Creating a Permanent-Named Fund with a Bequest

St. John Vianney Parish is committed to building God’s kingdom for the future. We encourage endowments as a way to strengthen our parish so that important ministries can benefit future generations. With a bequest of at least $10,000, a parishioner can create a Permanent-Named Fund that will provide income for our parish into perpetuity.

Example:
John Jones contributes $500 annually to St. John Vianney Parish. John wants to provide for ongoing support after his death. By establishing a Permanent-Named Fund with a bequest of $10,000, St. John Vianney Parish will receive an annual distribution of 5% of the fund value, approximately $500, in this example, into perpetuity.

Gifts From Your Will or Living Trust

To learn more about remembering St. John Vianney Parish in your will or other giving opportunities, please contact:

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www.sjvmentor.org/about/legacy
† Bequests

One of the most popular legacy gift options is a bequest. Making a bequest is easy to do, whether you are creating a will or amending an existing one. In fact, if you have an up-to-date will, you may not need to revise it. A gift to St. John Vianney Parish can be added through an amendment to your will. Your attorney can explain how simple it can be.

A bequest also affords you great flexibility. If your circumstances change, you can make adjustments to your will (or living trust) at any time. Many of our parishioners have discovered that they can take care of family members and provide a bequest for St. John Vianney Parish. Your attorney may provide suggestions on how to create a simple bequest, including which assets are best to give to charity. Here is some sample language:

**Specific Bequest**

*For gifting a specific dollar amount, for example, $10,000.*

Sample wording:

In gratitude for all God has given me, I give, devise and bequeath to St. John Vianney Parish, 7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor, OH 44060, Tax ID# 23-7050058, the sum of $_________ (or description of a specific piece of property).*

**Residuary Bequest**

*For gifting a percentage of assets remaining in the estate after debts, taxes, expenses and specific bequests have been paid.*

Sample wording:

In gratitude for all God has given me, I give, devise and bequeath to St. John Vianney Parish, 7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor, OH 44060, Tax ID# 23-7050058, % (state the fraction or percentage ranging from 1% to 100%, for example, 10%) of the remainder of my estate after all debts, taxes, expenses and specific bequests have been paid.*

**Contingent Bequest**

*This bequest will take effect IF and ONLY IF those you have remembered in your will are no longer living when you pass away.*

Sample wording:

If __________(name or names) does not survive me, I give and devise the sum of $_________ (or description of a specific piece of property) to St. John Vianney Parish, 7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor, OH 44060 AND Tax ID# 23-7050058)*

*Wording provided is merely suggested. Individuals should consult legal counsel to write and/or adapt language to fit the personal situation of the individual.

† Savings Bonds

If you have savings bonds that have matured, they may be a tax liability for you. If you redeem your bonds, you will owe income tax on the appreciation. Leaving them to loved ones means they will owe income tax when they cash the bonds, and, perhaps estate taxes, too. In the end, your heirs will receive only a fraction of the value of the bonds in which you so carefully invested.

You can avoid these taxes by transferring your savings bonds to St. John Vianney Parish in your will. St. John Vianney Parish has tax-exempt status and will receive the full value of the savings bonds. Just a single sentence in your will or living trust completes your gift.

Here’s how:

Sample wording:

In gratitude for all God has given me, I give, devise and bequeath my savings bonds, serial numbers __________ to St. John Vianney Parish, 7575 Bellflower Road, Mentor, OH 44060, Tax ID# 23-7050058.