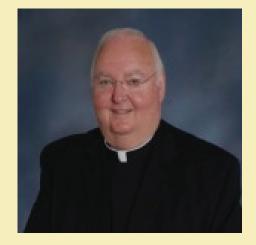
## A Message from Bishop Patrick J. McGrath

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As disciples of the Lord Jesus, we live in hope of the promise of eternal life. Through the power of the Holy Spirit, God lives within each of us; we possess, as it were, a spark of the Divine.



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.

In observing the workings of the Foundation now for many years, I have come to know it to be the perfect partner in the fulfillment of Catholic legacy plans. The Foundation builds and manages endowments for parishes and other Catholic institutions and organizations, working to provide strength in the form of permanent, reliable financial support from the funds entrusted to the wise care of the Foundation.

Legacy planning can offer recognition of the Catholic ministries that have contributed to the people you and your family have become. For this reason, I invite you – in addition to the gift you will give your family – to consider also making a gift toward ongoing and lasting support for one or more of the good works done in the name of the Church. There are many ways that the Catholic Community Foundation can assist in carrying out your planning, now and in the future. For example, with simple language, you can provide a permanent gift for a Catholic parish, school, ministry or a religious order that has played a significant role in your life.

Because I believe in partnering with the Catholic Community Foundation of Santa Clara County, I have included the Foundation as a key facilitator of my own legacy plans. The Foundation will be a steward of my gifts.

On October 3, I will join with the Foundation in presenting these valuable concepts at our "Legacy Day." There we will gather to discuss end of life planning, the journey of our lives and our plans for the future of our families and communities. You are all invited. I hope you will join us.

Generosity stems from our own gratitude for the gifts that God has shared with us. In giving thanks, we reach out to our neighbors in need, working to strengthen the ministries that serve them. Legacy planning is a natural extension of this gratitude and outreach. Together we can provide *Forever Value* here in our cherished valley of Saint Clare, that the work of Christ may continue now and for many, many years to come.

With every best wish and kind regard, I remain,

Sincerely Yours,



Patrick J. McGrath Bishop of San Jose



Please join the Catholic Community Foundation and Bishop Patrick J. McGrath for prayer, breakfast and a discussion about legacy.

This multi-workshop event will include presentations on the topics of:

- Legacy Letters
- Planning your Catholic
  Celebration of Life
- Catholic Perspectives: The Ethics of Dying
  - Trends in Family Financial Planning

The event is FREE but requires a RSVP.

For more details and to register, visit www.cfoscc.org/legacyday



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