

# Planned Giving

The Cathedral of Mary our Queen established the Preservation Trust in 1975 to provide ongoing maintenance and preservation of the Cathedral complex and grounds to retain the religious, historic, and cultural value for prosperity.

The School of the Cathedral established the Catholic Education Endowment Fund in 2005 to provide financial support to the School including scholarship awards, tuition assistance, and capital improvements.

Both of these vehicles were put in place so that parishioners, parents, and alumni may contribute to the future of the church and the school in years to come. Long-time parishioners **Jim & Barbara Stevens** share their story with us:

*“Barbara and I are original parishioners of CMOQ since 1959. We were married at the Cathedral in 1961—the 100th couple to do so. Of course, it was before Vatican II so the Mass was in Latin. It was also (Music Director) Bob Twynham’s first Cathedral wedding.*

*Our three children **Scott ’76, Mark ’77 and Paula Stevens Harmon ’79** are alumni of Cathedral. Paula and her husband **John’s** two children are enrolled in Cathedral today, **Alex 4A and Jack 5B**. Back in the 70’s, Barbara was involved in the school as a class mother, playground monitor, cafeteria mom, etc. She also served on the Parish Council and was deeply involved with the creation of the Cathedral Athletic Association. They didn’t have one in those days. More recently, Barbara was a lector for 32 years.*

*I was instrumental in establishing the Cathedral Preservation Trust and have been a member of the Trust committee since its inception. In 1978,*



**Jim & Barbara Stevens** (center) enjoy time with their family at the Isle of Palms in South Carolina, during the summer of 2007. Picture provided by **Jim Stevens**.

*I chaired the Cathedral Arts Festival. I also chaired the 25th Anniversary Celebration in 1984. I served as an usher for 40 years.*

*The Cathedral parish and school are very close to our hearts. We have included the Trust in our estate planning and our family gives annually to the school. We urge all parishioners to help preserve the future of these valuable entities.”*

For more information on Planned Giving for the School of the Cathedral, contact **Mary Miller**, Director of Institutional Advancement, [mmiller@cmoq.org](mailto:mmiller@cmoq.org); for the Cathedral of Mary our Queen, contact **Jenny Lijoi**, Director of Parish Development, [jljoi@cmoq.org](mailto:jljoi@cmoq.org)