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Leave your Legacy

Leave a lasting legacy of love: Transform lives with a bequest to Caritas Australia

By Kirsty Robertson

Imagine that you are fleeing your country after your hometown is bombed. After walking hundreds of kilometres on foot, you reach a shelter where you are given hot food, a clean bed, blankets and warm clothing. A kind church volunteer squeezes your hand and tells you how to safely find accommodation over the border, and they pray for your safety.

Imagine that you live deep in the desert, in a small hut. After years of drought, everything has died. Then you hear about another place not far away where the local church has set up a water source, where water runs for an hour each day from a tap attached to a borehole. For the first time in years, you are able to drink clean water until you are no longer thirsty.

Imagine that you have been imprisoned in a Cambodian prison for many years, after growing up in poverty. You had few opportunities in life,



Laxmi using a water tap she advocated to have installed as part of a Caritas-supported Child's Club in Nepal. Photo Richard Wainwright, Caritas Australia

so when you get the opportunity to learn to be a beautician, the impact it has on you is profound. It is the first time you feel that somebody has cared enough to teach you a skill, to help you out in life.

Every one of these examples is real. They are examples of what happens when people and communities are facing hard times and when Caritas steps in. Usually the problem is big, but very often one small solution, like a water source, a bowl of hot soup, or an opportunity to learn can make a powerful impact.

Now, imagine a world where your compassion and gen-



Ayoyo in southern Ethiopia at a Caritas cash distribution to help rural farmers cope with extended drought and hunger. Photo Zacharias Abubeker, Caritas Australia.

erosity extend far beyond your lifetime. A world where your legacy lives on, touching the lives of those in need for years to come. This is the remarkable power of a bequest—an authentic and heartfelt gift that empowers Caritas Australia to effect lasting change.

Through bequests, we can offer hope to those displaced by conflict, natural disasters, or poverty. Your generosity can provide secure shelters, warm meals, and clothing to individuals who have lost everything. It can facilitate life-saving access to clean water or

equip individuals with the skills to break the cycle of poverty.

Caritas means love and compassion, and it is one of the only things that really has the power to change the world. To me, and to the people we work with, it also means hope. It is the hope that the world can become a more equal and just place for all.

Together, we can leave a legacy of love and hope—one that transcends borders, cultures, and generations. Your bequest to Caritas Australia will forever change lives, bringing hope, dignity, and a brighter future for those who need it most.

Your legacy is safe in our hands. By leaving a gift to Caritas Australia, you will be contributing to a better future for vulnerable communities worldwide for generations to come.

To learn more about leaving a bequest to Caritas Australia, please contact our dedicated team or visit our website.



Leave a Legacy of Love

Give the gift of hope and compassion by leaving a charitable gift in your Will.

Contact our Gifts in Wills Specialist:
0438 530 908 | legacyoflove@caritas.org.au



End poverty
Promote justice
Uphold dignity



Do something *Amazing*

Our motivation for giving are very personal and largely dependent on our own experiences with the charities we support, as well as being closely tied to our beliefs and values. Our supporters talk about Christian values and the importance of practicing love, compassion, mercy, charity, empathy and the treatment of others as if they're our own. As Christians we are grateful for the many blessings we have received in our lives and where possible we consider how we can give back to really help and make a difference.

The MSC Mission Office with the help of supporters has funded thousands of life-changing projects in developing countries for over 25 years.

We give communities a hand-up to improve their health, education, their environment and access to clean drinking water.



You can do something really amazing and leave a gift in your Will to expand the life-changing projects carried out to help the poor and disadvantaged in developing countries and to assist seminarians and clergy in their essential work.

A gift in your Will to the MSC Mission Office ensures that requests for larger projects can be completed as all bequest income is allocated to real projects and

not treated as general income. No matter whether a bequest is large or small it will be used to make a difference with tangible projects such as classrooms; meeting halls; school facilities; solar power installations; large environment projects; clean water initiatives and providing essential health facilities as well as Australian projects such as parolee training and rehabilitation programs. **Wouldn't that be amazing?**

****Go into the WHOLE WORLD and proclaim the GOOD NEWS — Mark 16:15***

Mission Office in your Will



Some examples of how bequest gifts have been used in the past:

- purchasing computers, accessories and their installation for our Mission school in the Democratic Republic of the **Congo**
- Building a shelter, drilling a well, providing a water tank and building toilet facilities at the Mogapeng village, Ngwabitsi Catholic Mission **South Africa**
- Meeting hall or Maneaba at Chevalier College **Kiribati** (formerly Gilbert Islands)- see photos
- Solar panel installation to provide lights at our seminary on DR **Congo** to help students study
- New classrooms and amenities at Keyser College **Nauru**
- School classrooms, science lab and teacher accommodation at Dindigul School, **India**

YOUR WILL

Please consider how you could help the work of the MSC Mission Office by including a gift in your Will through:

- A set amount of money
- A percentage of your estate
- Residue of your estate after all expenses and other gifts are distributed
- A specific item or real estate

For the **correct legal wording** for your Will, go to our website or phone/email us for our **BEQUEST & WILLS KIT**.

You can also phone our director Father Roger Purcell MSC (**02 9697 0983**) for a confidential discussion on the range of project areas that you may consider directing your gift towards.

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Mary MacKillop Today

A gift in your Will to continue the life-changing legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop, helping people in some of the most vulnerable situations to flourish!

“God wants us by every means in our power to lead others to life.”

- Saint Mary MacKillop -1899



Imagine a remote village in Timor-Leste where the dusty streets are filled with the excited sounds of children singing. And it's not just any singing. It's songs about letters and numbers! The cheerful little voices are coming from a classroom — where children, teachers and parents are playing learning games together. This is a class bursting with energy, made possible by kind people like you.

Mary MacKillop Today is carrying on the work of Australia's most loved Saint and the Sisters of St Joseph. Through the generosity of our faithful supporters, we work with communities to create change by teaching practical

skills to women, men and children in Australia and in neighbouring countries.

Our vital education projects across Australia, Timor-Leste, Peru, and Fiji:

- Give children education opportunities in the most remote and disadvantaged areas
- Improve the skills of dedicated teachers in remote communities
- Mentor parents so they can play an active role in their children's learning at home
- Fight preventable diseases in schools
- Help women to learn skills to earn a fair income and lead their communities
- Help aspiring students pursue higher education through a First Nations Tertiary Scholarship
- Give people in economic hardship the opportunity to become financially stable.

Please support our life-changing work by including Mary MacKillop Today in your Will. A gift in your Will, of any size, is a powerful way to leave a legacy for future generations. Your gift will help vulnerable communities and continue the vital work of Saint Mary MacKillop. **Call April on 02 8912 2720 to find out more.**



MARY
MACKILLOP
today

*"I'd like to think I'm honouring
my wife's wishes."*

82-year-old John has lived a remarkable life with his loving wife, Dorothy, who sadly passed away. John decided to remember Dorothy and her big heart by including a gift to Mary MacKillop Today in his Will, so Dorothy's kindness can live on to help more people in need.



"Dorothy felt a special connection with Saint Mary MacKillop. There's joy in this for me too. It's so important to be part of Mary MacKillop Today's work and it can't happen without support." **John**



Read More



Share our Faith and our Works with Future Generations

For two thousand years, our Catholic faith has been the source and motivation of many good works. It has been through the generosity of countless individuals like yourself that we have the spiritual and cultural heritage of our Catholic faith today.

Leaving a gift in your Will with the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney is a priceless way to preserve our faith and our good works in a legacy of faith, hope and love. I invite you to consider leaving a legacy gift in your Will to our ministries today.

Your legacy will:

- Support the formation of seminarians, our future priests (Seminaries of the Good Shepherd and Redemptoris Mater)
- Spread the Gospel and our Catholic faith to school students (Confraternity of

Christian Doctrine)


- Provide food and accommodation to single mothers facing homelessness (CatholicCare)
- Provide aid and support to the deaf and hard of hearing (Ephpheta Centre)
- Develop our Indigenous Catholic communities (Aboriginal Catholic Ministry)
- Further our university, aged care and prison ministries (Catholic Chaplaincies)
- Complete restoration projects of our Mother Church, St Mary's Cathedral (St Mary's Cathedral National Trust)
- Support our retired priests (Priests' Retirement Foundation)
- Promote our Catholic culture and arts (Palestrina Foundation)

After you have taken care of your loved ones, please consider leaving a gift in Will to further one or more of these ministries of faith, hope, and love.

For more information, please contact our Gift in Wills Manager, **Tony Maricic**, on **1800 753 969** or email **Tony.Maricic@sydneycatholic.org** and ask for our free Gift in Wills guide today!

Thank you for considering a gift in your Will to the charities of the Catholic Archdiocese of Sydney.

God bless,

 - Archbishop Anthony Fisher OP

Our Ministries

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FOUNDATION

Priests' Retirement Foundation

The Foundation covers needs such as convalescence care, health insurance, medical expenses, and assisting in transitioning into retirement for the Archdiocese's 70+ retired priests. Our retired priests have given selflessly to us their entire lives: the Foundation is an opportunity for us to give back.



ST MARY'S
CATHEDRAL

St Mary's Cathedral National Trust

The Cathedral has endured 200 years of natural elements and human interference. With your help, we are able to work on stone restoration, replacing all the roof tiles, conserving the Stations of the Cross, commissioning new artwork, and much more.



SAINT MARY'S
CATHEDRAL CHOIR
PALESTRINA FOUNDATION

Palestrina Foundation

The Palestrina Foundation exists to promote choral music and provide education for boy choristers, choral scholars, lay clerks and organists of St Mary's Cathedral Choir.



SEMINARY
OF THE
GOOD
SHEPHERD

Good Shepherd and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries

The heart and future of the Catholic Church begins here: the Good Shepherd and Redemptoris Mater Seminaries. They are the training ground for future priests: places of intense formation in faith, hope, and love.



CatholicCare

Every age has its own invisible people. Since 1941, CatholicCare has cared for those who have no one else: the disabled, elderly, those afflicted with gambling, addiction and mental health issues, young parents, the unemployed, and children in foster care.



Ephpheta Centre

The Ephpheta Centre is a special ministry for the deaf and hard of hearing. The Centre supports its members through home visits, social and pastoral outreach, child care and support, youth, women's, and men's groups, and Masses in Auslan.



Aboriginal Catholic Ministries

In his Alice Springs Address (1986), Pope John Paul II said: "the church in Australia would not reach its potential until Aboriginal people had made their contribution to her life". Aboriginal Catholic Ministries seek to make this hope a reality.



Confraternity of Christian Doctrine

The Confraternity, since its inception in 1958, has taught over a million students in Sydney, and weekly brings the Good News to 30,000 students in over 400 schools. It brings students to encounter the love of God, the truth of the faith, and the wonders of the Sacraments.



Catholic Chaplaincies

Chaplaincies are places of comfort and friendship to those in universities and aged care facilities. The largest, the university chaplaincy, encourages Catholics in their spiritual, intellectual and human development to build a culture of truth and love on campus.



FREE - THURSDAY 12/10/23

Seminar on Wills

ENDURING GUARDIANSHIP AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY



Presenter: MR PAUL EVANS, Solicitor, Makinson d'Apice. Paul Evans, partner of Makinson d'Apice and Accredited Specialist in Wills and Estates, will present and answer questions from his legal expertise of over 30 years' experience.





A free seminar as a community service at St Martha's Centre, Leichhardt, featuring an expert legal advisor to answer your questions about Wills and Elder Law topics.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Anyone thinking about writing or updating their Will, or wishes to gain a better understanding about Estate planning, Enduring Guardianship or Powers of Attorney.

Representatives from the Archdiocese of Sydney Gifts in Wills program will also make a short presentation about the pastoral nature of Wills, the good works of the Catholic Community locally, and how to include a gift in your Will to support your parish and vital ministries.

WHEN:

Thursday, 12 October 2023
10:30am–12:00pm

WHERE:

St Martha's Centre
St Martha's, 38 Renwick Street
Leichhardt NSW 2040

Catering:

Light refreshments provided.



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Over 8,000 seminarians and priests from about 120 countries are currently studying at Pontifical Universities and Ecclesiastical Athenaeums in Rome. Many of them are from developing countries and can study in Rome only if given financial support.

The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Foundation was established in 1999 to offer scholarships to students at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross, including those from Australia. Since its establishment, the Foundation has offered scholarships to more than 50 students for Africa, South America, India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka and Philippines.

The Pontifical University of the Holy Cross was started in 1984 as an Athenaeum with 42 students by Blessed Álvaro del Portillo, prompted by Pope St John Paul II and inspired by St Josemaría Escrivá. In 1998, when the Athenaeum had grown to four Faculties, one Institute and over 1,000 students, St John Paul II raised it to the rank of Pontifical University.

Currently the University has some 1,400 students from 90 countries, and it has reached a high level of academic achievement. More than 70 of its former students have been made bishops and 2 have been appointed cardinals.



Recent scholarship holders funded by the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross

Students in Rome have top professors, live close to the Holy Father, mix with students from six continents, are deeply immersed in the millennial Catholic culture, and acquire a universal view of the Church.

As is well known, the education of priests is of vital importance for the Church. Pope Benedict XVI said that *“without well-prepared priests the New Evangelisation will be just a slogan.”* And Pope Francis has declared: *“Priestly formation is decisive for the mission of the Church: the renewal of the faith is possible only if we have well-formed priests.”*



Please assist in this work by leaving a bequest to the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross Foundation

(ABN: 22 989 547 133) or send a donation to the account in the Commonwealth Bank,

BSB: 062 173, Account number: 2800 8038. Postal address: PO Box 176, Gordon NSW 2072. Ph: 0409 832 499

Email: pontifuni.au@gmail.com | Website: www.pontifoundation.org.au

(A solicitor will be able to include a bequest in your will if given the name of the Foundation and the ABN number: 22 989 547 133)

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Your legacy can last *a lifetime*

By making a gift in your Will to Catholic Mission, you can leave a legacy of blessing and healing to those who need it most around the world.

A gift in your Will is reflective of your values and beliefs, and like a seed that is planted and nurtured, it can grow to provide shade and sustenance for generations to come.



"It is the smallest of all seeds, but once it has been planted, it is larger than all the garden plants; it becomes a tree."

-Matthew 13:32



To plant a seed today
is to
believe in tomorrow

catholicmission.org.au/legacy

“For I have come that you may have life, and life in abundance.” (John 10:10)

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Gift for The Future

A gift in your Will really is a 'Gift for the Future'. It is one of the most powerful ways you can help secure the future of Campion College. By including a gift to the Campion Foundation in your Will, you can help support college activities, projects, scholarships, residential life and student needs long into the future. You can truly make a difference to the lives of young people, for generations to come, by considering leaving a bequest, a living legacy, to Campion College Australia.

If you would like to discuss in confidence how you can support Campion College, contact: Director of Development, Yvette Nehme, (02) 9896 9318, foundation@campion.edu.au.
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