

Bulletin Inserts to Promote Planned Gifts (Legacy Gifts) To the Parish

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Do you own stock or mutual funds that have appreciated significantly since you purchased them and thus are subject to capital gains tax? In place of cash, you may be able to make a gift of the stock to the parish and receive immediate tax benefits while avoiding paying capital gains taxes under new tax legislation. Contact your broker or financial advisor today. They can provide you with more information about the benefits of planned giving.

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Don't put off planning your estate... *for we know not the day nor the hour*. Good stewardship dictates that we look ahead and make provisions for our family and our Church... parish and Archdiocese.

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Many parishioners make gifts through their estates to outside charities because we have not reminded them they are able to do the same for the parish. Bequests to the parish, gifts of real estate, life insurance, stock, bonds and mutual funds can perpetuate your faith values here in our own parish. Please remember the ongoing mission and ministry of (insert parish name) as you plan for your estate.

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Consider your Christian responsibility to yourself, your family and to God, to be a wise steward of the gifts God has given you over a lifetime. How will your gifts be passed on to those you love and care for? Proper planning *now* provides an opportunity for you to leave a lasting legacy of your faith, and an everlasting expression of gratitude to God.

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Planning for death is as natural for the Christian as planning for life. As stated in 1Timothy 5:8 *“But if any do not take care of their relatives, especially the members of their own family, they have denied the faith and are worse than an unbeliever”*. Having a will *is* good stewardship!

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Don't cancel life insurance you no longer need. By naming our parish as beneficiary, you'll provide lasting financial support. In addition if you make the parish the beneficiary *and* owner of the policy all future premium payments you make qualify for a charitable donation receipt.

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What do bequests, life insurance gifts, charitable gift annuities, charitable remainder trusts, and retirement & estate planning all have in common. They are ways in which you can be a good steward of the gifts given to you over a lifetime. They are ways in which you can leave a legacy of gratitude. For more information contact the Archdiocesan Office of Stewardship & Development at 452.2227 ext. 228.

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You want your heirs to have an estate not a Tax Bill! Consider the benefits of Charitable Gift Annuities and Charitable Remainder Trusts. These are but just two examples of how planning ahead can help preserve your estate. Planned giving *is* good stewardship and one way you can express your gratitude to God for a lifetime of blessings.

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Payments guaranteed for life! That is what you get by making a gift in exchange for a Charitable Gift Annuity. You are guaranteed payments for life, no matter how long you live or what interest rates are. Your gift gives twice, first to you in fixed payments for life and then to the parish at the end of your life. In addition in many cases, depending on your age, the income you receive from the annuity can be virtually tax free!

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Create retirement income as you provide a lasting legacy for our parish. Charitable Gift Annuities help you reduce taxes and plan for retirement. Being a good steward of the gifts given to you over your lifetime is important to your family and your extended family here at (insert parish name).

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We appreciate the thoughtfulness of parishioners who have left bequests to the parish. These gifts help us to build a solid foundation for future generations. These gifts enable our parish to confidently continue in her mission. These gifts enable you to leave an everlasting expression of gratitude to God.

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Gifts of Stock avoid Capital Gains Tax! If you own appreciated stock, you may wish to consider giving stock to the parish rather than cash. You are able to deduct the full value of the stock, avoid capital gains tax, and make a substantial gift to the parish. A good steward uses his or her assets in a way that does the most good.

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There is a great deal of comfort in knowing that your personal property and accumulated wealth will be shared exactly as you personally desire. Whether your estate is large or small... you should make certain it will be properly distributed to those loved ones to whom you wish it to go. Would you rather have the government decide for you? That is what happens when there is no will. And, please if possible remember our parish in your will.

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Making a will isn't expensive! But not having one may cost your family a great deal. Please be a good steward of the gifts you have received over your lifetime by using and distributing them wisely. Make a will and revise the one you have if you have not done so in the last five years.

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Put your life-long, hard earned assets to work for the Lord. A gift – a planned sacrificial gift to the Lord acknowledges that nothing is really earned. We are simply stewards of all which God has given us. We are managers of God's blessings upon us. Our final gift at the end of our lives says we are both good stewards in life and in death.