



**"For where your  
treasure is,  
there also will  
your heart be"**

**Luke 12:34**



## Gratitude for God's Blessings

Martha and Edward raised nine children in the Archdiocese of Louisville and have been greatly blessed in life. It was always a priority for the family to be active in their parish and formed in the Catholic faith.

Martha grew up in a large, close-knit Catholic household. She was taught at an early age that family and relationships are strongest when God is at the center. Edward also learned this at an early age when his father died. His family struggled to provide food and pay the rent. Programs and ministries offered through the local Catholic parish helped his family survive in those times of great uncertainty.

Because the Catholic faith has been so integral to their family, Martha and Edward remembered the Church in their wills. Martha says that, "Remembering the Catholic Church in our estate plan was an easy decision for Edward and me. We wanted to give back to the Church in gratitude for the lifetime of God's blessings."

Edward has since been called to his heavenly reward. Martha remains active in her Catholic parish. Now in her 90s, she still looks forward to attending daily Mass. Martha remarks with confidence, "God is without limit and whatever you give, you get back one-hundred fold!"

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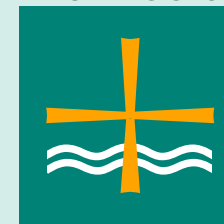
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**A LEGACY OF FAITH**

## Message from Archbishop Shelton

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
Greetings in the Lord!

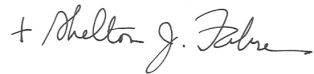
As members of the Catholic Church, we are called to be good stewards of God's many blessings. Your decision to take the next step in estate planning shows your commitment to being a good steward and providing for your family.

Your generosity allows the Church to continue the ministry of Christ by helping the poor, educating youth, promoting vocations to the priesthood and religious life, providing resources to parishes, supporting families, and proclaiming the Gospel to all. When you remember your parish and/or the Archdiocese in your estate plan, you create a legacy of faith that will touch the lives of future Catholics for generations to come.

I am deeply grateful for the support you provide to your parish and to archdiocesan ministries. I hope you find this brochure useful as you consider the legacy you will leave behind.

By planning today, your legacy of faith will make a difference tomorrow.

Sincerely in the Lord,



Most Reverend Shelton J. Fabre  
Archbishop of Louisville



## Create a Legacy of Faith for the Future of the Church

"Through baptism, the Holy Spirit moves us to answer Christ's call to holiness" (Catholic Catechism for Adults). This is a lifelong journey of discipleship that calls us to encounter Christ in the sacraments, proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ, and exercise good stewardship of the gifts we have been given.

One way to advance the Church's mission through stewardship is to provide financial support for the Church, now and for the future. There are several ways that you can help your parish, the Archdiocese, or your favorite ministry.

If you would like to discuss how to include the Church in your estate plans, contact Melody Denson, Director of Major Gifts and Planned Giving, at the Archdiocese. Call 502-585-3291, Ext.1117 or email to [planmylegacy@archlou.org](mailto:planmylegacy@archlou.org).

Listed below are some of the most common methods of planned giving. As always, we recommend seeking professional counsel when preparing an estate plan.

- 1 Bequest** - A bequest is a gift made to the Church through a will and can consist of a percentage or a specific dollar amount from your estate.
  - 2 Retirement** - All or part of your IRA annual distribution may be transferred to the Church. You do not have to pay taxes on that part of the distribution and the Church receives a donation. People 72½ and older may donate up to \$105,000 tax free per year!
  - 3 Life Insurance Policy** - A paid-up insurance policy may include the Church as the beneficiary. You receive any income stream from the policy and can redeem the policy later, if necessary. There is no tax benefit for this option.
  - 4 Charitable Remainder Trust** - This mechanism provides you with tax benefits and a lifetime stream of income. Only upon death does the Church receive the asset.
  - 5 Charitable Lead Trust** - This method provides the Church with an income stream for a set period of time. At the end of that period, the principal of the trust reverts to you or your heirs.
- Other options may include donating cash, stock, or other tangible personal assets.