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# Planting a Future

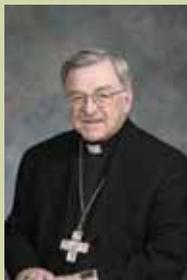
*Making a planned gift  
to the Catholic Church*

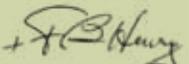


As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.

Preparing a Will and Estate Planning are acts of Christian stewardship. It gives your loved ones peace of mind and can be an opportunity for participation in charitable giving.

We hope you find this information helpful, and we would love to hear from you.



  
✠ F.B. Henry  
Bishop of Calgary.



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## Making a Gift of Faith

Christian stewardship is a way of life based on the awareness that everything we have and everything we are comes from God. It is counter-cultural. Stewardship requires us to recognize our dependence on God and one another in a culture that praises self-sufficiency. Stewardship cultivates an attitude of abundance in a society focused on need.

As an act of Stewardship, you may wish to help the Diocese Plant a Future by making a charitable bequests in your Will. Often a planned gift is a way to make the gift of a lifetime that one could not otherwise afford when day-to-day life needs to be taken care of. Gifts made through a Will, life insurance policy or gift of publically listed securities can allow you to make a very impactful and precious gift back to your community.

## Ways to Give

### Bequests

A bequest in your Will to your parish or favorite Diocesan ministry or program is an acknowledgement of your returning to God the gifts He has bestowed on you during your lifetime.

Charitable bequests have a significant impact on estate taxes and let your family know what charities were important to you. Please contact our office for sample clauses to include in your Will.



### Life Insurance

Contributions of life insurance can also be made to a registered charity such as your parish or the Diocese of Calgary. When you make a charity a beneficiary of the policy it does not diminish your estate value, proceeds are paid out directly to the charity and taxes and probate fees do not reduce the gift.

When you make your parish or the Diocese both the owner and beneficiary of a policy (new or existing), the insurance premiums are considered a donation and eligible for a charitable donation receipt. The cash surrender value of an existing policy can also be given as a charitable gift.

### Gift of Listed Securities

When you donate gifts of shares, and other security to your parish or the Diocese, you benefit in two ways:

1. You receive a charitable donation receipt for the full amount of the value of the security when transferred to the charity
2. You are excluded from paying capital gains taxes on the gift.

### Gift of Retirement Plan Accumulations

Gifts of Registered Retirement Plans (RRSP, RRIF) can be made to your parish or the Diocese upon death and the tax credit can be used to offset the tax payable on the proceeds. You may want to consider including a favorite charity as a contingent beneficiary in case your original beneficiary pre-deceases you.

## Putting Down Roots

Let us know that you believe in planting a future for the Diocese. Become part of our Putting Down Roots Society. We would love to know about your gift and to let you know what is going on here at the Diocese where our donors' charitable dollars are at work.

- Yes, I have already left a gift in my Will.
- Yes, I have already made my parish or the Diocese of Calgary a beneficiary of a life insurance policy
- I would like more information on making a planned gift

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone:  Home  Cell

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Beneficiary of my gift (Name of Parish/ Diocesan Program you are supporting)

- I do not wish my parish to be notified of my gift.

