

# Your Catholic Legacy

**IMAGINE:** Creating *FOREVER VALUE* as your legacy

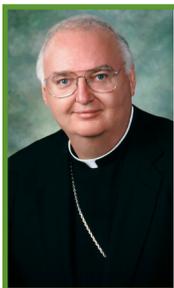
Your legacy is timeless. It has the enduring power to bless the ones you care about and grow our Catholic community for generations to come.

Catholic ministries are at the center of our personal faith journeys, the faith formation of our children, and the creation of meaningful relationships and community building. Many of us are very dedicated to our parishes, schools and ministries; we give our time, talent, and treasure – but what about after we’re gone? How can we leave a lasting mark on our Catholic community that will outlive us?

In this document, we will explore what legacy giving has meant to the donors and recipients of these gifts as well as how you can create **FOREVER VALUE** for the parish, school, or ministry you love.

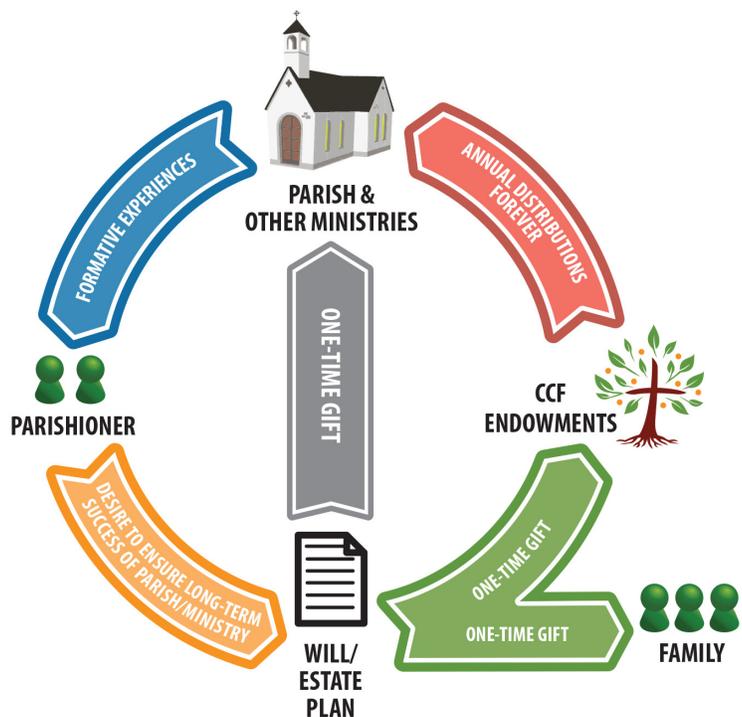
If only 200 people leave their parish endowment a gift of \$5,000, that creates a \$1 million endowment which will provide for that parish forever! What an incredible legacy!

“Store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” - Matthew 6: 20-21



“With an eye toward eternity, we can approach Legacy Planning as a way for our earthly work to continue, even after we become sharers with the saints in eternal life.”  
**Bishop Patrick J. McGrath**

**Endowment:** a fund invested for long-term growth which never expires. The principal of the fund is never spent, so the fund will provide grants **FOREVER**.



“I’m honored to have joined this vibrant and faith-filled community upon my first assignment as pastor, and I’m so grateful to have the opportunity to create **FOREVER VALUE** here.”  
**Fr. Andrew V. Nguyen, Holy Family Parish**

## How Can I Remember Catholic Ministry in my Estate Plan?

You can name your parish or other Catholic ministry as a beneficiary of a one-time gift in your will. You can also leave a gift to an endowment at the Catholic Community Foundation for that same parish or Catholic ministry. Endowments are maintained FOREVER, granting annually from the investment income.

For more information about remembering your parish, school or other Catholic organizations in your estate plan, please contact the Catholic Community Foundation at **408.995.5219** or visit **[cfoscclgacy.org](http://cfoscclgacy.org)**



“There is so much uncertainty in our lives and in our world. It comforts me to know that no matter how things change, the parish endowment will **FOREVER** support the members of this community.”

**Fr. Greg Kimm, St. Joseph of Cupertino**

**Bequest:** a gift of a certain dollar amount, specific asset, or percentage of your estate which is made through your will or trust

**Beneficiary Designation:** through a simple form, you can designate a Catholic organization as the beneficiary of retirement plans, financial accounts, and life insurance policies

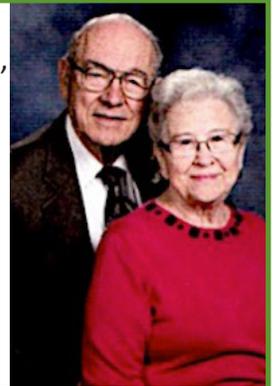


“Our parishioners are not only excited about the yearly benefit that will come to the St. Julie food pantry from our new endowment, but also about the fact that the legacy of Bill and Nancy Glover, a founding family in our parish, will live on forever.”

**Fr. Saju Joseph, St. Julie Billiard**

“When we learned of the efforts to grow a parish endowment through legacy planning, we were inspired. All of our six children attended St. Frances Cabrini school. We feel honored to start the endowments for both the parish and the school, and to encourage others to contribute to these permanent sources of financial strength for our SFC Catholic community.”

**Carlo & Evelyn Pedron, St. Frances Cabrini**

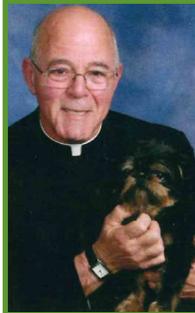


**Myth:** Bequests and planned giving are only for “wealthy” people with big estates. **Fact:** Anyone can leave a meaningful gift to Catholic ministries in their will! A simple gift of a few thousand dollars to a parish or school’s endowment creates a meaningful and lasting gift.



“Our Lady of Refuge is a thriving multi-cultural faith community, made possible by the broad Catholic community of our diocese. We are so pleased that through a vibrant legacy program we can ensure that this diverse and joy-filled parish can flourish forever.”

**Anabella Estrada & Sally Samaniego, Our Lady of Refuge**

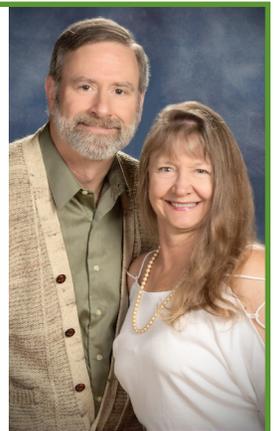


“It is said that it takes a village to raise a child. St. Simon was and IS that village, forming families and communities of faith, who reach out to our neighbors in need. Through our parish endowment we can ensure that important faith formation and outreach and social justice efforts continue. We can BE blessings for this parish and others forever.”

**Fr. Warwick James, St. Simon**

“Financially, a family takes care of paying the monthly bills and planning for the future. A parish has the same present and future needs. Parishioners should include donations to both the general fund and the parish endowment in their annual giving budget. Additionally, remembering the parish and its endowment in your estate is a wonderful final gesture, as well as a way for each parishioner to add their own lasting legacy to their parish.”

**Jim & Lisa Bourey, St. Martin Sunnyvale**



## Next Steps

1. Name your parish, school or another Catholic ministry in a bequest in your estate plan
2. Name an endowment as a beneficiary through the Catholic Community Foundation
3. Start or donate to an endowment for your parish, parish school, or other ministry today
4. Open a Donor Advised Fund and start supporting the ministries you love today

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