

# **Documenting Your Gift**

Thank you for considering including St. John Neumann Catholic Church (SJN) in your estate plans. Documenting your future gift is beneficial and makes a positive impact. Here are five good reasons why bequest donors should consider this step.

## 1. Peace of Mind

Providing SJN with copies of your bequest will help ensure your wishes are met. With respect to designating specific purposes or programs, SJN can review the language now to make sure we can carry out your intentions.

# 2. Designating a Purpose

If you have not yet designated a purpose, you can sign a Bequest Intention Form specifying a purpose (which may include St. John Neumann Catholic School as well). A signed Bequest Intention Form will complete our records and be kept safely in our files.

# 3. <u>Recognition</u>

Periodically, SJN may recognize planned giving donors as "St. John Neumann Legacy Donors". This is our way of thanking and recognizing you now for your contributions to our parish, which will also encourage others to consider making an estate gift.

## 4. Inspiring Others

Estate gifts are a crucial source of support for SJN. Documenting your bequest will inspire others to follow in your footsteps, thus increasing the impact of your gift.

## 5. No Obligations

Please understand that by documenting your bequest, you are in no way making your bequest binding or irrevocable. You still have the liberty to revise your estate plans if your circumstances or priorities change, although we do ask that you notify us as a courtesy if that happens.

"You shall surely give to him, and your heart should not be grieved when you give to him, because for this thing the Lord your God will bless you in all your works and in all to which you put your hand." Deuteronomy 15:10

To document your bequest, simply complete a Bequest Intention Form. Documenting your bequest enables SJN to steward your future gift and personally express our gratitude to you now. If you have any questions, please contact Patrick Wade, SJN Director of Development at (865)777-3410 or pwade@sjnknox.org.

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