

The Stewardship Connection

Your Will



**Monsignor Ecker
Foundation**

In their pastoral letter, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, the U.S. Bishops remind us that good disciples and stewards do the following:

"As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord."

Each generation of Catholics is given an important mission: how do we pass on the faith to the next generation? Foremost is evangelization - knowing our faith well and sharing it with others. As important, is the careful and prayerful sharing of God-given resources. One of those resources - our assets - includes the things we have accumulated over our lifetime.

As Catholics Christians, we believe that our assets and our ability to accumulate them are gifts from a loving, generous God. We have a responsibility to use these gifts wisely and prudently - as well as to share them with others - our family certainly, but also with those institutions devoted to spreading God's reign on earth.

Bequests in a will, charitable gift annuities, trusts, insurance and gifts of appreciated stock are all planned gifts, or gifts that come after much thought and consultation with professional advisors. These important gifts will ensure that our lives will touch the lives that come after us to build the faith for generations to come.

It is estimated that more than 50 percent of Americans do not have a Will. A Will allows you to control how your loved ones are provided for after your death; it can also create a lasting legacy of giving to MEF.

The easiest way to make a planned gift is to include a simple bequest in your Will. If you already have a Will, please take time to review it to ensure it meets your present needs, and fulfills your wishes. At any time a codicil allows for an added provision or change to the terms of the Will.

*Your bequest to Msgr. Ecker Foundation
may be expressed in these words:*

I give and bequeath the sum of \$_____ to Msgr. Ecker Foundation for its general purposes (unrestricted) or for a specific named program (restricted)

OR

I give and bequeath _____% of the remainder of my estate after all debts, taxes, expenses and family bequests have been paid to Msgr. Ecker Foundation for its general purposes (unrestricted) or for a specific named program (restricted)

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The purpose for which the Foundation is organized is to help secure the financial future of Christ the Teacher Catholic School. The Foundation solicits and procures funds with the goal of supporting tuition assistance, school programs and capital expenditures.