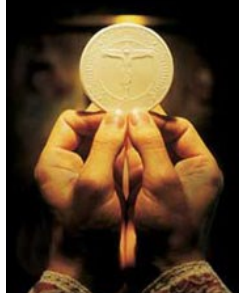


# Preparing your Will

The values you have held dear throughout your lifetime can continue



## Our Mission is to Bless

The *Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith* exists to support the Catholic Church in Mission lands, to enable over 1,150 dioceses in Mission territories to function by offering prayer and providing support to meet their expenses. Our mission is to bless the poor through the celebration of the sacraments, the preaching of the Gospel and the teaching of the Faith. We seek prayer and financial sacrifice for the Church's Missionary work.

*We ask your consideration for a remembrance in your Will.*

# What will YOUR LEGACY be?

## Consider a Percentage

Most people have no way of assessing exactly how much property they will own at death. To be sure that charitable gifts will remain in proportion to other legacies, people designate a certain percentage of their estates to charitable interests. Consider this flexible way of giving when planning your estate.

## Keep it Flexible

When making a bequest to a charitable institution, remember that future needs may change. For this reason, it is usually best to keep your gift flexible.

## Writing Your Will

Please remember the *Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith* when making or changing your will. You have a number of options to personalize your bequest considering your circumstances:

- I WISH TO DESIGNATE A SPECIFIC AMOUNT**  
 I give to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA, PA, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for its general uses and purposes.
- I WISH TO DESIGNATE A PERCENTAGE OF MY ESTATE**  
 I give to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA, PA, \_\_\_\_\_% for its general purposes, the rest, residue & remainder of my estate whether real or personal.
- I WISH TO DESIGNATE A PERCENTAGE OF MY ESTATE AFTER ALL OTHER BEQUESTS ARE SATISFIED**  
 I give to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith, ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA, PA, \_\_\_\_\_% of my residual estate for its general uses & purposes.

**THIS IS FOR GENERAL INFORMATION ONLY.**

For individual planning, please seek the advise of on your own attorney or other advisor.

**Yes!** I have included the Pontifical Mission Societies as a beneficiary of my will or other estate plans as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like someone to contact me about planning a gift for my estate.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_(\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

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

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_@\_\_\_\_\_



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# What will YOUR LEGACY be?

## Make an Estate Plan

An estate plan helps you provide for yourself and the future of your loved ones. Many people also leave gifts to further their favorite charitable interests. Bequests of all sizes can play an important role in the growth of the **Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith**. They help ensure that we can continue to support the men and women who have dedicated their lives to spreading the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ.



A will or other legal document is necessary to be sure your wishes will be carried out. Unless you have a will or other legal arrangement, such as a living trust, to direct the disposal of your property, state law could give your property automatically to your nearest relatives.



## Consider Gifts of Property

Gifts of property are often just as welcome and helpful as gifts of cash. Stocks, bonds, life insurance policies, marketable real estate, and other property make wonderful gifts and may have tax advantages for you.

## Consult an Attorney

*Planning your will doesn't have to be complicated or expensive, but it is important that you meet certain legal requirements. We urge you to discuss your wishes with a lawyer.*

There is no substitute for the advice of an attorney when making a will or trust, your attorney will have suggestions that can save you and your heirs money, reduce estate taxes, probate costs, and other legal expenses. When you choose an attorney, choose one who is knowledgeable in the area of estate planning.

## Update your Estate Plan Regularly

An out-of-date will or trust is often no better than having none at all. Many circumstances throughout your lifetime can make your will obsolete practically overnight: changes in your family, such as marriages, births and deaths; alterations in the nature and value of your property; changes in state and federal laws, and in court interpretations of them.

## Memorial Gifts

When a loved one dies it is natural to want to find a way of perpetually remembering that person. Many families have designated donations be made to the Pontifical Mission Societies. In this way, loved ones are perpetually prayed for by Missionaries world-wide.

Let us know of your intentions, and we will be happy to suggest ways of commemorating your gift.

## Name final Beneficiaries

After you've listed all the people you want to remember, ask yourself, "Now what if none of them is alive to receive their gifts?" Then complete your plans by naming the **Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith** a final beneficiary to continue its good work for the Missions.

## Communicate Your Plans

When you are planning a charitable bequest to an organization that is important to you, consider informing the intended recipient. At the **Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith**, we have many needs that could be well aligned with your giving plans.

Knowledge of your bequest intention will help the **Pontifical Mission Society for the Propagation of the Faith** to better plan for the future.

### If you Need More Information:

Please contact us at any time with questions or concerns you may have about your plans for a charitable bequest to the Pontifical Mission Societies:

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