

"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."

— Pope Francis





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SPANISH VERSION

You Help to Support Programs that Bring Hope for Future Generations of the Faithful!



One such program, Camp Quo Vadis (Latin for "Where are you going?"), has as its core purpose to help young people listen to God's voice, answer questions about future vocations and prepare the way for their leadership in the Church.

Campers at Quo Vadis experience faith in an uplifting atmosphere that instills tools for them to become disciples in the Catholic Church. Young

women, religious, young priests, seminarians and campers experience a culture of encounter and are challenged to holiness and mission. "I decided to participate because of the Eucharist. It is the center of my faith and it calls me to do so much that I do. I had never been to a retreat before, so I wanted to experience what that was like. I don't want to make the mistake of having my faith be just a part of my life like music or sports. I want it to guide me through my life and be the reason I do things." – Sean, Camper

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Leaving a Legacy of Faith to Future Generations



The principle of Stewardship is frequently discussed in Catholic circles, both among the laity and Church leadership. Stewardship is based in scripture and in Church traditions. Stewardship flows from our gratitude to God for the gifts, with which we have been blessed. We show our gratitude by being generous in our response with our time, talent, and treasure.

We would like to encourage you to consider ways that you can leave a lasting legacy by making a planned gift to your parish or other Catholic Ministry.

You may be asking yourself what a planned gift is as it can be a confusing term and it is often misunderstood. Very simply, planned giving describes a donor's commitment to transfer capital assets to a qualified religious organization or other charity. More often than not, a planned gift is made by means of a formal agreement or contract. Planned gifts are normally made from the donor's accumulated wealth as part of an overall estate plan. The most common form of a planned gift is a bequest provision in a Will.

Many Catholics find the idea of making a planned gift to their parish appealing. Parishioners often wonder how to go about making a planned gift and they have other questions about planned giving options.

Faithful parishioners have found that naming the parish in their Wills or Trusts to be a very fulfilling way to show their appreciation for what the Church has meant to them. Some parishioners have left planned gifts in memory of a loved one or close friend. Others have made a bequest to support a particular parish ministry, or outreach.

Individuals who make planned gifts often enjoy significant tax advantages from their giving. Still others find that once their surviving family receives a reasonable inheritance, leaving a bequest to the parish is a fulfilling way to show their gratitude for God's blessings and leave a spiritual legacy.

Please give thought to remembering your parish in your estate plan. It is a beautiful thing to do for future generations!

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