



PLANNED GIVING

Your Personal Legacy Commitment

Today, more than ever,
your help will ensure a vibrant future
for our Battle Creek Catholic schools and parishes. Our community, Catholic and non-Catholic, has been served by the Catholic schools and parishes in Battle Creek for nearly one hundred fifty years. As a member of our community of believers, we share the privilege to be witness to our faith. Our stewardship responsibility is to “live” the gospel and share the message of Christ through our ministry and programs.

Your personal legacy commitment in the form of a bequest or other planned gift provides significant support for the future work of our schools and parishes. You will ensure the long-term sustainability of our schools and parishes through your planned gift.

For additional information
about Planned Giving, contact



269-963-4771



Saint Jerome
Catholic Church

269-968-2218



St. Joseph
CATHOLIC CHURCH

269-962-0165



ST. PHILIP
ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

269-968-6645

Guardian Angel GUILD

You are invited to join the Guardian Angel Guild. This is our legacy society which was inspired by many devoted and generous individuals who support our parishes and schools through their thoughtful planned giving. Within the Guardian Angel Guild, you will find members, like yourself, who espouse the mission of our Catholic parishes and schools. Your membership demonstrates that you share the values of our Catholic upbringing and choose to keep these values alive ... forever. As a faith community, tithing is a guiding principle. Consider your tithing when you express your ultimate wishes.

As a member of the Guardian Angel Guild, you may choose to have your name included on the list of friends who care deeply about our Catholic ministries and want to strengthen our parishes and schools for future generations. To become a member, please notify your pastor or the BCACS Foundation. Details of your plan are always regarded as confidential. Of course, we will also assure your privacy, if you wish your gift to remain anonymous.

Each fall, as we observe the Guardian Angel Feast Day, Masses will be dedicated to you as a member of the Guardian Angel Guild.

What is Planned Giving?

Your thoughtful planned gift is a charitable arrangement that will benefit you and your heirs, along with the institutions that you hold dear.

- Your planned gift can be a simple, clear directive.
- Each one of us, regardless of wealth, is a planned giver – gifts of all amounts make a lasting impact.
- Your planned gift may be flexible, allowing you to make adjustments should your needs and circumstances change.
- Sharing your intended planned giving allows our pastors and school leadership to prepare and operate their ministries, programs, and facilities well into the future.

What is a Planned Gift?

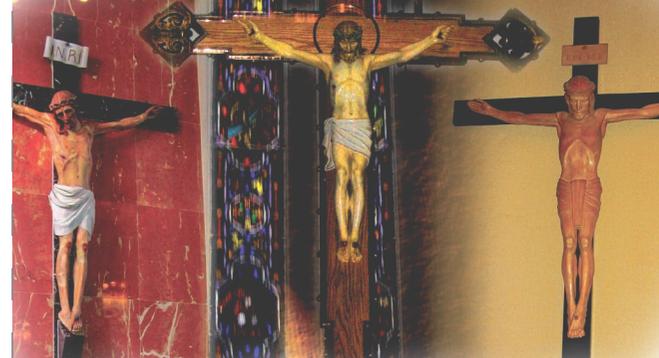
Your will or trust is the simplest way to make a gift to the BCACS Foundation or your parish.

You may designate the BCACS Foundation or your parish (or both!) as beneficiary of your IRA, 401(k), 403(b), life insurance or other qualified plan. Please be sure to review your beneficiary designation on a routine basis.

Consider a Charitable Gift Annuity – The BCACS Foundation offers charitable gift annuities. A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract that allows you to receive income for life, while making an immediate significant gift to the Catholic schools.

Other Planned Giving Opportunities – You have many options to consider. Some do require the expertise of an attorney, accountant or financial planner to ensure maximum benefits for you and your heirs.

Answer a Prayer Today. Your gift can give a child, an entire family, or our Catholic parishioners the hope and inspiration to learn, grow and pass on their faith as well as God's teachings to future generations. You can ensure that your legacy continues benefiting a brighter future today by calling your *parish pastor or the BCACS Foundation Development Office at 269-963-4771.*



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Yes, I would like to learn more about creating a personal legacy for our Catholic schools or parishes. Please have a representative contact me from (*check one*):

- BCACS Foundation St. Jerome Parish
 St. Joseph Parish St. Philip Parish

I have already included my parish in my estate plan.

I have already included the BCACS Foundation in my estate plan.

May we include your name in our list of Guardian Angel Guild Honorees to express our appreciation for your careful planning and to encourage others to consider supporting our Catholic schools and parishes in perpetuity?

- Yes**, please include my name as a Guardian Angel Guild Member. (*Please print your name as you wish it to appear in the Guardian Angel Guild*)
- No**, I (We) prefer that my (our) intentions remain anonymous.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

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Please fill out this card and return to:
Battle Creek Area Catholic Schools Foundation
63 24th St N, Battle Creek, MI 49015