



St. Laurence Parish

Parishioner Guide to Planned Giving

A guide to planning your personal or family Legacy with
St. Laurence Parish

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About St. Laurence Parish

We, the members of St. Laurence Parish, are a community of men, women and children who have been baptized in Jesus Christ. We are united in faith and grace to share the mission of Christ in our parish and our community.

In communion with Our Holy Father, the Pope and our Archbishop, we believe that we are called:

- to know God through the truth proclaimed by Jesus Christ;
- to worship God through our sacramental life;
- to serve God present in all members of our community; and
- to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ through word and example.

We commit ourselves:

- to worship God through “prayer without ceasing,”
- to nourish our Christian community;
- to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ;
- to provide opportunities for parishioners of every age to deepen their knowledge and understanding of Jesus Christ; and
- to serve all of our neighbors.

We ask the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, through the intercession of Our Blessed Mother, to guide and strengthen us in the Mission of our Parish.

Planned Giving

A planned gift helps you establish your personal or family legacy with St. Laurence Parish and extend your generosity into the future.

In addition to the significant impact of a planned gift, these types of charitable donations often cost you nothing during your lifetime and offer you and your family a substantial tax savings.

Unlike cash donations, planned gifts are unique because they allow you to choose from a variety of giving options to help you to achieve your philanthropic vision.

Did you know...

A charitable bequest can reduce or, in some cases, eliminate federal estate or state inheritance taxes. For this reason, it is strongly encouraged that you discuss your plans with a certified tax accountant or personal attorney to maximize your tax savings!

St. Laurence Sustainability Fund

The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia (CFGF) is an independent, nonprofit organization committed to Catholic philanthropy in the Philadelphia area and beyond. They provide parishes, ministries, and Catholic organizations the tools and structure necessary to develop additional resources and support. That is why we created the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund with them.

We will be using the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund we have established with CFGF as our chosen vehicle for promoting and implementing planned giving. When you remember the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund in your estate plans, CFGF will make sure your gift is invested, professionally managed, and used for your specific intent - to benefit St. Laurence Parish.

Your Charitable Goals

St. Laurence Parish encourages you to consider why its mission is one that you or your family may want to choose for your charitable legacy.

What are your charitable goals?

1. Heritage

By planning a future gift to the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund, you are contributing to a vibrant spiritual heritage that dates back to 1917.

2. Experience

Your gift to the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund ensures that parishioners, guests, visitors, and community members continue to have the opportunity to experience the transformative gifts of Jesus Christ.

3. Family

St. Laurence Parish is a single family comprised of individual families like yours. Your gift will allow the parish to continue to be part of your family history and welcome new families to our home.

4. Legacy

Your gift strengthens and preserves a unique and growing local legacy that reflects the history of the St. Laurence Parish community.

5. Faith

St. Laurence Parish invites parishioners, guests, and community members to explore their personal relationship to God.

6. Community

Saint Laurence parishioners are active volunteers in their communities and are involved in many programs designed to give back to those in need.

Ways to Give

The St. Laurence Sustainability Fund accepts a wide variety of planned gifts to help you or your family choose the best option to suit your interests, circumstances, and philanthropic goals.

Wills and Bequests include long-term options that help you establish a personal or family charitable legacy, such as:

- Wills or living trusts, also known as bequests
- Specific, residual, or contingent bequests
- Gifts from IRA or other qualified retirement plans
- Life insurance

Direct Contributions include cash gifts that can be used by St. Laurence Parish immediately, including:

- Publicly traded securities (stocks, bonds, and mutual funds)
- Closely held stock
- Real estate

Wills and Bequests

A thoughtful bequest is generous and practical. It allows you to think through your decisions carefully and adjust your plans, as needed.

A gift to the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund through your will can be a great way to increase your philanthropic impact without spending cash or securities up front.

Will or Living Trust

Including the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund in your will allows you to support the parish programs and services that you are passionate about - in perpetuity - at no cost to you during your lifetime. Bequests are flexible, easy to get started, and fully revocable, meaning that you can adjust them at any time in case something changes.

Special Bequest

A special bequest is made when you name a specific piece or property, dollar amount, or percentage of your estate to benefit the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund.

Residual Bequests

A residual bequest refers to giving all or a portion of your remaining estate after any debts, taxes, expenses, or other beneficiaries have been paid.

Contingent Bequests

In anticipation of some unexpected occurrence, a contingent bequest simply ensures that your property will go to the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund rather than to any unintended beneficiaries.

Gifts from IRA & other qualified retirement plans

By naming the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund as a beneficiary of your IRA or other qualified retirement plan, you can balance your estate by leaving your highest taxed asset to a charity and your lowest taxed asset to your heirs. These gifts reduce the financial strain on your beneficiaries while allowing you to make a permanent charitable impact.

Direct Contributions

St. Laurence Parish gratefully accepts a variety of direct contributions to help you reach your philanthropic goals.

These types of gifts are often donated at no cost but require some planning.

Stocks, bonds, & mutual funds

If you or your family have held a stock, bond, or mutual fund for more than one year, these publicly traded securities can be transferred to the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund as a gift. A gift of securities allows you or your family to avoid the capital gains taxes that you would normally pay, while allowing you to deduct their value from your annual income tax. Stocks, bonds, and mutual funds can be cash-wired, transferred electronically, or donated as a certificate.

Closely held stock

If you hold stock in a closely held business (such as a majority shareholder), you may be able to donate this stock to support the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund. Like other types of securities, these gifts allow you to avoid the capital gains taxes on the shares you contribute and allow you to deduct their value from your federal income tax.

Real estate

Do you own property that you no longer wish to manage or maintain? A gift of residential, commercial, or undeveloped real estate can offer a substantial tax savings for you and your family, while providing significant support to St. Laurence Sustainability Fund. Please contact Mary Jo Rohrer, Relationship Manager at The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia, at 445-544-8558 or mjrohrer@thecfcp.org to discuss your intentions and receive more information about gifts of real estate.

St. Laurence Parish Legacy Society

The St. Laurence Parish Legacy Society is part of our ongoing campaign to preserve our unique heritage.

All of us want to leave a legacy - to continue to make a positive impact even after we are gone. The St. Laurence Parish Legacy Society recognizes and acknowledges those who have included our parish and/or school in their estate plans or through a planned gift.

Faith is one of our greatest blessings. It adds meaning to our lives - and to the lives of so many others in profound ways. To help share and sustain your faith, we invite you to consider including the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund in your estate plan.

Our planned giving donors play a vital role in helping St. Laurence Parish fulfill its Gospel mission of reaching out to others. Let us recognize your stewardship as a member of St. Laurence Parish Legacy Society.

Membership does not affect your current finances, but it does give us the opportunity to thank you.

You qualify for membership if you have:

- Named the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund as a full or partial beneficiary of your will or living trust
- Designated the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund as a beneficiary of your insurance policy or transfer ownership of a paid policy
- Designated the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund as a beneficiary of your retirement plan or IRA

Simply notify Mary Jo Rohrer, Relationship Manager at The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia, of your gift at 445-544-8558 or mjrohrer@thecfcp.org to become a member.

Getting Started



Planned giving is an easy, flexible, thoughtful, and profoundly personal process that anybody, no matter their circumstances, can get started.

As you can see, there are many ways to start your personal or family legacy of giving with St. Laurence Parish. For example, including the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund in your will is as easy as including this sample language below to your existing will:

"I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund with The Catholic Foundation of Greater Philadelphia at 100 N. 20th Street, Suite 301, Philadelphia, PA 19103 (EIN 46-1566557) all, a fraction, or a percentage of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate, both real or personal, to be used for its general purposes."

Remember: Your contribution is much more than just a donation; it is an opportunity to participate in the future of a thriving church and local community, and for yourself or your family to be recognized and celebrated for your generosity and kindness.

Think of how many people your gift will affect? A planned gift, unlike a cash donation, increases that number exponentially.

Ready to get started?

Estate planning should be done prayerfully and in conversation with your loved ones and a trusted advisor. If you need additional information on how to proceed with making the St. Laurence Sustainability Fund part of your plans, you can reach out to our expert partners at CFGP who will be happy to help:

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