



LEAVING YOUR LEGACY

PARISH NAME & PARISH PHOTO ON COVER

We invite you to experience the joy of giving now and beyond your lifetime.

In the sixth chapter of St. Paul's Letter to the Galatians, he reminds us:

"So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith."

Your gift to [PARISH/SCHOOL NAME] ensures that a strong, vibrant, and faithful Catholic community will be sustained for many years to come!

A planned gift is a contribution made to a nonprofit, charity, or cause that you believe in and hope will continue in perpetuity...*indefinitely*. When you make a planned gift, like a bequest, you are offering a gift that will impact the journey of many disciples who will come after you without having to sacrifice from your current finances. This gift will continue to support the Gospel message throughout our community and sustain our parish needed repairs and maintenance for years to come. There are a variety of options when it comes to planned giving and we hope this guide will be beneficial while discerning on your gift.

YOUR ENDURING *Legacy*



**YOU WILL PLANT A
SEED THAT WILL
BEAR GREAT FRUIT.**

WHAT IS A PLANNED GIFT?

Generally speaking, a "planned gift" or an "estate gift" is a gift to charity that takes effect upon the donor's death. The gift is typically created before death, but the funding of the gift to that charity is postponed until after the donor's death.

For many, this is the last act of stewardship. Often, a planned gift can represent a family's most impactful act of stewardship and can leave a positive legacy that lives on well after we are all gone.

A planned gift can provide extraordinary opportunities and resources to help the parish. A planned gift (estate gift) may enable the donor to make a more significant gift than thought possible.

Many gifting options exist and thorough planning with knowledgeable advisors (tax accountant and/or attorney) may allow one to achieve philanthropic and estate planning goals without adversely impacting financial well-being.

TYPES OF PLANNED GIFTS

- **Bequest:** Simply include language in your Will to specify a gift to be made – either as a dollar amount or a percentage of assets.
- **Special Gifts:** Leave charitable gifts of real estate, stocks, bonds or other assets.
- **Trust or Annuity:** Create a Trust or Annuity to provide lifetime income for you or a loved one and then pass remaining assets to charity.
- **Life Insurance:** If you are maintaining coverage that you or your family no longer need, just change the beneficiary – or gift the paid-up policy now.
- **Retirement Plan Assets, IRA:** You may indicate a charitable organization as the beneficiary of your retirement account.

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READY TO MAKE YOUR GIFT?

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