

1 Gifts in your will

With a Will, you have a great opportunity to make certain things possible. You can...

- Determine how your assets will be distributed
- Select a legal guardian for your minor children
- Remember those special to you such as family, friends, and your favorite charities.

When you make a **Bequest** to the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF), you are making a contribution that provides for the future of your Faith... the church that *baptized* you, provided the *sacraments* to you, and *educated your children or grandchildren* through a Catholic school or religious education program.

Through your Will, you may choose to leave the Catholic Education Foundation:

- a *percentage* of your estate,
- a *fixed dollar amount* of your estate,
- a *specific piece of property* such as *shares of stock or real estate*, or
- the *residue* of your estate.

"Try me in this, says the Lord of Hosts. Shall I not open the floodgates of Heaven to pour down blessings upon you without measure?"

Malachi 3:10

2 Outright Gifts

Contributions to the Catholic Education Foundation can take many forms. Two of the most common types of gifts are cash contributions and stock gifts or similar appreciated property.

CASH GIFTS are the easiest to make and can immediately further the mission of the CEF. For income tax purposes, cash gifts may be deducted up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income and any excess deductions can be carried forward up to five additional tax years.

STOCKS which have increased in value also make excellent gifts. Gifts of appreciated property, if held longer than one year, can be deducted at their full fair market value. Like cash donations, excess deductions can be carried forward up to five additional tax years.

—Sample—

Mary Donates \$20,000 in Appreciated Stocks	
Benefit to Mary	Benefit to CEF
Stock purchased at \$ 2,000, appreciated to \$ 20,000	
Income tax deduction (Mary's tax bracket is 28%)	\$ 20,000
\$ 20,000 x 28% = \$ 5,600	
Tax Deduction \$ 5,600	
Purchase Price - \$ 2,000	
Mary's Savings \$ 3,600	
Mary saves \$3,600 in taxes by Giving \$20,000	

3 Life Income Agreement

A **Life Income Agreement** gives you several benefits. Each agreement allows you to help the Catholic Education Foundation in the future and enjoy immediate benefits in exchange for your future contribution.

The benefits include:

- A current charitable income tax deduction for a "future" gift to the CEF. The income tax deduction can be taken in the year that the Life Income Agreement is established and, if necessary, can be carried forward up to five additional tax years;
- Avoiding or reducing capital gains tax when using appreciated stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or real estate to fund your Life Income Agreement;
- Fixed or variable payments for life, guaranteed by the CEF;
- The opportunity to support a loved one by providing payments to a surviving beneficiary;
- Savings from estate and inheritance taxes on assets transferred to the CEF;
- The satisfaction of knowing that you have made a long-term commitment to your favorite school or parish education program;
- Knowing that after your life (and the life of your surviving beneficiary,) remaining fund assets go directly to the CEF which disburses them to the school or parish as you directed.

This information is not intended as specific legal advice. Consult your attorney or financial advisor when considering any legal or financial matters. State of Illinois tax laws which govern wills and contracts are subject to change.

—Sample—

**Mr. and Mrs. Jones Exchange Property
for Life Income Contract**

Benefit to Mr. and Mrs. Jones	Benefit to CEF
Donating \$100,000 in land that has been in the family, the Jones' receive an IMMEDIATE income tax break.	\$ 100,000
With both the Jones' age 75, they agree for the CEF to pay them an annuity rate of 5%*	
\$ 100,000 x 5% = \$ 5,000	
They receive \$5,000 a year for the rest of both their lives.	
Part of this annual income is tax free.	
The Jones' avoid almost all capital gains tax on the \$100,000 property.	
<small>* Rates change every two years and are based on person's age.</small>	

**Mr. and Mrs. Jones receive
an income for life from
an asset that only cost them
money for years.**



Benefits to our Donors

The Catholic Education Foundation welcomes cash contributions, bequests, and tax-wise planned gifts of all denominations. The CEF, in return, offers the following benefits to our donors:

- Guarantee of professional management
- Frequent reporting to donors
- Memorial to a loved one
- Gifts that last forever
- Funding of the donor's favorite school or parish
- Tax advantage to donor

Catholic Education Foundation Is . . .

- a 501(c) 3 grant-making corporation
- distributing over \$1 million in need-based scholarships and grants to educational programs yearly throughout the Diocese of Joliet
- providing long-term financial support to diocesan Catholic schools, and to parish educational programs
- educating the general public about the numerous tax advantaged gift vehicles at their disposal
- matching our donors' specific charitable desires with effective and appropriate gift plans
- managed by a volunteer Board of Directors that provides strict accountability to donors, and observes total compliance with the donor's charitable wishes
- YOUR "Community Foundation for Catholic Education" in our seven county diocese.

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Giving

is as easy as



Your gift can be immediate as well as everlasting.

The next time you consider giving to your favorite charity such as your local Catholic school or parish religious education program, think of the short-term and long-term benefits of your gift. Remember that the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) can make your planning experience an easy process.

Contact the CEF today!

