

Diocese of Crookston  
Catholic Community Foundation

## Planned Giving

*“The Call to stewardship is part of discipleship...noting that people first of all are stewards of the personal vocations they receive from God.”*

*(U. S Bishops’ Pastoral Letter on Stewardship, November 1989)*



*Giving a Legacy of Faith –  
A Gift to Nurture the  
Catholic Church*

## What is it?

Planned Giving is an expression of your faith and commitment to the work of the Church that helps to secure the future of Diocesan ministries. Through planned giving, you will discover new approaches to provide support for your family and the ministries of the Church that are important and meaningful to you.

Your personal desire to care for family and loved ones, both in life and in death, is highly regarded in our Church. To provide for those we love is a practice of good Christian stewardship. The Planned Giving Officer, through listening and guidance, may be able to help you to achieve your goals in an even more effective manner.

Another dimension of good Christian stewardship is to provide for the advancement of God's work in the world. We can help you plan your gifts, which will ultimately express your values and your love for God through support of ministries of the Church, both in the Diocese and the Church beyond.

## How does Planned Giving benefit me?

We all have been blessed with worldly possessions that serve us in our lifetime. These blessings have the ability to become gifts that will benefit loved ones as well as favorite ministries after our earthly days are completed. Embracing stewardship as a lifelong Christian value ensures a *Legacy of Faith* to project our values far into the future. Our Planned Giving Officer can help you in several ways:

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

There is no cost or obligation.

Please send information on:

\_\_\_\_\_ Wills/Bequests

\_\_\_\_\_ Gifts that give a *Legacy of Faith*

\_\_\_\_\_ Have the Planned Giving Officer call me

\_\_\_\_\_ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

The best time to call is: \_\_\_\_\_

**Catholic Community Foundation offers other options you may wish to consider:**

**The Charitable Gift Annuity**

**Deferred Payment Charitable Gift Annuity**

**Charitable Remainder Trust**

**Life Insurance**

**Take The Test Will**

**Why do I Need a Will**

**Your Will & Trust Workbook**

**Notes for My Family & Friends**

† ***Wills/Bequest Planning:***

Assistance is available so that your needs, desires, and goals are met in your will, drawn up by your attorney. Also ask about the Christian preamble as a part of your will. Your family will be blessed not only by how you remembered them but also by the testimony and Legacy of Faith.

† ***Estate Preservation:***

Informed estate planning, large or small, can lower the cost of estate settlement and may save you federal and state inheritance taxes. You may be able to give financial support to your favorite ministry and leave even more assets to your loved ones.

† ***Life Income Agreements:***

With planning, your gifts can produce:

- Increased income
- Significant tax savings
- Satisfaction of support for loved ones
- Eventual support for ministries of the Diocese
- The gifts you give can generate income for a lifetime.

† ***Memorials and Endowments:***

Provisions for continued support to ministries of the Church can be created and funded in the present or through a bequest planned for the future.

## How does Planned Giving serve the Church?

Planned Giving is a partnership ministry of our Diocese with various ministry expressions locally and church wide. The Office of Planned Giving is here to assist you in expressing your faith and commitment to the work of the Catholic Church. Establishing a planned gift will provide lasting support for the ministries you choose.

There are a variety of ways to arrange a *Legacy of Faith*. Some example includes: a will and bequest, a charitable gift annuity, a charitable trust, or a gift of life insurance.

It is the duty and joy of each of us to proclaim the Gospel of Life to all of God's people. The Diocese of Crookston *Catholic Community Foundation* would be honored to share with you the variety of ministries our Church carries forward to make real Jesus' command: **"Love one another."**

***"Who is a Christian steward?"***

***One who receives God's gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others. And returns them with increase to the Lord."***

*(U. S Bishops' Pastoral Letter on Stewardship, November 1989)*

**"Each one, as a good manager of God's different gifts, must use for the good of others the special gift he has received from God"  
(1 PETER 4:10)**

*The examples and information in this brochure are for illustrative and educational purposes only and should not be considered tax or legal advice. Please consult with your tax and/or legal advisors about proceeding with your estate plan.*

**For more information, call or write:**

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