Before you decide what to give...

You should always seek competent financial and legal advice before making a large gift or writing or changing your will. Your financial or legal advisor can advise you on how your wishes can best be achieved.

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Your Legacy

Leave a legacy of your faith by including St. Thomas in your will.

A bequest of ministry for future generations

An ongoing blessing to the Church and the world

A lasting memorial as a parish benefactor

I would like to have someone contact me to discuss legacy planning.

Name: _____________________________________ Telephone: _______________________

Do you have a Will? ................................................................. Yes No

Are you interested in leaving a legacy of your faith? ...... Yes No

Signed

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Notes:

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What is the Need?
Even though much of the church’s work is carried out by volunteers, all of its ministries need ongoing financial support. This is especially true with activities that endeavor to bring new people into the church family.

What is a Legacy?
A Legacy is a planned gift. It may be a bequest in a will, an outright gift of cash or property, or even a gift of securities.

Bequests
A bequest in a will to a church or any of its ministries is a deferred gift. It returns to God a portion of the gifts He has bestowed upon us during our lifetime.

Outright Gifts
An outright gift of cash or property puts the full amount of the gift to work immediately, providing vital support for the Church’s missions and ministries. Gifts can include stocks, bonds, mutual funds, bills, warrants and futures. An outright gift gives you the satisfaction of seeing your gift at work right away.

What will happen to my gift?
All cash bequests and gifts to the Parish of St. Anywhere are deposited in the Parish Memorial Trust. All gifts of property and securities are sold, and the cash thus realized also deposited in the Memorial Trust.

How will my gift be used?
The decision on how your gift is to be used is yours. You can be as specific or as general as you wish. In a bequest, you could specify that after all bills have been paid, a percentage of your estate, perhaps 10%, is to be used to support the church. Or you could give all of your shares in a particular company, (e.g., 100 shares of the Acme Widget Company) to support the Primate’s World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF). Or you could bequeath, or present as an outright gift, a specific amount to the parish to be used at its discretion under the direction of the Parish Council. No amount is too large or too small. It is up to you to determine how your bequest or gift is to be used in supporting the Lord’s work.

Will I pay the taxes on my gift?
No. Gifts to St. Anywhere are deductible.

They can reduce your income tax in the year the gift is made by up to 40%1 of the amount given. In addition, you or your estate will not pay capital gains tax on the appreciated value of gifts of property.

1 Ontario residents. The percentage varies by Province.

How will my gift be acknowledged?
The Parish will make every effort to acknowledge your gift in a suitable manner. St. Anywhere will work with you to determine an appropriate means of acknowledging your gift.

What is the next step?
To obtain more information about planning a bequest or gift, complete the tear-off sheet on the other side of this brochure, fold it, and place it in the collection plate. You will be contacted within a few days by someone who can answer your questions. St. Anywhere can also provide you with a booklet that will assist you and your advisors in selecting an approach to legacy planning that is suitable for you, your estate and your heirs.

“Whate’re for thine we do,
O Lord,
We do it unto thee.”