

CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING

Make your wishes known and share your values through Catholic estate planning. Remembering our parish, school, or another mission or ministry will help build up the Body of Christ and make an impact for future generations of Catholics. Your legacy gift to any of these will qualify you to be a part of the Church of Ascension Parish Legacy Society. After you have completed your will, trust, or left a gift by Designating your Beneficiaries on your retirement or life insurance accounts, enroll [HERE](#)

As you prepare your will or trust, be sure to communicate your Catholic values with a “Catholic Healthcare Directive” and “Durable Power of Attorney. These documents should be included in any estate plan to communicate your wishes with healthcare decisions and to assign a person to act on your behalf should you be unable to do so. The person you assign as your durable power of attorney for health decisions will be able to make decisions on your medical treatment should you be incapacitated. Make sure the person you assign to make these decisions shares your Catholic values on maintaining medical treatment. This durable power of attorney is for healthcare only and does not include the ability to make decisions on financial or other matters on your behalf.

The following documents were prepared by the Kansas Conference of Catholic Bishops. Take these documents to the attorney preparing your estate documents.

Catholic Declaration on Life and Natural Death "Living Will"

Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare Decisions

[Click here to download the forms](#)

Your Will and Estate Plan should be reviewed periodically.

Did you know you could add a charity to your estate without calling your attorney? Simply [changing a beneficiary on an IRA](#) or other retirement account or Life Insurance to a full or partial beneficiary can be a quick, easy and inexpensive way to be charitable at death.

Thank you for considering a gift in your estate plans as you plan what and how to give to your family and charity.

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