



# Legacy Giving

## An Enduring Presence in Our Faith Community

As we journey later into life, we begin to reflect on the lasting impact of our actions, beliefs, and contributions — for our loved ones, our community, and the causes that resonate deeply with our values. This lasting impact is your legacy: a connection with those who preceded you and those who will follow you.

### Join the Legacy Society

With a mission to strengthen and grow the church’s mission in northwest Pennsylvania, the Catholic Foundation facilitates gift planning by offering donors a unique way to secure and restrict their charitable gifts and continue their generosity beyond their lifetime.

We invite you to consider an enduring presence in our faith community by joining the Catholic Foundation Legacy Society. This society honors those who have chosen to establish an endowment in the Foundation today and those who have made a planned gift to the Foundation — deferred until the Lord calls them home — in their will or estate

plan. This gift can be designated for a parish, a cemetery, a Catholic school, a nonprofit, the Catholic Foundation, or any of its funds.

### Consider Your Greatest Impact

Legacy gifts of all sizes combine to help strengthen a thriving faith community for the next generation. Whether through a gift today to establish an endowment, a bequest in your will, a beneficiary designation in your retirement plan, or another giving option, your support ensures future generations will continue to benefit from a vibrant faith community.

The Catholic Foundation is here to support your charitable giving and create your greatest desired impact. We encourage you to prayerfully consider this opportunity and discuss it with your family and financial advisors.

Together, we can build a future where the light of Christ’s love shines brightly for generations to come.

# What Is Gift Planning?

Gift planning, sometimes called planned giving or legacy giving, is a donor’s intention to contribute a gift to an organization upon their passing. Essentially, a donor makes arrangements for planned gifts in the present, but charitable organizations receive those gifts at a later time.

**Please let us know if you’ve designated a gift to the Catholic Foundation of Northwest Pennsylvania in your will or other estate plan, so that we can thank you during your lifetime.**

## Ways You Can Leave a Charitable Legacy

- ✓ Will/trust bequests .....
- ✓ Donor-advised funds
- ✓ Life insurance policies
- ✓ Retirement accounts
- ✓ Real estate
- ✓ Securities
- ✓ Cash


# What Legacy Will You Leave?


A bequest is a way to leave a legacy that reflects your faith, values, and devotion to the Church.


A charitable bequest is one of the easiest and most flexible ways that you can leave a gift to the Catholic Foundation to make a lasting impact for generations to come.

Your bequest can be designated to establish a new endowment to support a parish, cemetery, Catholic school, or ministry you love; support an existing endowment in the Foundation; or provide unrestricted support for the Foundation.

## The Benefits of Making a Charitable Bequest

 Receive an estate tax charitable deduction

 Reduce the burden of taxes on your family

 Leave a legacy gift to the Catholic Foundation designated for the ministry you choose



## Get Started on Your Own Catholic Legacy

To learn more about establishing a legacy through an endowment or a planned gift, please contact Executive Director Lisa Louis at [llouis@cfnwpa.org](mailto:llouis@cfnwpa.org) or (814) 824-1237.