

Let us help you create your Legacy

Contact us today with any questions regarding leaving a legacy to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish and St. John Church and Student Center. Your gift will live on forever. Please fill out this brief response card, or, call Keith Tharp at 517-351-7215 (keith@elcatholics.org)

Name: _____ Phone _____

Are you married? _____ Widowed? _____ Spouse's Name _____

Address: _____

Check All That Apply:

- I am interested in planned giving to The Faith Fund at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish
- I am interested in planned giving to The Tuition Assistance Fund at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish School
- I am interested in planned giving to the St. John Church & Student Center Legacy Fund for Catholic Campus Ministry in East Lansing.
- I already have made a planned gift to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish/ St. John Church & Student Center in my estate plan.

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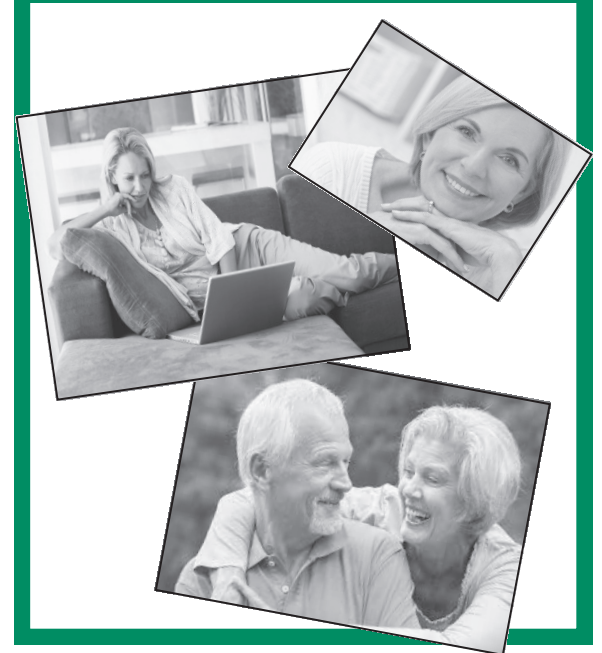
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**WHAT WILL
BE YOUR
LEGACY?**



LEGACY PLANNING

Incorporating charitable giving into your estate plans can sound complex at first, but philanthropic planning can be as simple as including a bequest to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish/St. John Church & Student Center in your will or living trust. You may leave a percentage share of your estate, specify a dollar amount, or designate St. Thomas Aquinas Parish/St. John Church & Student Center as a contingent beneficiary.

But this type of planning also can encompass much more than a simple bequest. With the goals of providing for your loved ones, reducing taxes and remembering worthy causes, there are a variety of techniques available that have mutual benefit to you, your community and STA/SJSC, both now and into the future.

Charitable Bequests

Consider naming St. Thomas Aquinas Parish/St. John Church & Student Center to receive all or a portion of your estate through your will or living trust. In doing so, you may reduce taxes while supporting your community. You may give a specific dollar amount, property or percentage of your estate.

Charitable Gift Annuity (CGA)

Charitable gift annuities offer simplicity and income. You or someone you designate can receive life income in exchange for your gift. You will reduce and defer your capital gains tax and may reduce probate costs and estate taxes.

Charitable Trusts

A charitable lead trust or several types of charitable remainder trusts create valuable options in estate planning by providing maximum flexibility for giving a gift and securing a life income.

Life Insurance

Listing St. Thomas Aquinas Parish/St. John Church & Student Center as a beneficiary of your insurance proceeds enables you to make a contribution that may not have been possible otherwise.

Real Estate Remainder Interest

A gift of a remainder interest in a personal residence allows you to continue to occupy the residence without disruption. You get an income tax charitable deduction for the present value of the remainder interest.

Retirement Fund

Taxation on retirement plan withdrawals could decrease the value of the asset for your heirs. By naming St. Thomas Aquinas Parish/St. John Church & Student Center as the beneficiary of your retirement funds, you can avoid taxes – and preserve your hard-earned assets for the good of our Catholic community.