

Your Legacy of Faith

*Will* Continue



YOUR WILL, YOUR FAMILY AND YOUR CHURCH



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ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE



**TOGETHER, THE CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE**

touches the lives of thousands of people across  
South East Queensland every day.  
How can you play a special and enduring role in this ministry?  
After you have looked after your loved ones,  
will you consider a gift to the Catholic Church in your Will?



One of the greatest contributions you can make to the mission of the Church is to leave your own legacy of faith for future generations.

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A GIFT IN YOUR

is one way you can personally advance your faith and the work of the Church.



# YOUR *Will*

We all desire to leave a legacy ... to make our mark ... to make a difference in the lives of our family and friends, and in our communities.

A gift in your Will, no matter how big or small, can make a difference in people's lives and can even shape their future.



Preparing a Will is the best way to ensure that the people you care about are properly provided for.

Taking the time to precisely and accurately communicate your wishes will help your family and loved ones through what will already be a difficult time.

Always seek professional legal assistance when preparing your Will. You owe it to yourself and those you care about to make sure your Will is worded accurately to reflect your wishes. It is also important to consider the administration of your Will to ensure that your wishes are carried out professionally.

*Working with a professional to prepare your Will helps ensure your wishes are carried out*

### **HOW YOUR WILL CAN HELP OTHERS**

When preparing a Will, your heart and mind turn first to your family and loved ones. Once they are provided for, a Will is a unique opportunity to make a significant gift to the people and organisations you respect.

As you prepare your Will, please consider including a gift to the Catholic Church. You will help carry forward its Gospel mission to future generations.

### **WHO SHOULD PREPARE YOUR WILL?**

Working with a professional helps ensure that your Will does what you want it to do. Your options include:

- a solicitor (the Queensland Law Society can provide a list of accredited specialists)
- the Public Trustee of Queensland (or the state in which you reside)
- a Trustee Company

Be sure to check over your Will with your advisor every few years. Any change in your circumstances could make it necessary to update your Will.

### **CHOICE OF EXECUTOR**

Your Executor will administer your estate. That might include paying debts, collecting assets, preparing a tax return, managing accounts and distributing your assets.

It can be a challenging role that comes at a challenging time.

It is important to appoint someone who will be available and able to act on your behalf, to carry out the terms of your Will as you desire. Ideally, your Executor should be someone who is likely to survive you.



## WHAT WILL YOUR LEGACY OF FAITH BE?

Our faith is active in the community in so many ways, providing you with a wide range of opportunities to advance your legacy of faith.

You could make a general gift in your Will for the Church to use for future ministry priorities. Alternatively, you could designate your gift to one of many existing ministries or create a new fund to support a Church ministry you care about.

## ARCHDIOCESE OF BRISBANE ENDOWMENT FUND

- This endowment is an important way to sustain the faith for future generations. The endowment is used at the discretion of the Archbishop of Brisbane, providing the flexibility needed to respond to challenges and act on opportunities as they arise.

**YOUR PARISH** - Baptisms, graduations, marriages, birthdays, Christmas... Some of our fondest memories are of times of celebration, times that our Parish has brought us together, reminding us that we are bound by faith and love. A gift in your Will to your Parish provides for the sacraments, ministries and celebrations for generations to come.

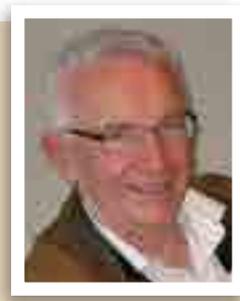


**CATHOLIC SCHOOL** - Children spend much of the formative years of their life at school. A gift in your Will to a Catholic school is a contribution towards providing the best possible start in life, founded on the principles of our faith. Whether it is used for the library, classrooms, or other important facilities and equipment, your gift will help ensure students have the best opportunity to learn and develop.

**THE PRIESTS FOUNDATION** - The Priests Foundation was established to meet with dignity, the care needs of ill and retired Priests. Most of our Archdiocesan Priests work well beyond the average age of retirement, caring for the spiritual lives and welfare of those they serve. A gift in your Will to the Priests Foundation will help ensure that retired Priests receive the support, healthcare and accommodation they require in retirement.

**CENTACARE (CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES)** - For more than 50 years, the Archdiocese of Brisbane has been reaching out in service to our community. Working in partnership with professional staff, volunteers, governments, and other community organisations, Centacare has a positive impact on the lives of thousands of people every day. Together, we make a difference by providing disability, family and relationship, child care, employment, community and pastoral support. A gift in your Will helps to sustain this vital ministry.

**MACKILLOP FUND** - The Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund helps provide greater access to Catholic education for those who otherwise couldn't afford it. This endowment provides sustainable funds so a child can be supported through to graduation.



**THE ALAN FORBES YOUTH MINISTRY**

**FUND** - This fund supports Catholic youth ministry

initiatives in Parishes, schools, ecclesial communities, movements, agencies and ministries. This ministry helps young people to participate in the life of the Church and creates opportunities for young people to encounter Jesus.

**SEMINARIAN EDUCATION**

**FUND** - The education of Seminarians in the Archdiocese of Brisbane is of critical importance to the propagation of the faith. Your gift to this important fund will support the formation and education of future Priests, ensuring they are equipped to meet the spiritual needs of the communities they serve.

**THE PRIESTS' EDUCATION**

**FUND** - The training and education of our Priests does not end when they complete their formation at the Seminary. It is vitally important that our Priests continue to learn and develop their knowledge and understanding of the faith. Your support will help create opportunities for Archdiocesan Priests to further their theological studies throughout their ministry.

*See page 12 for example clauses that could be included in your Will.*

# Will

## YOUR IN ACTION

Many ministry initiatives today were made possible because people remembered the Church in their Will. Thank you to those people and their families for their legacy of faith.

### Centacare “Jessie Witham Memorial Centre”

Purchase of a vehicle to transport the elderly, disabled clients and people requiring special care



### Clear Island Waters

Facilities for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd to support its ministry to children and their parents



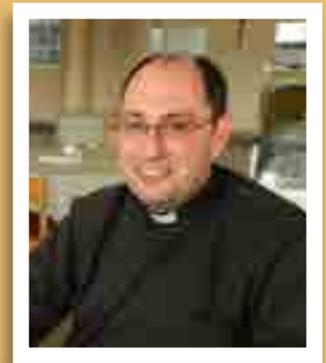
### St Stephen's Chapel Restoration of the Chapel



## Quinn House

Provision of a house at Jubilee Parish for young families to get a head start

Priests' Education Fund  
Support for Priests like Father Adrian Sharp  
to undertake further theological studies



## Seminarian Education Fund

Providing Seminarian education to future Priests

## Southport Parish

A new Altar for the Church



## *MH* STORY



*“ Since I was a young child, I have always had an appreciation of the Church and the importance of my faith.*

*Throughout my life, the Church has been there for me. It's been there during the important events, the happy times and graciously through the challenging times too.*

*I have a strong desire within me that every person should have an opportunity to receive the faith just as I did as a child.*

*Our faith offers a number of answers to life's problems and it's wonderful that I can play a part in resourcing the ministry of my Church. Each week I look around and I see so many effective ministries in action meeting people's deepest needs.*

*I love the Church and I have decided to leave a gift in my Will to the Church so that I can leave a legacy of faith. ”*

*Hazel - Margaret*





## HOW YOU CAN REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL

A Will is more than just the distribution of an estate, it is a legacy. That means every gift is significant, no matter how big or how small.

The gifts that we put the most thought into can touch people the deepest. So it is important to consider your gift carefully.

Here are some options should you decide to remember the Church in your Will:

1. You can leave your entire estate or any percentage you choose to the Church.
2. Should you desire, you can leave the whole or part of the residue of your estate to the Church after other personal beneficiaries have been considered.
3. If you wish, you can make a gift in your Will to the Church through a named endowment fund that will provide ongoing financial support to a particular ministry.
4. You can give a specific amount of money, although this does not allow for changes in your circumstances or inflation.

Including the Archdiocese of Brisbane Endowment Fund in your Will means resources can be directed towards ministries where they are needed most over time, making the greatest difference.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” John 3.16

## EXAMPLE BEQUEST CLAUSES

When making a gift in your Will, it is important to use the correct clauses and terminology.

The following paragraph should be used as the standard clause for a gift in your Will. Please note the additional wording options, that should be inserted into the clause to enable your gift to be designated to the ministry area of your choice.

*"I give [amount / percentage / asset / item] to **The Corporation of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane ABN 25 328 758 007** for [\*\*]. I direct that the receipt of the Financial Administrator for the time being of The Corporation of the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Brisbane ABN 25 328 758 007 shall constitute a sufficient discharge to my trustee."*

### **\*\* GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

the general charitable, religious and educational purposes of the Archdiocese of Brisbane Endowment Fund.

### **\*\* PARISH**

the use and benefit of the general charitable, religious and educational purposes of the Catholic Parish of [insert name of Parish] situated at [insert street address and suburb], Queensland. However, if this Parish ceases to exist in its current form, then to the new Parish or Parishes erected in its stead which may include the Parish named in this clause (if more than one then equally as tenants in common).

### **\*\* CENTACARE – CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**

the general charitable, religious and educational purposes of Centacare.

### **\*\* CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

the use and benefit of the general charitable, religious and educational purposes of the Catholic school of [insert name of school] situated at [insert street address and suburb], Queensland. However, if this school is suppressed and ceases to exist in its current form, then to the closest Catholic school in its stead.

### **\*\* PRIESTS FOUNDATION**

the general charitable, religious and educational purposes of The Priests Foundation.

### **\*\* MACKILLOP FUND**

the general charitable, religious and educational purposes of The Mary MacKillop Brisbane Catholic School Access Fund.

### **\*\* ALAN FORBES YOUTH MINISTRY FUND**

the general charitable, religious and educational purposes of The Alan Forbes Youth Ministry Endowment Fund.

### **\*\* SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND**

the general charitable, religious and educational purposes of the Seminarian Education Endowment Fund.

### **\*\* PRIESTS' EDUCATION FUND**

the general charitable, religious and educational purposes of the Priests' Education Endowment Fund.

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For additional information on bequest clauses and to confirm correct wording, please call the Catholic Foundation on 1300 263 222.

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“The preaching of the Gospel has always required resources. The Gospel is not about money, but we’ve always needed money for mission. In the New Testament it’s clear that the key question is not whether you have money or not but how you use what money you have. That’s why I invite you to think of remembering the Church and her mission when making your Will. A bequest for the sake of the Gospel will sow a seed that will yield a harvest not just into the future but even into eternity. Think about it and pray about it.”

**Most Reverend Mark Coleridge**  
*Archbishop of Brisbane*

## CONFIDENTIAL REPLY

Thank you for considering a gift in your Will. We would be happy to assist you. To arrange a meeting to discuss a gift in your Will or for more information, call us on 1300 263 222.

- I am considering a provision in my Will for the Church, please contact me to discuss.
- Please send me further information about the Archdiocese of Brisbane Gifts in Wills program.
- I have already made a provision in my Will for the Catholic Church.

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FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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POSTCODE: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

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PARISH: \_\_\_\_\_

*(See over page for return address details)*



*A* gift in your Will can ensure your legacy of faith will continue.

Detach this slip and post to:

The Director  
Catholic Foundation  
Archdiocese of Brisbane  
GPO Box 282  
BRISBANE QLD 4001

One of the greatest contributions you can make to the mission of the Church is to ensure a legacy of faith for future generations.

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