Legacy Mission Partners

Gift Planning to Help Provide for the Poorest of the Poor



He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him

for what he has done.

PROVERBS 19:17



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Portfolio of Mission Funds

International Orphaned & Vulnerable Children Fund International Medical Fund International Self-Help Fund International Water Fund International Feeding Fund International Education Fund International Housing Fund

What Will Your Legacy Be?

All of us leave a legacy.

Our legacy is our mark on the world; our mission revealed in the beliefs we cherished, the people we touched, and the things we did. Good or bad, a legacy is an echo of our life that reverberates through our family for the rest of time — often inspiring or influencing those who follow us.

Clearly, a legacy is important. So, what is yours? Is it something you've ever expressed? Is it something you plan to empower?

Empowering your legacy means carrying your beliefs and achievements on beyond your own life. It's an active extension of your life's mission that will continue to impact the world for years, decades — even generations to come.

Cross Catholic Outreach can help you with this "legacy mission." We can assist you with arranging the planned gifts that will empower this work. Wills, bequests, trusts, and annuities are just some of the ways this can be accomplished, as described in the following pages. Using these financial tools, you will discover amazingly productive ways to support the causes you value most and often benefit your own financial future as well.



Have you always had a special heart for hungry children? Your legacy mission might include a planned gift that establishes feeding centers in your family's name or funds the purchases of meals indefinitely through a special endowment.

Is your legacy mission to care for orphans? You can prepare an annuity that cares for you in your retirement years and then yields a grant specifically to care for orphans and other vulnerable children upon your passing.

Because estate planning is both flexible and impactful, there are many ways it can be used to achieve almost any legacy mission you hold dear. Gift planning can empower your legacy to:

- Empower medical outreaches that serve the suffering poor
- Create an annual education scholarship, or construct classrooms or a school
- **Support** self-help programs that break the cycle of poverty plaguing families
- Construct homes for the homeless

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• Transform impoverished villages with safe water, sanitation and other vital services

Through careful preparation and professional implementation, estate planning can be a great source for empowering your legacy mission, whatever it may be. Consider it as a source of family pride, especially as it honors God and stands as an ongoing testament to your life of faith.

Once your estate plan includes Cross Catholic Outreach as a conduit of your legacy mission, you become our **Legacy Mission Partner.**

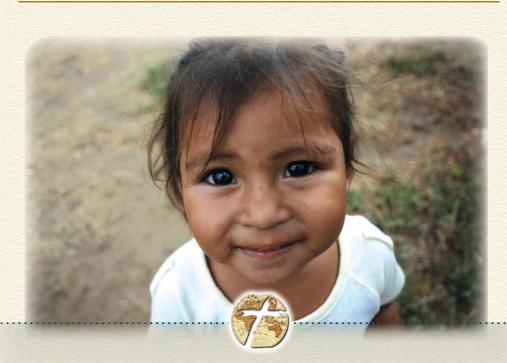


We are a Catholic ministry that serves the poorest of the poor internationally by channeling aid through dioceses, parishes, and Catholic missionaries, cost-effectively helping the poor break the cycle of poverty while advancing Catholic evangelization.

Will you make this mission part of your lasting legacy?

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. ... Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

MATTHEW 25: 34-36, 40



Give Orphans Hope

A planned gift to benefit the **International Orphaned & Vulnerable Children Fund** could provide food, clothing and other needs, to hundreds of children every year, in Christ's name. So FOUR REASONS So Americans Avoid Preparing a Will

If taking the first step in planning your estate seems daunting, you're not alone. But don't let these common reasons hinder you.

- 1. Too little property It is easy for many Americans to look around and feel their estate is small and does not warrant the time and expense of a will. After all, the headlines highlight multi-million dollar estates. The truth is that many people possess much more than they realize. What may be a modest home, a small investment portfolio, or just the beginning of a savings account can enjoy significant growth in value over one's life. Where no will exists, the state, rather than you or your loved ones, will determine how those things get distributed.
- **2. Life gets in the way** It is completely possible that the single biggest reason Americans fail to prepare a will falls into the "life just gets in the way" category. For some it is simply the day-to-day routine that prohibits them from considering a will. For others, it is the reality that no one plans to die, or certainly no one enjoys planning to die. For another group it may be rationalized under the "no one can know the future" reason, thinking that so much could change between today and the time of death. What good could it do to plan today?
- **3. A will is costly** In many instances, a carefully prepared will does have some attendant costs. This is especially true where complicated or larger estates are involved. However, a few hundred dollars or more pales in comparison to the cost of having no will at all. Without a will an estate may face the maximum in

applicable probate costs and taxes. In the event of any family disagreement over distribution, legal costs skyrocket. By the time settlement occurs, hundreds or even thousands of dollars might have been lost. In some cases, heirs can actually end up bearing the brunt of out-of-pocket costs. Having a will could even save you and your family money.

4. Aversion to legal documents — Many Americans seem to have a built-in distrust for legal documents that tend to be long and difficult to understand. A will is easily understood, however, when compared to the legal intricacies that an estate without a will may experience. Attorneys will gladly provide an easy-to-understand summary of the contents of a will to insure that your objectives are met.



A Will to Save Lives

A bequest to benefit the **International Medical Fund** will help end needless suffering and save countless lives.

∞ four benefits ∽ of an Estate Plan

You have spent most of your lifetime gathering assets and making plans. But many people spend more time planning their vacation than planning their estate. Taking the time to develop a plan for your estate provides...

- **1. Peace** An estate plan is designed to help you provide for those you love and protect both you and your family.
- Provision With a good estate plan, you can give loved ones the property you have acquired in the right way, at the right time and at minimal cost.
- **3. Protection** A good plan will provide for you in your senior years. It may be important to designate a specific person to manage your property, help doctors and other medical staff with important decisions, and make certain you receive the best possible care. An estate plan can increase your lifetime security and also achieve your goals for family and charity.



4. Spiritual Legacy — An estate plan acknowledges God's ownership of all. It helps prepare the next steward and ensures that your final act on earth is one of good stewardship.

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

KING DAVID (1 CHRONICLES 29:14)



Lend a Hand Up

A planned gift to benefit the **International Self-Help Fund** could provide the seed capital needed for dozens of poor but ambitious entrepreneurs to lift themselves, and their families, out of poverty for good.

A Guide to Giving

YOUR GIFT

YOUR GOAL

- Bequest
- Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)

Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)

Charitable Lead Trust (CIT)

Life Estate Reserved

Bargain Sale

- Maintain control of your assets during life
- Make a gift to charity at your death
- Receive fixed income for life
- Avoid capital gains tax on the sale of your appreciated property
- Enjoy the benefit of tax savings from a charitable deduction
- Transfer your appreciated property without paying capital gains tax
- Enjoy regular income for life or a term of years
- Receive the benefit of tax savings from a charitable deduction
- Give cash or property to your family in the future
- Avoid substantial gift or estate tax
- Remain in your home for life
- Receive a charitable income tax deduction
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- Transfer your property and receive cash or debt relief without paying substantial taxes



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Gift Comparison

HOW IT WORKS

You designate our organization as the beneficiary of your asset by will, trust or other instrument.

You transfer your cash or appreciated property to our organization in exchange for our promise to pay you fixed income (with rates based on your age) for the rest of your life.

You transfer your cash or appreciated property to fund a charitable trust. The trust sells your property tax-free and provides you with income for life or a term of years.

You transfer your cash or property to fund a lead trust that makes a gift to us for a number of years. You receive a charitable deduction for the gift. Your family receives the remainder at substantial tax savings.

You give your property to our organization but retain the right to use the property during your life.

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OUR LEGACY

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We purchase your property for less than fair market value. You receive the cash and a charitable deduction for the difference between the market value and purchase price.

YOUR BENEFIT

- Estate tax charitable deduction
- Life use and ownership of your property
- Charitable tax deduction
- Fixed income for life
- Partial bypass of capital gain
- Possible tax-free payments
- Charitable tax deduction
- Income for life or a term of years
- Possible income growth over time
- Avoidance of capital gains tax
- Gift or estate tax deduction
- Asset and appreciation passes to family at a reduced cost

- Charitable tax deduction
- Lifetime use of property
- Cash from sale
- Charitable tax deduction
- Partial bypass of capital gain





Ways to Give

Remember the Poor in Your Will or Trust

• A Charitable Bequest is a bequest written in a will or trust that directs a gift to be made to a qualified exempt charity such as Cross Catholic Outreach when you pass away. One benefit of a charitable bequest is that it enables you to continue to help the poorest of the poor long after you are gone. Better yet, a charitable bequest can help you save estate taxes by providing your estate with a charitable deduction for the value of the gift. With careful planning, your family can also avoid paying income taxes on the assets they receive from your estate.

Bequest of an Individual Retirement Account (IRA)

A retirement asset like an IRA account makes an excellent bequest to charity. If the IRA were given to your family, much of the value would be depleted through estate and income taxes. By designating Cross Catholic Outreach as the beneficiary of part or all of your IRA, the full value of the gift is transferred tax free at your death and your estate receives a charitable deduction. If you wish to leave your IRA to your spouse at your death, you may also designate Cross Catholic Outreach as the secondary beneficiary of your account. Contact your IRA or retirement account custodian to obtain a beneficiary designation form and make a bequest from your IRA.

Bequest of a Life Insurance Policy

As an asset of your estate, an insurance policy is taxable at your death. However, if the policy is gifted to Cross Catholic Outreach, your estate avoids paying tax on the value of the policy and receives a charitable deduction for the gift. You may generally name anyone as beneficiary of your insurance policy and change your designation at any time. Contact your insurance company to obtain a beneficiary designation form and make a bequest of your policy to charity.

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Quench Thirst for Generations

A bequest to benefit the **International Water Fund** could increase the health and quality of life for an entire village for generations.

Gifts That Keep Giving

• A Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA) is really just a contract. You transfer your cash or property to Cross Catholic Outreach and Cross Catholic Outreach pays you income for life at a rate based on your age. Payments may be set up for you alone or for you and your spouse. Once all annuitants have been paid, Cross Catholic Outreach receives the remaining value and applies it to the mission focus you designated — food, water, shelter, or other category of aid to the world's poor.

One benefit of the gift annuity is that your payment is fixed at the very beginning. This means that your income does not change with investment returns. You have the confidence of knowing that your income will never change.

Depending upon your gift, you may receive the added benefit of mostly tax-free income. And you will receive a charitable deduction at the time you make your gift to Cross Catholic Outreach.

A Charitable Remainder Trust (CRT)

permits you to make a gift of your appreciated property and receive payments for a life, two lives or a term of years. By establishing a CRT, you can bypass capital gains tax. The trust will sell your property tax-free and then reinvest in assets that produce increased income for you and your loved ones. Best of all, you will receive a current charitable deduction for your gift of the remaining value in the trust that will go to Cross Catholic Outreach.

A CRT pays either a fixed annuity amount, or a trust amount that changes each year. You may like the security of the Annuity Trust with the certainty that you will receive the same annual payments. However, if you opt for the Unitrust, your income stream could increase over time with growth in the trust. The Unitrust offers flexible payout options to meet your needs.

• A Charitable Lead Trust (CLT) will make distributions to Cross Catholic Outreach for a specified number of years and ultimately distribute the property back to your family.





Provide Food for Life

An annuity to benefit the **International Feeding Fund** could feed hundreds of impoverished children and families every year in perpetuity.

Leave a Family Legacy of Philanthropy

Named endowments may be left to Cross Catholic Outreach with instructions for their use. With property or money in an endowment form, Cross Catholic Outreach does not spend the principal. Instead, we pay the endowment income toward your intended mission. Because the endowment fund will last perpetually, it is ideal to designate a mission focus for the fund such as scholarships or micro-loans, for example, and it will be carried out in honor or memory of the family or person named on the endowment.

Turn Property into Hope

• A Life Estate Reserved is when Cross Catholic Outreach accepts a gift of property — either a personal residence or farm — and you retain the right to use the property for your lifetime. You agree to be responsible for the maintenance, insurance and taxes on the property. You receive a current federal income tax deduction for the present value of the remainder interest in the home or farm. It is possible to make a gift of a remainder interest even though there is a mortgage upon the residence.



• A Bargain Sale is simply the sale of property for less than fair market value. Cross Catholic Outreach purchases your property from you at a reduced price than what you would ordinarily sell it for in the market. You receive the cash from the sale and a charitable deduction for the difference between the market value and the purchase price. You have the added benefit of knowing that your gift begins helping the poorest of the poor immediately.



Leave a Key to Unlock the Bonds of Poverty

An endowment to benefit the **International Education Fund** could put dozens of disadvantaged children through school every year — and equip them to break the cycle of poverty.

Why You Can Trust Cross Catholic Outreach

Cross Catholic Outreach values every gift and pledges to be accountable for each one. We direct every donation to its intended project, provide honest and accurate reports to our donors, and keep overhead costs to an industry low.

To date Cross Catholic Outreach has provided aid to the poorest of the poor in more than 60 countries around the world. We handle funds with utmost integrity and hold our ministry partners in the field to the same high standards:

We ask each overseas ministry to document its costs and the impact of its outreach, such as the number of patients treated or children fed. We make periodic visits — including unannounced ones — to confirm that a project is carried out as promised. We gain candid insight by talking to people the ministry has helped; to its workers and volunteers; to other charities who support the ministry, as well as to local leaders. Cross Catholic Outreach nurtures long-term partnerships with those ministries who sincerely serve the poor as a Catholic community and prove themselves trustworthy with the funds and goods we provide.

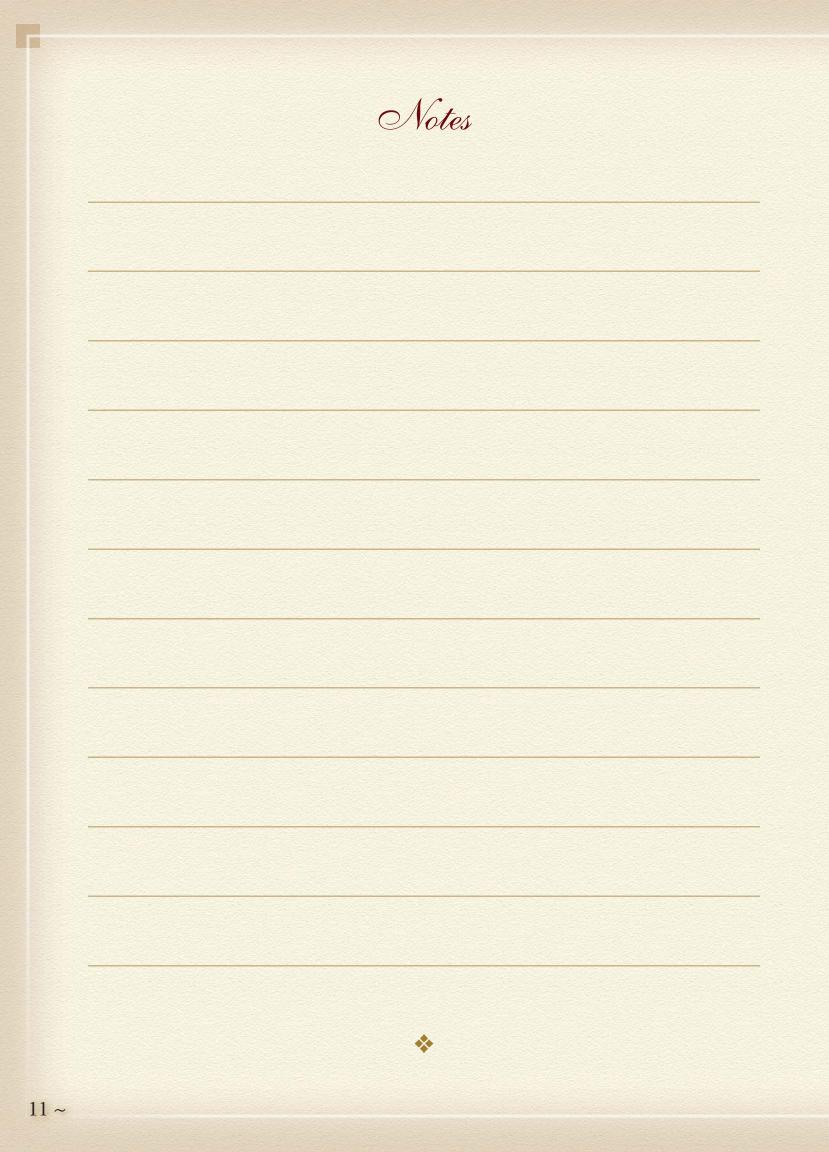
Our detailed level of accountability to donors has been recognized by the industry publication Chronicle of Philanthropy; our credibility has been confirmed by the Better Business Bureau; and our strong ethical practices have earned us ongoing accreditation by the International Catholic Stewardship Council.

We consider every donation as a gift to God, and we consider ourselves honored stewards of those gifts.



Build Dignity

A charitable trust to benefit the **International Housing Fund** could provide a different family with a much-needed home each year.



God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.

HEBREWS 6:10



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