



GIFT PLANNING

An Overview

"Remember that when you leave this Earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received - only what you have been given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage."

St. Francis of Assisi

How do we support God's work?

We give at different times in our lives, and in different ways: We give spontaneously because there has been an earthquake in Nicaragua, many lives have been lost and those left behind are homeless and hungry: an emergency.

We give on a regular basis to Sunday collections, either using cash, cheques, visa, or, in a growing number of parishes, pre-authorized giving which debits regular amounts from your account to the parish account.

Over and above this, we have in this diocese special programs which receive gifts such as Children's & Youth Camps, Christian Education, University Chaplaincy, Queen's College, Outreach Ministry, Social Justice, and Evangelism.

From time to time, your own parish will need special one-time assistance to fix the organ, the roof, the bell tower, or even build a new parish hall.

However, how many of us think longer-term about our parishes and the wonderful work done there, and how this can be funded in the future?

Longer term giving. This can be done in several ways, either during our life time or after we die. How we give such a gift over to the church is often referred to as a planned or deferred gift.

Why make a planned gift?

- * To provide long-term assistance for a church program which has been important to you
- * To magnify your giving to the church
- * To increase your income
- * To reduce your taxes

These gifts can take many shapes - bequests under a Will, a life insurance policy, a life income trust, a gift of stock.

Please feel free to call for further information or assistance.

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