

## PLAN TODAY. MAKE A DIFFERENCE TOMORROW.

We all have been blessed with worldly possessions that serve us in our lifetime. These blessings can become gifts that will benefit our loved ones as well as our favorite ministries. Embracing stewardship as a way of life ensures a legacy of faith to project our values far into the future.



Mary has been a member of her parish for more than 25 years. As part of her stewardship, she has chosen to remember her parish and the Archdiocese with a gift of the residue (remainder) of her estate after all expenses have been paid and all specific bequests have been disbursed.



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## CREATING YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH

*“The things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?”*  
—Luke 12:20

PLANNED GIVING



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

May God bless you! As followers of Jesus Christ, we are called to a life of holiness through baptism. The fruits of this life develop as we strive to be healthy and holy and receive the gifts of joy and gratitude into our hearts. In our Archdiocese, we have benefitted from the legacy of followers before us who have embraced Christian stewardship and generously shared with others. Today, I invite you to receive that joyful call from Christ and join in furthering His presence in our world through His Church.

The gifts of joy and gratitude naturally lead us to embrace a life of Christian stewardship, and it has been said that planned giving is the most mature form of stewardship. It combines the desire to share the blessings you have accumulated over a lifetime with your baptismal call to carry on Christ's ministry on earth. Through planning, you can support the causes that have been important to you while also taking care of your family.

The Archdiocese of Louisville has a rich tradition of planned giving. Now, it is our turn to consider what legacy we will leave to future generations of Catholics.

I invite you to review this brochure on planned giving. Your gift, rooted in faith and guided by stewardship, will assure that our local Church can continue to serve the spiritual and human needs of the future. By planning today, your legacy of faith will make a difference tomorrow.

Sincerely yours in our Lord,

**Most Reverend Joseph E. Kurtz, D.D.**  
Archbishop of Louisville

## CREATING A GIVING PLAN

Good stewardship calls each of us to develop a plan for sharing the blessings accumulated during our lives. This requires us to consider how we intend to share those blessings and with whom.

There are a number of ways that you can include your parish, parish school, or the Archdiocese in your gift plan. The most common methods are:

### BEQUEST THROUGH A WILL

A bequest is a gift made through a will and can consist of:

- A specific dollar amount.
- A percentage of the value of the estate or the estate's residue.
- Real estate or personal property.
- Stocks or securities.

### INSURANCE/RETIREMENT PLAN BENEFICIARY

A parish, school, or the Archdiocese can be designated as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy or retirement plan such as an IRA, 401k, or 403b plan.

## SEEK PROFESSIONAL COUNSEL

You should seek the services of an attorney, accountant, or other qualified professional when preparing a will, trust, or estate plan. He or she will be able to help you determine the gift method that will maximize the benefits for both you and the beneficiary of your gift.



We never considered ourselves wealthy. Margaret and I worked hard to support our family and to send our three children to Catholic school. This year, we celebrate our 40th anniversary. Now that the kids are grown, we look back over the years and realize our parish family has been an important part of our family and spiritual lives.

As a way to say thank you for being there for us over the years, we support our parish through planned giving. We have decided to designate a specific gift for both our parish and the parish school in our will.

We hope our stewardship will touch the lives of so many others.

—Bill and Margaret S.,  
Archdiocese of Louisville

*“For where your treasure is,  
there also will your heart be.”*  
— Luke 12:34

## DESIGNATING A CHURCH BENEFICIARY

Planned giving to the work of the Church is a demonstration of our gratitude to God. Gifts can be made through the Archdiocese for one or more of the following:

### YOUR PARISH

Parish • Parish School • Parish Ministry • Parish Endowment Fund

### THE ARCHDIOCESE OF LOUISVILLE

Catholic Services Appeal • Seminarian Education Fund • Priest Retirement Fund • Mass of the Air • Legacy Fund (for future diocesan needs)

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF LOUISVILLE

Catholic Charities of Louisville provides for the needs of the poor and marginalized of our society.

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION

The Catholic Education Foundation serves as the primary source for tuition assistance for Catholic school families throughout the Archdiocese.

## ARCHDIOCESAN PLANNING ASSISTANCE

The Archdiocese's Director of Planned Giving is available to assist you or your counsel with questions involving planned giving to a parish, school, or any of the organizations listed.

The director can answer questions on topics such as the legal name for designating a gift to the Church, existing endowment funds, and current gift acceptance policies.

Please cut along the line and return this slip by dropping it in your parish offertory or mailing it: Archdiocese of Louisville, Office of Stewardship & Development • P.O. Box 1073 • Louisville KY 40201-1073

## CONFIDENTIAL RESPONSE FORM

I am considering remembering my parish or other ministry in my will.

Please send me more information about making a planned gift to:

- Parish  Catholic School  Archdiocese of Louisville  Seminarian Education Fund  
 Priest Retirement Fund  Catholic Charities  Catholic Education Foundation  Mass of the Air

Please contact me.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me by telephone. My phone number is: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please contact me by e-mail. My e-mail address is: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

St: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

For any questions or further information, please feel free to contact the Director of Planned Giving, 502-585-3291, ext. 1128.