Michael D. Freker, CFP®, ChFC



Director of Planned Giving, Office for Stewardship, Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Mike is responsible for working with the Pittsburgh Diocese offices in coordinating Planned Gifts and Endowments that benefit the families, parishes, and Catholic Charities in the Greater Pittsburgh area. He is also involved in the area of Advancement for Catholic Education in assisting Diocesan Schools increase donations to the Catholic Diocese Foundation and to its Scholarship Organization through the PA Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program offered through the PA Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED). This program is in its 20<sup>th</sup> year since the initial passage in 2001. Michael joined the Diocese in 2018 to increase awareness and funding needed for the many families that depend on tuition assistance in order to attend the Diocesan Schools and for needed funding provided by the EITC program for organizations such as the St. Anthony's School Program, The Extra Mile Foundation, and the Crossroads Foundation. Michael also serves on the Member Board of the McGuire Memorial Foundation on behalf of the Diocese.

Michael Freker, CFP® resides in the South Hills of Pittsburgh, PA with his wife and two children. Michael is active in his local community. Michael is a Board Member of the Pittsburgh Airport Chamber of Commerce and has been a guest presenter with some of the local Chambers of Commerce and other Business Associations. Mike participated in providing financial education and <u>guidance</u> to military members and their families through a government sponsored program from 2010 through 2014 during their Yellow Ribbon Events and other support events provided through the Department of Defense.

Prior Industry experience includes working in the Education, Government and Small Business Retirement Plans

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