



## CONTACT US:

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"If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us."

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL  
Patron Saint of Philanthropy

Jesus taught his followers:  
"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."  
-Matthew 6:19-21

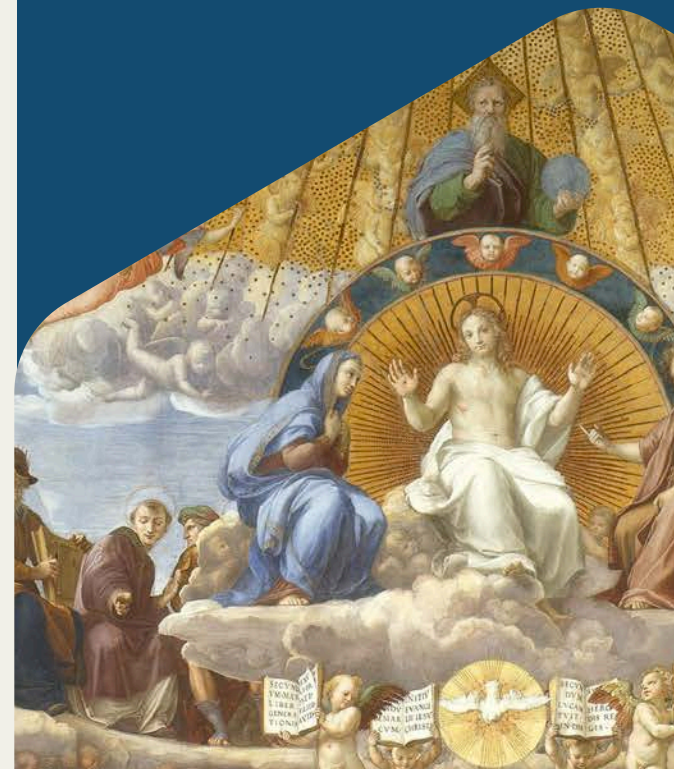
## HAVE YOU TAKEN ONE OF THESE GENEROUS STEPS?

Please notify the Parish office so we can thank you and welcome you to our Saint Katharine Drexel Legacy Society.



# LEGACY GIVING

Simple, Affordable  
Ways to Make a  
Meaningful Gift to  
Blessed Trinity Parish



## WHY GIVE?

As Catholics, it is our God-given mission to pass on our legacy to the next generation. That includes sharing our faith as well as sharing our resources so the Church can continue to thrive and grow for generations to come. It is our joy—and our calling as Christians—to give back from the abundance with which God has blessed us.

Legacy Giving can help you make a transformative gift to our Church while leaving your assets in your control during your lifetime and helping reduce the tax burden on your heirs.

## HOW TO GIVE

### BEQUESTS

- Provide now for a future gift to Blessed Trinity Parish by including a bequest provision in your will or revocable trust.
- You may create a simple codicil to leave the Church a set dollar amount, a percentage, or the remainder of your estate.
- Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime.

### RETIREMENT BENEFICIARY

- Leave a generous gift to Blessed Trinity Parish and give less-taxed assets (cash, securities, real estate) to your heirs.
- Name the Church as a complete or partial beneficiary of your IRA or 401(k) (taking approximately five minutes online!).
- Continue to take withdrawals during your lifetime.

### IRA DISTRIBUTION (QCD)

- If you are over 70 ½ years of age, you can make qualified charitable distributions directly from your retirement account to Blessed Trinity Parish.
- These gifts reduce your mandatory distribution requirement and also reduce your taxable income.
- The church receives the full amount of your gift tax-free!

### LIFE INSURANCE

- Leave an outsized gift to Blessed Trinity Parish by creating a new policy or transferring ownership of an existing policy to the Church.
- You may receive potential income tax deduction for the cash surrender value of a whole-life policy or the total of your premium payments on others.

### GIFTS OF APPRECIATED SECURITIES

- You can give gifts of appreciated stocks to the Church, making a larger gift more affordable and avoiding capital gains taxes.
- The Church receives the full value of the stock tax-free.

WHAT LEGACY  
DO YOU WANT  
TO LEAVE?

