



HOW DO I INCLUDE THE CHURCH IN MY WILL?

I give to The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Sacramento, a California nonprofit Corporation, located in Sacramento, California _____ Dollars (\$ _____)

- Alternate 1: property or assets herein described
- Alternate 2: ____ (____%) of the residue of my estate
- Alternate 3: all the residue of my estate.

This gift shall be used for the benefit of (name of parish, school, organization or endowment) for the following purpose _____.



Let the coming generation be told of the Lord, that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

Ps. 22:31a-32c

THE POOR WIDOW'S CONTRIBUTION

He sat down opposite the treasury and observed how the crowd put money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they have all contributed from their surplus wealth, but she, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood."

Mark 13:41-44

FOR MORE INFORMATION

I would like to speak with someone who can provide additional information on writing a will.

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Parish _____

Please complete and return to the address listed below. All inquiries are treated with complete confidentiality.

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Remember
GOD'S WILL IN YOURS

You can care for your family and your church through your will





*Where there's a Will,
there's a way*

Sixty to seventy percent of Americans die without a valid Will. If you die without a Will or an estate plan, the laws of the state will determine how your remaining assets are distributed to your family and heirs.

You can express your commitment to your family and church through a Will or other estate plan. With a Will you can leave a legacy gift to your favorite Catholic charity; be it your parish, Catholic school, social service agency, or the Diocese of Sacramento.

You can become a partner in the work of The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Sacramento to preserve and promote our catholic faith. The Foundation provides an opportunity for individual Catholics to practice faithful stewardship of the gifts God has given each of us by leaving a legacy, however large or small, for future generations of Catholics in Northern California.

STEWARDSHIP OF YOUR GIFTS

All your life you have been a steward of the gifts God has given you. You've volunteered your time to your parish. You've used your talents to benefit those around you in our church, your family, and your community. You've been a good steward of your financial resources by giving to the church. In short, you've lived the life of a good Christian steward.

That doesn't have to end when you die. Making a proper Will ensures that you are being a good steward by taking care of your family, your relatives and your church family, if you wish.

We ask you to continue your stewardship by remembering your parish and/or the Diocese of Sacramento in your Will.

IF YOU ALREADY HAVE A WILL

If you've already had a Will drawn up, you should review it periodically, generally every three to five years. You may want to change it if any of these recent events have occurred:

- A child or grandchild has been born
- You have married
- Your spouse, family member, or personal representative has died
- The tax laws have significantly changed
- You have changed your mind about beneficiaries or personal representatives
- You want to add beneficiaries
- Your estate has changed significantly

THE NEXT STEPS

Whether you have a large estate, or a very small one, does not matter. A Will benefits anyone who owns property or real estate.

- 1 Make a list of your assets, including life insurance, personal property, real estate, savings accounts, etc.
- 2 List all of your family members and other loved ones, their addresses, and their relationship to you.
- 3 List the charitable organizations you wish to benefit, including your parish, along with their correct legal names and addresses.
- 4 Decide how you want to divide your estate among family members, other loved ones, and charitable organizations.
- 5 Talk over these decisions with your family and other loved ones, and seek the advice of experts: an attorney, accountant, and/or charitable estate planner.
- 6 Consult with your attorney to draw up your Will according to the decisions you have made. Handwritten Wills which are not properly drafted or witnessed, may cause your estate to be mishandled. The money you spend on a competent attorney will be more than repaid in lower costs to your estate.