



## PLANNING TODAY FOR TOMORROW

### An Authentic Faith, a Meaningful Legacy

Each year, the Legacy of Faith Society hosts its annual Mass and Luncheon in the Lady Chapel of Saint Patrick's Cathedral, and each year, Rose Marie Barba comes to the microphone to serve as lector. Her passion and admiration for the readings is evident in her voice, and when asked about the delight with which she reads, Ms. Barba simply replies, "The Word of God? How can you not love it? That I can proclaim the Word of God to others—it sustains me."

One of the longest serving members of the Legacy of Faith Society, Ms. Barba joined in 1982 after making a planned giving commitment through an annuity. The Catholic Church and its teachings were always a part of her life growing up in New York, but they came to her attention especially as an adult, when she truly encountered Christ. "What I learned growing up, I was not prepared for life in the flesh. And so, at my wit's end, I reached out to God." With time, Ms. Barba grew even more deeply committed to her faith: "By my life experience and the wisdom God has allowed, I realized how exceedingly necessary it is to be a real, authentic person with authentic faith in Christ."

Her commitment to the Gospel led Ms. Barba to establish numerous charitable gift annuities to benefit the many Catholic

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Ms. Barba

*"I hope that I can contribute something to the benefit of human beings who realize their Catholic faith is the most important tool to become who they are supposed to be as men and women of God."*

—ROSE MARIE BARBA



Ms. Barba

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organizations and missions of the Archdiocese of New York. In recent weeks, she has decided to revise her will to include a greater emphasis on evangelization, mentioning, "My most important focus is the quality of life inside a person, which is at its best in a relationship with Jesus Christ."

When asked why she decided to include the Archdiocese of New York in her will, she said, "The archdiocese represents everything my faith has inspired me to do and I wanted to be sure that my legacy of faith will continue long after I'm gone. I hope others will join me in making their legacies meaningful too."

# Use Your Will to Make a Lasting Impact

Your will is one of the most important documents you can own. It dictates how your assets and possessions will be divided after your lifetime. It ensures your loved ones are financially protected should something happen to you. It provides peace of mind for your family.

A will also is the first step in creating your legacy.

### Use Your Will to Give

In addition to caring for loved ones, you can also use your will to extend your support of the organizations you care about most. This gift is simple to make—all it takes is one sentence. You can also update your wishes as life changes to ensure your will meets your needs. Plus, a gift in your will does not require you to part with assets today, but it allows you to make a big impact on the Archdiocese of New York.

### TO MAKE THIS GIFT:

- 1 Contact us at 646-794-3317 or [PlannedGiving@archny.org](mailto:PlannedGiving@archny.org) or return the enclosed reply card to request sample language to use to make your gift.
- 2 Make an appointment with your estate planning attorney to create your will. If you already have a will, your attorney can draft a codicil to add your gift to the existing document.
- 3 Notify us of your intention. It would be our honor to thank you. Plus, your generosity may even inspire others to follow in your footsteps. (Wishes of anonymity will be honored, of course.)

**+ Bonus:** You can specify that your gift to the archdiocese be given in honor of someone dear to you, leaving a legacy that ensures that your loved one's memory endures for years to come.



# Alternatives to Cash

*Support the Church Without Affecting Your Budget*

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If you would like to make a gift to your parish or to the Archdiocese of New York, but would rather not give up cash today, you can still help. **Here are three simple options:**



## **Retirement plan assets.**

When you name your parish or the archdiocese as the beneficiary of your retirement plan assets, you do not part with assets today and protect your loved ones from taxes later. As a nonprofit organization, we are tax-exempt and eligible to receive the full amount. In contrast, federal income taxes may erode up to 37% of the amount when left to your children.



## **Life insurance.**

You can either name your local parish or the Archdiocese of New York as a beneficiary of the policy or you can sign over ownership of the policy to us right now. This latter option allows you to receive an income tax deduction equal to the policy's cost basis or the fair market value, whichever is lower.



## **A gift in your will or living trust.**

Including a gift to your parish or the archdiocese in your will or living trust allows you to support our parishes and the communities we serve after your lifetime. Return the enclosed reply card for sample language to share with your attorney to include a gift in your will.

## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE TODAY**

Contact our team at 646-794-3317 or [PlannedGiving@archny.org](mailto:PlannedGiving@archny.org) today if you have any questions about these easy ways to support our important mission.

# Your Legacy Can Endure

One of the greatest gifts we can pass down to the next generation is the gift of faith. Our prayers, acts of service and ministry, and financial contributions to the Church all contribute to the health of our parish communities for our children and their children.

Remembering your local parish or the archdiocese is one way to help ensure the future of the Church in New York. Last year, long-standing parishioner Mr. Frank Krescanko passed away into eternal life. After having given for 29 years, his final gift to the Church was a gift of \$2.1 million to the *Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal*. This gift will be instrumental in promoting the work of the Church throughout the archdiocese—and every bequest, no matter how big or small, helps bring to life the Gospel in our communities.

By talking with family members now about your charitable goals, you become a role model and inspire others to follow your lead.

## Start the Conversation

Set aside time or use everyday moments to talk about what it means to be charitable.

- Share your love for the Church and other organizations you are passionate about.
- Ask family members which causes are important to them and how they show support.

## Take the Next Step

Discuss taking your commitment to the next level.

- Be an active participant. Attend Masses and events with your family. Introduce them to the organizations you want to support.

## Solidify Your Plans

Discuss ways to fulfill your philanthropic aspirations.

- Contact the archdiocese to inquire about other ways you can support us.
- Leverage your estate plan to carry out your charitable wishes beyond your lifetime.

## GIVE A MEANINGFUL GIFT

You have worked hard to accumulate assets throughout your life. When you create a will, you have the ability to determine how your assets are distributed after your lifetime. To learn how to make a meaningful gift and save specific assets, send for our FREE guide ***Make Your Final Wishes Come True*** by completing and returning the enclosed reply card.



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