

Why a Legacy?

The Minister of the Congregation is directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses.

BPC p. 445

Many Christians, down through the years, have heeded this rubric from the prayer book and left bequests to support the mission and ministry of the church long after they have been among the living. Today we recognize and thank them for their gifts and we encourage all members of the Church to heed the words of the rubric.

When we write a will, we not only plan for the transfer of our worldly goods upon death, but we also tell our loved ones and others something important about ourselves.

Writing a will gives us the opportunity to tell our loved ones about the values, organizations, and other things that give meaning and fulfillment to our lives. It can also assure us that we are remembered for the good works we support during our lives and at the end of our mortal lives.

In addition, a will can teach our children and others how to give. We are created in the image of God. God is a giving, generous God. We are created in that image. We are created to give. Wills give us a final chance to teach others about the importance of generosity and giving thanks to God for all God has entrusted to us.

Through a will we can distribute our possessions in such a targeted way as to keep faith alive in the next generation. The simple act of including the church in your will can extend and expand an important ministry while influencing your loved ones toward a life of faith and generosity.

Our wills tell our loved ones who and what is important to us. As we give our assets to those people who are important to us, so we can make a portion of our assets an offering to God, through the life of the church, because God, and the Church, has always been there for us and is important to us.

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