Planned Giving
“Giving Today for Tomorrow’s Mission”

CALLED TO BE GOOD STEWARDS
As members and friends of the Cathedral, we are called upon to be good stewards of the assets with which we have been blessed. Good stewardship includes faithful financial planning for ourselves and our families to assure that future needs will be met. A bequest to the Cathedral through your will or trust is a powerful expression of your commitment to serving the parish.

WHAT IS PLANNED GIVING?
Planned Giving generally refers to gifts that we make from our accumulated assets or other sources. These may include insurance proceeds or annuities, to support the missions and activities of charitable or religious organizations of the donor’s choice. It can also provide for the church that we have loved and served during our lifetime, so that it may remain vital in years to come.

Anyone can make a planned gift. Planned gifts can take many forms including: wills, trusts, life insurance, IRA and retirement accounts, gift annuities, real estate, and securities.

CAN I MAKE A PLANNED GIFT WHILE I AM ALIVE?
Yes, there are many financial planning options that allow you to make gifts during your lifetime.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PLANNED GIVING TO THE DONOR?
Here are a few examples of the many benefits of planned giving to you:
• Your gift is a lasting statement of your good stewardship of your assets and of your faith in God.
• Your gift is a declaration to God, family, and friends of what you hold dear at the time of your death, and if the Cathedral is included in your giving, is a declaration that you believe in and care about its mission.
• If the Cathedral is included in your giving, your name along with the other Cathedral planned giving donors will be place on the Cathedral web site honoring your gift.
• You may receive income tax benefits as a result of your gifts, which may allow, for your family, heirs, and the charities that you care about that would otherwise have been possible.

MAY I RESTRICT THE PURPOSES FOR WHICH MY GIFT MAY BE USED?
Yes, but unrestricted gifts will give our successor congregations more flexibility in responding to the unique needs of the future.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF PLANNED GIVING TO THE CATHEDRAL?
Listed below are a few examples of the many benefits of planned giving to the Cathedral and the communities that it serves:
• Your gift will help reduce the Cathedral’s debt.
• Your gift will assist in managing the Cathedral’s extensive maintenance needs.
• Your gift will also benefit your favorite programs and activities or encourage new ones.
• Your gift will provide for the future continuity and stability of the Cathedral, and support for its outreach into our wider community.
• Your gift will also help support Morning Glory Ministries and its mission to help those that are less fortunate in the downtown Kansas City community.
WHAT DOES A PLANNED GIFT LOOK LIKE?
Many types of gifts and methods of giving are available to you. Your lawyer or financial advisor can explain which method may be best suited for you. Some options are:

- **Outright Gifts:** The simplest way of giving. Current tax laws may offer immediate advantages for such gifts.

- **IRA or other retirement assets:**
  - Making the Cathedral the beneficiary of an IRA or retirement account is typically straightforward. It only requires filling out a designated beneficiary form.

- **Life Insurance:** Name the Cathedral as beneficiary. The premium payments may be tax deductible.

- **Gift of Securities or Property:** A gift of appreciated securities or real state may offer special tax advantages to you.

- **Creation of Trust:** A trust can be designed to meet any special set of circumstances to guarantee the family’s current and future needs and provide a future to the Cathedral.

- **Gift Annuity:** By establishing a gift annuity, you may be able to receive income on an ongoing basis and still provide a gift to the Cathedral in the future.

- **Bequest by Will:** Another simple way of giving. The Cathedral can be included in a new will or added to existing will. A Bequest Form/Codicil is an easy way to make a Planned Gift as a supplement to an existing will.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?
If you need more information or would like to talk to someone about Planned Giving, please fill out the form below and leave it at the parish office or drop in the collection basket.

A Bequest Form/Codicil is available upon request or can be found on the Cathedral web site.

If you have any questions or need any further information about planned giving, please contact parishioner Hoot Gibson at hootg@kc.rr.com

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| ______ I would like more information about Planned Giving. |
| ______ I’ve included the Cathedral in my Estate plans. |