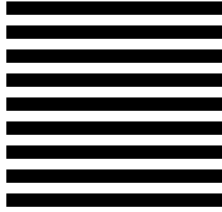


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HOW TO WRITE A CHARITABLE BEQUEST

Including a gift in your will is an easy way to ensure that our services continue into the future. The following wording can get you started:

I give, devise and bequeath to Catholic Charities Foundation of the Archdiocese of Washington, [the sum of \$_____ or ____ percent of the residue of my estate] to be used for its unrestricted use and purpose.

This is the easiest and most popular way. You can also specify how the funds are to be used. Perhaps you have a special purpose or project in mind. If so, it's best to consult our organization's officials when you make your will to be certain your intent can be fulfilled.

For further information, please contact Catholic Charities Foundation. We will be pleased to assist you with your inquiry.

A. Experts recommend that, in addition to a will, you have a durable power of attorney, which allows another person to act on your behalf should you become incapacitated. A living will, which is helpful to your heirs, directs at what point you do not want your life artificially supported.

A. A general rule is to review your will every three years. It should also be reviewed after major life events such as marriage, births, retirement, etc.

COME AND VISIT OUR WEB SITE!

Have you ever wondered what the advantages are to making a will? Do you know what types of gifts will pay you an income for life?

Find the answers to these estate planning questions and more by visiting Catholic Charities' Web site. The site features:

- A reading room with up-to-date articles on making the most of your charitable giving.
- A calculator for running sample gift illustrations for determining your income tax deduction for charitable gifts, etc.
- A virtual encyclopedia of information on how and what to give.
- A glossary of planned giving terms for a better understanding of any unfamiliar material.

Go to www.catholiccharitiesdc.org and click on "Give Your Support" at the top of the page. Then click on "Legacy Gifts and Planning Guide." You'll find one of the most complete estate and charitable gift planning resources on the Web.

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Top Left: Hermano Pedro Day Shelter—Offering food, first aid, showers, and clean clothes today as well as social and mental health services to help build a better tomorrow

Left: Spanish Catholic Center Dental Clinic—Caring for smiles and teaching healthy habits for a lifetime

Right: SHARE Food Network—Providing affordable and nutritious food, building community and strengthening families

BEGIN YOUR LEGACY HERE

What's in your heart? What values and wishes do you want to leave as a statement of your life's work? A bequest to Catholic Charities Foundation, in addition to supporting our important mission, creates a lasting legacy and minimizes estate taxes. Most important, your charitable gift is one of the simplest ways to remember what you care about most—and to make sure your actions speak for your heart.

YOUR TREASURE IS WHERE YOUR HEART IS *Riveras Share Their Blessings*

Over the years, Good Samaritan Society members Mr. Henry M. Rivera and Mrs. Bernadette McGuire-Rivera have developed a long-standing and meaningful association with Catholic Charities.

"We wanted to do something that, after we are gone, will continue this relationship," said Henry, a member of the Catholic Charities board of directors. By naming Catholic Charities a beneficiary of their estate, the Riveras are doing just that and helping to sustain the agency's good works.

"It's a magnificent organization—it is the last place individuals can turn when they have nowhere else to go," he said. "Catholic Charities is filling an enormous need, and through this gift, we hope to help individuals and their loved ones put their lives back together."

Henry and Bernadette encourage others to consider bequests as a way to support Catholic Charities. "Estate gifts have the potential to do a tremendous amount of good for a large number of people," Henry said. "Making a bequest is one of the simplest ways to remember what you care about most."

In fact, if you have named the Foundation in your will or have otherwise included the agency in your estate plans, you already qualify to become a member of the Good Samaritan Society. If you have not yet notified us of your bequest, please contact Catholic Charities Foundation today.



DO YOU NEED A WILL?

Perhaps one of the most important documents you will ever make is a will—your last chance to remember loved ones and make sure your assets are distributed as you wish. Through your will you can...

- Provide for your family's security.
- Name a guardian for minor children.
- Name an executor or administrator of your estate.
- Incorporate trusts to reduce estate taxes.
- Make charitable provisions.

COSTS AND CONSIDERATIONS

What does it cost to create a will? The answer depends on whom you ask and, in many cases, where you live. Costs can range from a few hundred dollars to a couple thousand dollars.

You may come across do-it-yourself books, kits, and inexpensive or free sources on the Internet. Although tempting, these approaches should serve as nothing more than a starting point. Hire a qualified attorney who knows the laws of your state to prepare your will. The benefits you'll reap by avoiding extra costs and complications at your death should outweigh any legal fees you pay now.

If you don't have a will, the state where you reside has one for you. The state's will may prove sorely inadequate, though. For example, it can't create a trust for the benefit of others. Nor can it name the executor of your estate. Instead, the court will appoint an administrator (maybe someone you would not approve of) to administer your estate.

There is even *more* reason to make sure that your assets are distributed in a tax-wise and efficient manner. The directions you supply in your will can save your family members and heirs the frustration and expense of searching for assets and second-guessing your wishes.

While contemplating a will can bring up sometimes difficult thoughts, the process offers more of an opportunity than a burden.

- Please send me the free guide, ***Exercise Your Rights! Draft a Will.***
- Please provide me with more information about estate planning.
- I have a question. Please call me.
Best time to call: _____ a.m./p.m.
- I have not previously informed you, but I have already included Catholic Charities in my estate plan through:
 - my will
 - a trust arrangement
 - an insurance policy
 - my retirement plan assets
 - other _____.

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We respect your privacy! Information collected here will be kept strictly confidential. It will not be sold, rented, loaned or otherwise disclosed, and it will not be used in ways to which you have not consented.

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