"Let the good you do live after you"

A guide to making a bequest to the Church in your will



Remembering the Church in your Will is a wonderful way both to thank God for the blessings that you have received and to help the Church to meet the needs of future generations.



My Dear People,

For nearly 2,000 years Christianity has been present in Wales. As geographical, social, cultural and religious boundaries have changed the Catholic Church has been a constant presence responding to changing times and needs.

Whilst my role is to shepherd and lead the Diocese, I am very aware that role is not restricted to the present. Shepherds are called to look ahead when leading the sheep. Planning for the future is vital for the Church to grow and thrive, to continue to respond to the changing times and needs. Parishioners have long been generous in providing financial support through regular gifts or by leaving a Legacy that has helped from the Diocese we are all part of today. Our circumstances change as we move through life. The importance of making a will is recognised but often neglected.

Archbishop George Stack

Options available within the Diocese of Menevia...

Making a Gift

If you are considering making a Gift to the Church which could be used to further the provision of support to retired priests, poorer parishes or to support trainee priests then such a Gift would help the Church continue the good work you do during your life. 'Let the good you do live after you.' A Gift can be made to the Diocese at any time. Such a Gift can be used at the discretion of the Diocese or be restricted as directed by the donor. Before making a restricted Gift we recommend that you contact the Curial Office (01792 650883) so that we can ensure your wishes are met. The Gift Aid Scheme can increase the value of your donation by 25% if you are a UK taxpayer at no extra cost to yourself. Gift Aid also offers tax relief benefits to people who complete their own tax returns.

Making a Will

A Will is a legal document and we strongly recommend that you take professional advice to ensure that all your wishes are met. Most solicitors offer a Will service but we also have legal support through the Diocese if required. Please contact the Curial Office for further direction; we can help with any questions you have. A Will allows you to leave any assets you may have including cash, property, shares or specific items such as jewellery to your chosen beneficiary. If leaving a cash Gift you can make a Gift of a specific amount (Pecuniary Legacy) and can index link that Gift as you choose. The future of Family is important and so there is provision for leaving a Gift of the funds left after all other wishes have been settled (Residual Legacy). Each person has their own set of circumstances and it is important that your final wishes are met.