

# Vivos Christi Society

## Honoring Your Catholic Legacy

Your legacy gift, automatically qualifies you as a member of the Vivos Christi Society.

This society honors you and the Catholic Legacy you are leaving to advance the ministries of the Catholic Church in Central Florida. You can choose to be a named or anonymous member (*your gift amount always remains confidential*). Being a named member helps inspire others to also think about and create their own Catholic Legacy.

In gratitude for your legacy gift, you will be invited to our annual "Evening of Gratitude" with Bishop John Noonan. This is an opportunity to recognize and thank you for your generosity.

If you would like to notify us of a legacy gift and become a member of the Vivos Christi Society, please contact us at (407) 246-7192.



### Your Catholic Legacy can...

- Pass on your Catholic values and traditions to your family and loved ones for generations to come.
- Share the love and wisdom of your life experiences with family while planning your Catholic legacy gift to the Church.
- Strengthen and support the ministries of the Catholic Church by investing in endowments for your parish, Catholic school tuition assistance, seminarian education or other ministries meaningful to you.

Contact us or visit our website to request or download a FREE wills guide:

[Mycatholiclegacy.cfocf.org](http://Mycatholiclegacy.cfocf.org)

This fill-in-the-blank guide will help you organize information before visiting your estate attorney. It can also be used as a reference for your family to locate important information!

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## Catholic Legacy Planning

Sustaining Our Catholic Faith  
For Future Generations





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## WHAT LEGACY DO YOU WANT TO LEAVE IN THIS WORLD?

To leave a legacy is to reveal our hearts, for our legacy is a final testament of who we are, what we value, and whom we love. Regardless of your age, circumstances, or economic status, we encourage you to begin thinking about the legacy you wish to leave behind and the message you hope to share with your loved ones, your community, and your Church.

Your first and foremost concern should be for your own needs and the needs of your loved ones. Once you have provided for your family, we hope you will remember the many needs of your parish and our larger diocesan family, including our seminarians, retired priests, and Catholic school students.

If you need personalized assistance, or just have a question or comment, we are here to assist you at every step. Whether you seek to strengthen the ministries of your parish, reach out to the homeless and the hungry, or assist our seminarians as they grow in friendship with God, we welcome the opportunity to help you create a legacy that is meaningful and transformative – a legacy that celebrates your faith, affirms your values, and gives witness to a love that endures.

Please contact us if you have any questions about how to make a bequest to your parish, a Catholic school or ministry to use where most needed or to request any additional information that might be helpful to you and your attorney as you consider making a bequest to us.

If you have included a bequest for your parish, a Catholic school, or ministry to use where most needed in your estate plan, please contact us to let us know. We would like to thank you and recognize you for your gift: Janet Caramello, MBA, Director of Philanthropy, jcaramello@cfocf.org, 407-246-4802

### Sample Language for your Will

*"I hereby give, devise and bequeath to John Noonan, Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Orlando, a Corporation Sole, and to his successors and assigns, the following: (amount, percentage, remainder, or other specific asset) for the specific benefit of (your parish, Catholic school, diocesan ministry.) In the event that (your parish, Catholic school, diocesan ministry) shall no longer exist or be within the jurisdiction or possession of the Roman Catholic church, then such bequest shall inure to the successor or juridic person, designated by the Bishop to serve a substantively consistent purpose."*

## What is a Legacy Gift?

Legacy gifts are planned gifts you make to impact what is most meaningful to you. They create extraordinary opportunities to sustain our Church in Central Florida for generations and are a meaningful and powerful way to remember our Church.

Legacy gifts can include a bequest in your estate plans or even gifts that pay YOU income:

A Bequest can be made in several ways:

- You can gift a specific dollar amount or asset such as real estate or vacation homes
- You can gift a percentage of your estate
- You can gift from the balance or residue of your estate
- You can make a beneficiary designation of certain assets such as an IRA, 401(k) or insurance policy

Gifts that pay YOU income can include:

- Charitable Gift Annuities
- Charitable Trusts



*"Your Catholic Legacy gift allows us to share God's blessings with our brothers and sisters in Christ for generations!"*

*- Bishop John Noonan*