

Richard Ely

Career Biography



Richard Ely is Director of Gift Planning and Stewardship for The Catholic Foundation of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston. Richard is responsible for increasing planned giving revenues for the Archdiocese and administering the Foundation's permanently restricted endowment funds. Richard has been involved in fundraising for over twenty-five years.

For thirteen years before joining the Archdiocese, Richard consulted to numerous non-profits in planned giving, major gifts, endowment building and case statement development. Prior to consulting, he served as Director of Major Gifts and Director of Development at **Roger Williams University** (Bristol, RI) and **LaSalle Academy** (Providence, RI), Trust Officer and Vice-President with the predecessors of **Bank of America**. He has served as a volunteer for numerous non-profits.

In addition to being a founding, current member, and second president of the **Planned Giving Council of RI** (PGCRI), Richard recently completed two years as president of the **RI Chapter of Association of Fundraising Professionals** (AFP). He currently serves as a Board member of AFPRI.

Richard has a BA degree from the **Seminary of St. Vincent de Paul** in Boynton Beach, FL. He has earned the professional designations of Certified Financial Planner (CFP), Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) and Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC).

Richard is a frequent speaker on planned giving topics for business, professional and civic groups at the local, regional and national level. Key presentations include two AFP International Conferences, three International Catholic Stewardship Conferences and two International Conferences of the National Committee on Planned Giving. He has given many presentations for AFP-RI and AFP-MA and the Planned Giving Council of RI.

Richard's specialty is planned giving and fundraising in faith-based organizations. In addition to his current position, he has been a consultant with the Roman Catholic Dioceses of Providence, Brooklyn and Burlington, as well as Catholic schools, parishes and social ministries. In addition, he has consulted with mainline Protestant churches, a Jewish social services agency and an evangelical Protestant Gospel rescue mission.

Richard writes regularly for *Planned Giving Mentor* and *Planned Giving Today*. He has numerous articles on planned giving marketing posted on www.Charitychannel.com and his website (www.planned-giving.com has many resources to assist development professionals in building their planned giving programs.

He is involved as a volunteer in numerous church and community activities and recently completed 100 blood donations.

Richard lives in Providence, RI with his wife; they have two grown children, a Navy Lieutenant and a professional PGA-Nationwide Tour caddy.