



Faithful Giving

A GIFT PLANNING NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF THE DIOCESE OF MARQUETTE

Man Makes Church's Future—and His Own—Even Brighter

John E. Johnson is a man of deep faith who has enjoyed teaching and traveling. Using annuity payments from multiple charitable gift annuities, he has funded at least 15 trips to places like Europe, Disneyland and Walt Disney World.

John converted to the Catholic faith at age 21 while in college at Xavier University, a Catholic university located in Cincinnati, Ohio. John spent his working career as a fourth-grade teacher at North Central Area School in Powers/Hermansville in Menominee County. Following retirement, he volunteered at Sandy Knoll Elementary School in Marquette. His teaching career spans 50 years.

John purchased his first charitable gift annuity at age 50 to support the Church and retain lifelong income. He wanted—first and foremost—to help the Church.

“Holy Mother Church is the main event in life,” John, a devout Catholic, says. “It’s the way to eternal life!”

Perhaps inspired by the Walt Disney quote, “If you can dream it you can do it,” John found a way to put God first and fund his desire to travel. John holds multiple charitable gift annuities with the Diocese of Marquette, as well as several other Catholic organizations. His charitable gift annuities provide him regular income now, and will support the Church in the future.

Now 90 years old, John remembers a time when his annuity payments helped him to pay bills during a teacher strike when he received no salary.

“There are so many benefits of annuities, like giving a legacy to Holy Mother Church,” he says.



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—JOHN E. JOHNSON



If you want to make a gift to the Diocese of Marquette using charitable gift annuities, please contact Terri Gadzinski at 906.227.9108 or tgadzinski@dioceseofmarquette.org.



ANY DAY. ANY TIME.

Do you want to explore ways to support the Diocese of Marquette? If you've got five minutes, let us take you on a little journey.

- **STEP 1:** Go to www.dioceseofmarquette.org/planmygift
- **STEP 2:** Read about gift planning options that can fit your goals and situation. Use our Gift Illustrator to see what gift type works best for you.
- **STEP 3:** Contact us to learn how we can help make your giving dreams a reality.



Helping Others Pays in So Many Ways

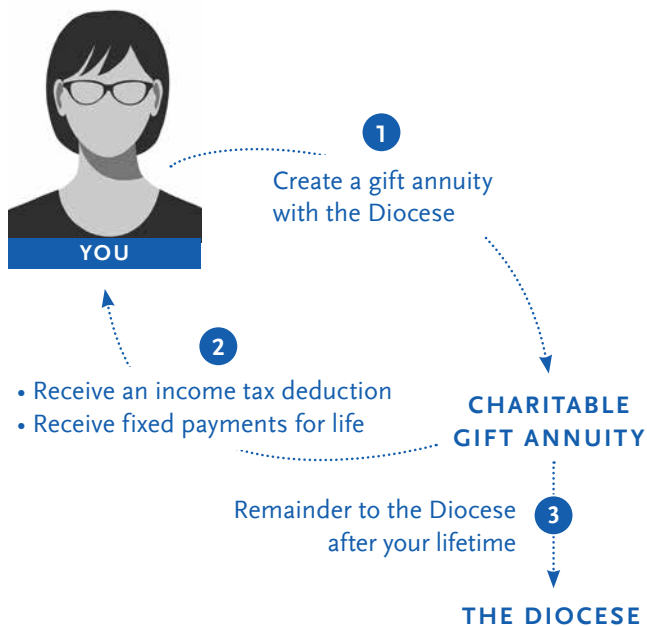
DISCOVER A WIN-WIN WAY TO SUPPORT THE DIOCESE

When it comes to supporting our long-term future, the charitable gift annuity is one method favored by many of our donors. When you set up a gift annuity with the Diocese of Marquette, we'll provide you with lifetime payments that remain constant even with a fluctuating stock market. This offers you the opportunity to supplement your retirement income and continue to make a difference in the Catholic Church.

How a Gift Annuity Works

The concept of a gift annuity is simple. You make a donation using cash, marketable securities or other assets and we, in turn, pay you a fixed amount for life. With this type of gift, you can feel secure knowing you can count on receiving stable payments for as long as you live.

Your age when the payments begin and the amount of your donation determine the size of your payment. The older you are, the higher your fixed rate (see chart). You receive payments for life, and, if you choose, you can have the payments continue for the life of another person. After that, the remaining funds are used to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ for all people in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.



Find Your Payment Rate

ONE LIFE		TWO LIVES	
Age	Rate	Ages	Rate
55	4.0%	55/60	3.7%
60	4.4%	60/65	4.0%
65	4.7%	65/70	4.4%
70	5.1%	70/75	4.8%
75	5.8%	75/80	5.3%
80	6.8%	80/85	6.1%
85	7.8%	85/90	7.3%
90+	9.0%	90/95+	8.8%

Rates in effect at time of publication. These rates change periodically, so please contact us to check on current figures.



Your Tax Benefits

Charitable gift annuities offer additional benefits besides secure and stable payments. You can also receive an income tax deduction for a portion of your gift in the year you set up your gift annuity.

CONTACT TERRI GADZINSKI at 906.227.9108 to learn more about the benefits of creating a charitable gift annuity with the Diocese of Marquette.



Our Mission

We, the Diocese of Marquette, united in Word and Sacrament and in communion with the universal Catholic Church, witness to and proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ for all the people in the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.



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It Doesn't Have to Be All or Nothing

HOW TO BE CHARITABLE WHEN RESOURCES ARE LIMITED

We realize the importance of providing for family and other loved ones after you're gone, and supporting the Diocese of Marquette doesn't mean that they'll be forgotten. If your retirement savings or life insurance policy is part of your inheritance plan, there's an easy way to benefit both your heirs and the Diocese of Marquette.

You can split your retirement plan assets and life insurance policy among your heirs and designate a percentage to support the Church. By dividing up your assets into percentages, you can support your loved ones AND our mission.

Make Your Gift in 3 Easy Steps

Here's how:

1. Contact the administrator of your retirement account or insurance policy and request a change-of-beneficiary form.
2. Decide what percentage of the account or policy's value you wish to give the Diocese of Marquette and name us, along with the stated percentage, on the beneficiary form.
3. Return the form to your plan administrator or insurance company.

BONUS: You can specify that your gift to us be given in honor of someone dear to you, leaving a legacy that ensures that your loved one's memory endures for years to come.