions. Each dollar donated to a qualified charitable organization (up to \$100,000) not only counts toward a required minimum distribution (RMD), it also keeps it from being included in adjusted gross income for tax purposes. Spouses may

also participate to the same levels if they have a separate IRA, giving married couples the opportunity to donate up to \$200,000.

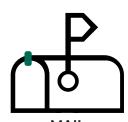
Our Diocese is a qualified charitable organization, and so are all 80 parishes and 44 Catholic schools in our five counties. Some donors have fully embraced this giving method, taking advantage of the simplicity of making one gift from their IRA which can be split and cover their annual offertory contribution as well as other donations they would make throughout the year.

Whether it is a traditional gift of check or cash, or our secure website online, or even from an IRA, please consider which option is best for your family.

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