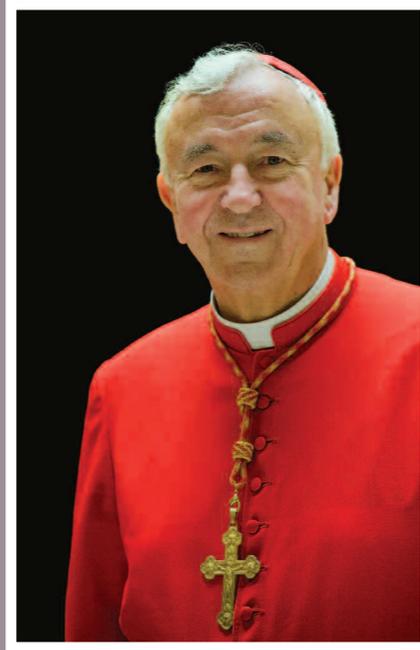


NAMING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL OR ESTATE PLANS

'I wish to say thank you for taking the time to consider naming your parish in your Will or estate plan.

We are truly blessed by the generosity of so many Catholics here. A legacy gift can have an enduring impact on our ability to continue the mission to which Christ calls us. I pray that God guides you during this time of reflection and that you find peace in your heart for how you wish to share your gifts with your loved ones, and the Church.'

*Cardinal Vincent Nichols
Archbishop of Westminster*



"The Generous Soul will Prosper; He who Waters, will be Watered" — Proverbs 11:25



Call **020 7798 9375** or email **legacies@rcdow.org.uk** for a handy sheet of exact legally acceptable language you can take to your solicitor to make a Legacy provision. There is no obligation and no one will follow up with you. **The gift goes to your parish.**

This information is intended as a service of your parish and the Diocese of Westminster
Registered charity 233699.

Please Consider Remembering Your Parish in Your Will

*With a legacy gift —
faith that
lives on!*



*“As Each has Received a Gift,
Use it to Serve One Another”*

— 1 Peter 4:10

Every adult with any form of assets or savings should have a legal Will in place. Wills are not just for wealthy people or seniors. If you're married, have children or other dependents, having a Will is a 'must', to protect your loved ones and see that they are cared for. Most of all, a Will speaks for you in the settling of your estate. A Will ensures your charitable wishes are fulfilled as well.

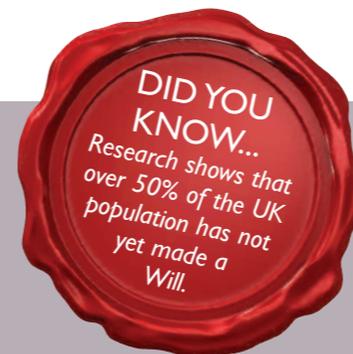
A Will also allows you to donate to your favourite or heartfelt causes, reducing your taxable estate. Wills enable 'the gift you've always wanted to give.'

Many Catholics hold their Faith dearly. They grew up in the Faith and lived their lives with the Catholic Church. Accordingly, leaving a legacy gift to their parish or to the diocese would be a natural and wonderful way to pass their faith on. Such a gift allows the Church to serve others and to help perpetuate our Catholic presence.

Any legacy provision in your Will, large or small, counts and is needed. Please make a Will, or if you have one already, please consider designating a legacy gift to your parish. There are a number of ways to add a legacy provision to your Will, noted in this leaflet.

How can you help the Church in your Will?

Your parish has ongoing needs and values your support, today, and when you die. Your parish's ongoing needs are listed below. A provision in your Will can help your parish in the future.



Running Costs

Day-to-day costs of keeping the Church open and maintained; lighting, heat, cleaning, supplies and furnishings. Maintenance of the presbytery, the parish hall, pavements and grounds, and other buildings you parish owns.

Capital Costs

Just as you face with your home, your parish's buildings require items to be replaced every few years which wear out, like the roof, the boiler, windows and doors, pavements, paint, bricks and mortar, chimney, etc. Your parish needs to accumulate a sum set-aside for these major capital items.

Programmes

Your generosity can help endow ministries, serving the poor, education and catechesis, youth ministry, the music programme, parish activities, etc., depending on what you care about in this lifetime.

Care of the Priests

Helping to support the Clergy here with their living costs, food, personal care and keeping their home, the Presbytery, in good repair.



For many, our Catholic Faith is at the centre of their daily lives. A Legacy Gift is a great way to continue your generosity to the Church, expressing your love for our Catholic Faith and your parish, and to pass an example of Faith to the next generations.

There are several ways in which you can make a Legacy Gift:

- A bequest of a specific, fixed amount to your parish, to be included in your Will... it can be £500 or £1,000... or £50,000 to over £1 million – any amount!
- A bequest of a percentage of your remaining estate to your parish after other provisions are made... a substantive amount when you're not exactly sure.

- Designating the Catholic Church – your parish – to receive the remainder of your estate after beneficiaries are looked after... a way to do something.
- You can also designate specific items of property to your parish – your house, land owned, artwork, jewellery, antiques, precious metals, your car, and other appreciated assets or shares. For these, you must show a clear title of ownership and they must be appraisable.

Your priority will be to protect your family and loved ones, of course, and we hope your parish and the Catholic Church hold a special place too.