

As a steward of God – what legacy do you want to leave?

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My father-in-law occasionally spoke about his desire to see a parking lot near the church he attended. He just thought it only made sense that since the land was there close by, it would make it so much more convenient for people. Well, his thinking was correct. Shortly after he passed away the parish decided to put in the parking lot and it has been a wonderful addition. It was our pleasure and honor to give a gift to that effort in his name.

I tell you about his passion because it would have been so great if he could have used the parking lot, or at least if he could just have known it was going to be done. His passion for a parking lot could have easily been his legacy to the Church.

Although not a man of great means, he could have made a significant gift toward that effort. How proud he could have been knowing that he had made a real contribution toward having it done.

Do you have a similar passion? What will your legacy to the Church be? What would you like to see accomplished that up to now just hasn't gotten done?

You do have the opportunity to create a legacy that could make a significant difference in the lives of

others. Your own assets represent years of effort and accomplishments in your life. You may be amazed at how many assets you have actually accumulated. Wouldn't you like a portion of that to be a gift to your parish or school or to the diocese where it would serve the Church and be a legacy in your name?

There are so many tax saving ways that you can give gifts to the Church today. Through various planned giving alternatives, you can give the gift you wish, create a legacy for yourself and your family, and accomplish something you have always dreamed of.

As stewards of God's gifts we need to see our accumulated assets as a lifetime of God's blessings to us. And as we were blessed by God, we need to return a just portion to Him. It's just the right thing to do.

If you happen to have a financial advisor, perhaps talk about planned gifts and put in place the mechanism to make the difference. Or, fill out and return the form below stating that you would like some free and confidential information about a planned gift. I would be happy to work with you and put you in contact with people who can help you accomplish your dream and create your legacy.

Yes, I would like to leave a legacy and would like to hear more about planned giving. Please contact me.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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