



## Lumen Christi Legacy Society

Lumen Christi means “Light of Christ” which is the light in all things, which gives life to all things, which is the law by which all things are governed. This power is an influence for good in the lives of all people and members of the Lumen Christi Legacy Society share in this purpose.

The Lumen Christi Legacy Society was established to recognize and thank supporters who have named the Foundation or a parish, school, ministry or agency of the Diocese of Richmond in their estate plans or established a named-donor fund with the Catholic Community Foundation.

Members of the Lumen Christi Legacy Society are led by their faith and values to preserve our Catholic heritage and ensure everlasting giving for the future. This is a witness to fulfilling our call to walk in the Light of Christ and create a legacy that lights the future.

*“I am the Way, the truth and the life.”  
John 14:6*



**Leaving the legacy gift that’s right for you.**  
This brochure is for informational purposes only and not intended to replace legal or financial advice. Always contact your attorney or financial advisor to learn the legacy gift that is right for you.




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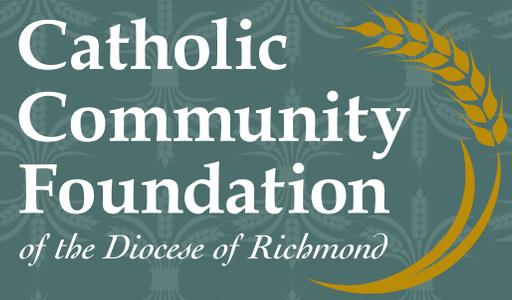
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# Legacy Giving

**Building the  
Foundation for Future  
Generations**





*“Charity, patience  
and tenderness are  
very beautiful gifts.  
If you have them,  
you want to share  
them with others!”  
~ Pope Francis*

## Friendly, Faithful Stewards

The Catholic Community Foundation of the Diocese of Richmond (CCF) stewards the financial resources of Catholic individuals and families, people like you, who are inspired to leave a legacy gift that endures all time and reflects your values and philanthropic desires. We understand our donors' Catholic values and ignite your passion for giving that serves our faith community. We do this by upholding the intentions of donors today, tomorrow, and for generations to come.



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## Looking for a Place to Leave a Legacy

Legacy gifts reveal our faith to our community as a witness of God's great love for us. They are a final testament of what you value as a Catholic. To that end, the Catholic Community Foundation (CCF) assists families and individuals in creating their legacy giving that support the work of the Church.

### Gifts in Your Will

Without a will, the state may distribute your assets in ways that do not meet your family's needs or reflect your Catholic values.

Naming the Church as a beneficiary in your will is the easiest and most popular ways to provide lasting support for your parish, school, ministry or the CCF.

You can structure your will to leave a dollar amount or a percentage of your estate. Just a few sentences in your will are all that is needed, and you can modify your legacy gift at any time.

### Gifts of Property

Gifts of appreciated real estate such as your home or vacation property, and securities can be another source of your gift to the Church and may reduce estate taxes to your heirs at the time of your death.

It is important to discuss these options with the your advisor before writing your will.

### Life Insurance & Retirement Accounts

A Life Insurance policy is another way to make a sizeable gift to the Church.

It is as simple as asking your insurance company to for a beneficiary form. You can leave a specific percentage to your parish, school, ministry or the CCF. For example: You can leave 25% to your parish, 25% to the CCF and 50% to your family.

Did you know that many retirement accounts such as an IRA or 401K can be heavily taxed when left to family but can be tax-free when you designated an entity of the Diocese of Richmond to receive it upon our death? By contacting your plan administrator and making a beneficiary change, you can leave a legacy that supports the Church.



## The Joy of Stewardship

Catholic stewardship, giving back to God for the gifts we have been given is the ultimate act of faith. The CCF offers a wide variety of legacy giving opportunities that provide long-term, sustainable support for the parishes, schools and ministries of our Diocese. As times change, so do the needs of the Diocese of Richmond. A contribution to one of the CCF's endowment funds allows your gift to continually meet these needs as they evolve over time. To learn more about the CCF and our endowment funds, such as Seminarian Education, Priest Retirement and Long Term Health Care, Catholic Education, etc., please contact us. We look forward to assisting you with your legacy gift intentions.

