

The mighty Oak tree – a magnificent reminder of God’s constant presence in our earthly world – is known for its strength and endurance, much like God’s love for us. It grows, gives shade and shelter in life. Its acorns are tossed about by the wind to settle into new, fertile ground. With just one seed its legacy is established for future generations.

Upon notification of a planned gift or future bequest to the archdiocese or parish, a memento is presented to the individual or family.

- The name of the individual or family is inscribed in the Living Legacy Circle framed print that is displayed at various archdiocesan events.
- Twelve times throughout the year, Living Legacy Circle members are remembered at a Mass.
- The names of Living Legacy Circle members are published each year in the Stewardship & Development Office’s Annual Report.



For more information about how to become a member of the Living Legacy Circle, please contact:



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WHAT WILL  
YOUR  
LEGACY BE?



*Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given: a full heart enriched by honest service, love sacrifice and courage.*

*– St. Francis of Assisi*

Like the majestic tree, your legacy tells your life story. It must be carefully cultivated through thought and planning, and often starts with creating an estate plan. It can help clarify priorities and decide who and what is truly most important.

Many people are called to include the Catholic Church in their estate plans as a lasting testament to their faith. The Archdiocese of Omaha created the Living Legacy Circle as a special way to recognize those who have made a provision in their estate plans for the Archdiocese of Omaha or a parish within the archdiocese. Formerly, the Heritage Society, the Living Legacy Circle provides a unique opportunity for those who want their giving to transcend their own lifetimes.

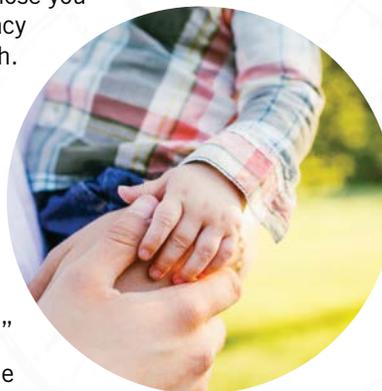
No matter how you decide to remember the Church, a gift from your will or estate accomplishes several key benefits:

- It guarantees that your generosity to the Church will be continued even after you are gone
- It provides important assistance to the parish, school or ministries that you care about
- It may provide tax benefits for you and your heirs
- Most importantly, it sends a strong message to your heirs that the Church played an important role in your life

Creating an estate plan is a gift that you give not only to yourself but to those you love, ensuring that your legacy lives on long after your death.

This is good faith in action as you have benefited from what others gave before you, so now you can do the same. As it has been said “It takes a noble person to plant a seed for a tree that will someday give shade to people they will never meet.”

If you still have not taken the time to create an estate plan, we encourage you to contact your attorney or estate planning professional to take that first step to ensure that your legacy is enduring and strong.



## Individuals and families who have included the Archdiocese of Omaha in their estate plans support:

- The Archdiocese of Omaha
- Social outreach ministries of the archdiocese
- Catholic education
- Named scholarship fund
- Omaha Archdiocesan Educational Foundation (OAEF)
- Omaha Archdiocesan Parish Foundation (OAPF)
- Lay ministry formation programs
- Youth and young adult programs
- The Seminary Trust Fund
- Priest Retirement Home Trust Fund
- Clergy Assistance Trust Fund
- For the benefit of retired and disabled priests
- Deacon formation fund
- Endowment or named fund to honor the memory of you or your family to support one of these entities

If you have remembered your parish or the Archdiocese of Omaha in your will, please take a moment to let us know by filling out this form and returning it to the address on the back.

An estate-related gift is always a personal matter. All information you provide will remain confidential. We appreciate your willingness to provide information regarding your estate plans so that we can include you as a member of the Living Legacy Circle.

The Archdiocese of Omaha is the recipient of my (our) estate plan

A parish or school of the Archdiocese of Omaha is the recipient of my (our) estate plan  
Name of parish and/or school: \_\_\_\_\_

I (we) have made a gift through:

- a will       life insurance
- a trust       a retirement plan
- other (please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

The amount of the gift is approximately  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name of the archdiocesan fund, parish or school that is the recipient of my (our) estate plan \_\_\_\_\_

The archdiocese may publish my (our) name with other members of the Living Legacy Circle as an inspiration to others:

yes    no

Please list how you would like your name published below (i.e. Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, Sally and John Smith, etc.)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_