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A GIFT PLANNING NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF THE DIOCESE OF MARQUETTE

Show Them You Care
How Estate Planning Is an Act of Love

You would do anything for those you love. Have you considered how your estate plan, the guidebook for your assets after your lifetime, is as much for them as for you? This is true regardless of your life’s vocation.

- **Prevent disputes.** Having a plan in place lessens conflict and confusion while alleviating stress during an already difficult time.
- **Save time and money.** Without an estate plan, the legal process of the distribution of your assets can be lengthy and costly for those affected.
- **Deepen trust and respect.** Whether it’s the people you designate to handle your end-of-life care or as your children’s legal guardians, estate planning shows your loved ones how much you admire and trust them. It’s a tangible way to show them just how much they mean to you.
- **Share your faith.** Including a gift to the Catholic Church allows you to express your faith values even after your lifetime.

For your loved ones, a proper estate plan will give them valuable peace of mind knowing they are carrying out your wishes as you intended.

“The love and devotion that we feel about All Saints is so very strong. We feel safe and ‘at home’ when at All Saints Church.”
—Tim and Nancy LeGault, Gladstone

Eric and Hattie Hanold were married at St. Peter Cathedral, Marquette in August 2019.
More than two-thirds of American adults don’t have a will.* You wouldn’t think about driving to work without wearing your seat belt. So why would you risk leaving those you love unprotected by skipping this important document?

If you pass away without a will, consider how these important people in your life will be impacted:

Your spouse might have to share your estate with other relatives. The laws of the state where you live determine how much of your estate goes to your spouse. Some states give your spouse one-third of your estate, with your children sharing the rest. In certain states, your parents, siblings and other relatives could get a cut—whether you want them to or not.

Your children could get equal shares. At first glance, this might not seem like a problem. However, perhaps one child has played a greater role in your caregiving or you gave one child assistance during a financially difficult time. Do you intend to even things out by leaving your children different shares of your estate? Without a will, the state won’t take this into consideration.

Your favorite charities will receive nothing. You likely have charitable causes, such as the Catholic Church, that are important to you. When you create a will, you can include a gift that supports our future. If you pass away without a will, no state has laws that allow your estate to make charitable gifts.

Creating a will that protects the important people in your life is an act of love. Now is the time to take care of this important task. We’re here to help you start the process—just contact Terri Gadzinski at 906.227.9108 or tgadzinski@dioceseofmarquette.org today.

*2016 NMI Healthy Aging Database® Study

Thank you, Kay Rowlands of Escanaba, for sharing why supporting the Church is important to you!

“God has been very good to me with great parents, good health and everything I have asked for. Supporting the Catholic Church and all that the Church does is my small way to thank Him.”

Start Your Journey Today
Estate planning provides an opportunity to create a legacy that you and your loved ones can feel good about. Our FREE guide Your Personal Planning Road Map breaks the planning journey into simple steps. Simply return the enclosed reply card to request your copy today.
Let the Journey Begin

Please complete and return this reply card in the enclosed envelope today. Thank you!

☐ Please send me the free guide *Your Personal Planning Road Map*.

☐ I would like to learn more about the impact my gift could have at the Diocese of Marquette.

☐ I have included the Diocese of Marquette in my estate plan but haven’t yet notified you.

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