



# DOMINICAN FRIARS

Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus

Office of Institutional Advancement

## Province Internal Endowment History & Guidelines

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Through the generosity of our friends, the province has received significant funds which constitute the corpus of three internal endowments: *Stagnaro Endowment*, *Geib Endowment*, *WESTAF Trust*.

These endowments are meant to generate funds which may support the work of the friars of the Province of the Most Holy Name of Jesus in their effort to bring souls to Christ.

### Please make note of the following basic guidelines and structures:

- A. Please pay careful attention to the unique priorities and restrictions of each endowment.
- B. Except for tuition assistance, **grants for the same project are limited to 3-years**. Grantees should work to build sustainable funding for ongoing efforts. In rare cases, the *ALC* and *Provincial Council* reserve the right to make exceptions to this policy, given there is a compelling reason to do so.
- C. Grant requests are first reviewed by the *Advancement Leadership Council*, an advisory body made up of friars and lay people. This group makes recommendations to the *Provincial Council* on which grants to accept, amend or decline. Their process is as follows:
  - All grants submitted are independently reviewed by each member of the *ALC*.
  - Each member submits their recommendations for funding to the *ALC* group.
    - a) These recommendations are compiled into a master list of recommendations.
  - In February, the *ALC* deliberates the merits of each grant and votes to either:
    - a) accept in full,
    - b) accept with stipulations or adjustments,
    - c) respectfully decline
  - These votes and the recommendations for each grant are passed to the *Provincial Council* for final review and approval.
  - In March, the *Provincial Council* reviews the votes and recommendations of the *ALC* and formally approves, adjusts or declines the grants.
- D. March or April: grantees are notified whether their grant was approved.
- E. July – September: grant funds are distributed by the province Finance Office .

What follows is a brief history of the internal endowments and how they are to be used, as well as basic instructions on how to apply for a grant. Please direct any questions to [grants@opwest.org](mailto:grants@opwest.org).



## Angelo Stagnaro Endowment: \$12M (~\$500k-\$600k/yr available)

Angelo was a long-time friend and benefactor. He often visited St. Albert's and the DSPT, where he made many friends. Over nearly 30 years, numerous friars came to know him and be blessed by his deep faith and generosity. He passed away on February 2, 2018.

In his last will and testament, he bequeathed \$17M to the WDP so that the friars may better serve those less fortunate, especially through the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy. In all things, Angelo remembered the words of St. Thomas Aquinas "Good is to be done. And evil avoided." (*S. Th., I-II, q.94.*)

Given Angelo's intentions, \$5M was used to endow scholarships at the DSPT, and the remaining \$12M established the *Angelo Stagnaro Endowment* – an internal fund of the province which grants monies to ministries of the WDP.

### Per Angelo's wishes, funds are restricted to:

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| a) works of mercy,                 | c) campus ministry, or    |
| b) needs-based tuition assistance, | d) evangelization efforts |

*N.B. Funds for physical plant projects are not typically considered unless they are deemed to be absolutely critical to one of the four areas noted above.*

#### Corporal Works of Mercy

- Feed the hungry
- Give drink to the thirsty
- Clothe the naked
- Visit and ransom captives
- Shelter the homeless
- Visit the sick
- Bury the dead

#### Spiritual Works of Mercy

- Admonish the sinners
- Instruct the ignorant
- Counsel the doubtful
- Comfort the sorrowful
- Bear wrongs patiently
- Forgive all injuries
- Pray for the living and dead

## Geib Ministerial Endowment: \$2M (~\$80k/yr available)

Upon the death of Fr. David Geib's father and brother, the respective Geib families bequeathed monies to the Western Dominican Province, the fruits of the family's hard work in banking, medicine and investment prudence over many years. Funds are generally to be used for new ministerial efforts.

## WESTAF Trust: \$1M (~\$40k/yr available)

The Western St. Thomas Aquinas Foundation trust was created by Fr. Bart de la Torre, O.P. to help promote the works of Aquinas throughout the WDP. Grants may be used to fund things such as publications, academic conferences, visiting lecturers, workshops, retreats and other such activities.

# Application and Funding Process

All grant applications are due December 31. Check grant site for exact date as sometimes due dates are in early January.

Applications are only accepted online at [www.opwest.org/grants](http://www.opwest.org/grants)

Any friar of the Western Dominican Province may request funds.

Grants may only be awarded to projects / efforts / ministries of the Western Dominican Province.

**Grants to organizations/ministries outside of the WDP will not be accepted.**

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1. **July through December:** Submit the *Grant Request Form* online. No paper submissions.
  - a. Submit your grant request online at [opwest.org/grants](http://opwest.org/grants)
  - b. The specific grant deadline each year is noted on the website. Please check it.
2. **February/March:** the *Advancement Leadership Council* reviews submissions and recommends funding to the Provincial Council.
3. **March:** *Provincial Council* reviews recommendations and approves/declines/adjusts
  - a. If declined or adjusted, we will contact you with further information/instructions
4. **July-September:** funding is distributed during these months by the Finance Office.
  - a. **If you're awarded funds:** (as of 2022) you must complete the short *Grant Impact Form* before applying for another grant. This can be submitted at [opwest.org/grantimpact](http://opwest.org/grantimpact). This form is required before applying again.

Questions? Email [grants@opwest.org](mailto:grants@opwest.org)

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