

# THE TRUSTEES FOR THE DIOCESE OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS

## FACT SHEET

- The Trustees were incorporated March 12, 1902, shortly after the establishment of our Diocese.
- The Trustees is a separate corporation, acting in a fiduciary role in the oversight of funds entrusted to their stewardship by the Diocese and the Parishes of the Diocese.
- The Trustees manage approximately \$75 million of assets as of 06/30/2025.
- A maximum of 25 Trustees are elected for five-year terms, and at the age of 75 may request emeritus status. The Bishop nominates 3 of the Trustees for election.
- The Annual Meeting of the Trustees is held in May, with the Board of Managers meeting quarterly, and functioning as an executive committee.
- Trustees employ an executive director, custodian, shareholder accountant, auditor, investment consultant and fund managers.
- An Investment Policy Statement defines investment objectives and targets.
- Fund Asset Allocation as of 06/30/2025:

<i>Equities</i>	<i>BlackRock</i>	<b>39 %</b>
	<i>Boston Trust Walden</i>	<b>4 %</b>
	<i>Acadian Asset Management</i>	<b>7 %</b>
	<i>DFA</i>	<b>7 %</b>
<i>Fixed Income</i>	<i>PIMCO</i>	<b>6 %</b>
	<i>TIAA CREF</i>	<b>12 %</b>
	<i>Real Estate Prudential</i>	<b>10 %</b>
<i>Alternatives</i>	<i>Payden</i>	<b>2 %</b>
	<i>Corbin Capital Partners</i>	<b>9 %</b>
<i>Cash</i>		<b>3 %</b>
<i>Community Investments</i>		<b>1 %</b>

The Fund is revalued on a quarterly basis; and distributions are made to fund holders using a spending policy of 5% annually, based upon a twenty quarter moving average of the Fund's ending market value.

- As of 06/30/2025 the Fund realized a 1 year annualized return of 12.2 %, a 5 year return of 8.5 % and a 10 year return of 7 %. For the period ending 06/30/2025, the quarter return was 6.8 %.
- Expenses for consultant fees, money management fees, transaction costs, legal and accounting fees, and executive director salary and expenses were below 1% in 2024.
- Community based lending in the form of low interest loans to:
  - *Way Finders*
  - *Community Development Corporation of South Berkshire*
  - *Common Capital*
  - *Reconciliation House*
  - *Greater Springfield Habitat for Humanity*
  - *Worcester Common Ground*
- Other Socially Responsible Investing initiatives
  - *Divestment of stocks of companies that manufacture & sell tobacco products and of entities that own proven reserves of fossil fuels and are actively engaged in extracting them*
  - *Investment in renewable energy projects*

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