

NCCF Investment Philosophy and Guidance

NCCF offers individuals and organizations an array of services to help them become more effectively engaged in philanthropy. We exist to provide donors funding options that enable them to become involved in lasting and creative ways in support of charitable work.

Our investment objective is to enhance the capital value of the fund in real terms through asset appreciation and income generation and consistent with the socially responsible investment guidelines of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

The objective of the fund's portfolio, as stated, should be pursued as a long-term goal to maximize the returns without exposure to undue risk, as defined herein. In order to meet its needs, the investment strategy of the fund portfolio is to emphasize total return; that is, the aggregate return from capital appreciation and all forms of income. The objective shall be achieved using a balanced approach that will involve the use of cash equivalents, fixed income instruments, equity securities, real assets, and alternative strategies, all of which meet the investment guidelines as outlined in this statement.

Specifically, the primary objectives in the investment management of the fund portfolio assets shall be:

Long-term growth of principal: Short term volatility will be tolerated as long as it is consistent with the volatility of a comparable market index, and is reasonable within the context of a longer time horizon.

Preservation of purchasing power: To achieve returns in excess of the rate of inflation, approximating long term CPI trends, in order to preserve purchasing power of portfolio assets.

The performance of the portfolio is expected to exceed the style index return and real return target, each measured on a compound average annual return basis, to be calculated as an annualized return over a three-to-five year rolling time period.