

A Guide to Including a Gift in Your Will

LEAVE A LEGACY
OF FAITH



Catholic Diocese of
TOOWOOMBA





BISHOP KEN HOWELL, BISHOP OF TOOWOOMBA

A Message from the Bishop of Toowoomba

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout our lives, we are called to be stewards of God's many blessings - sharing our time, talents, and treasures in service of the Gospel. One of the most profound ways we can express our faith is by leaving a legacy that continues to bear fruit long after we have gone home to the Lord.

As the Psalmist proclaims, "Forever shall the upright be remembered" (Psalm 112:6). This verse reminds us that a life lived in righteousness and generosity leaves an enduring mark, one that echoes through generations.

In this spirit, I invite you to consider

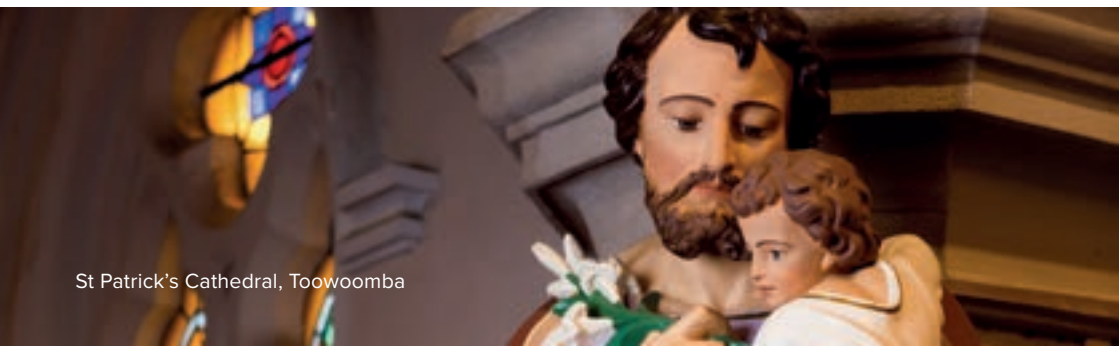
how a gift in your Will can be a lasting testament to your love for the Church and your commitment to future generations. As Scripture also affirms, "Lavishly he gives to the poor; his righteousness shall endure forever" (Psalm 112:9).

Your generosity today can help ensure that the mission of Christ continues to flourish across our Diocese tomorrow.

May this booklet inspire you to reflect prayerfully on the legacy you wish to leave - a legacy of faith, hope, and love.

Sincerely in Christ,

BISHOP KEN HOWELL
BISHOP OF TOOWOOMBA





Your Legacy, Your Faith in Action

Your life has been guided by faith, shaped by values, and enriched by the love you've shared. By including a gift in your Will, you leave a legacy of hope—one that continues to support the Church, uplift your parish, and bless the lives of future generations across South West Queensland.

Whether you wish to support the mission of the Church broadly or focus on a particular ministry, a bequest to the Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba is a powerful way to ensure your values live on.

Your gift can help:

- Sustain the **Diocese's pastoral and administrative ministries**
- Provide inclusive faith education through **SPRED**
- Care for our retired clergy through the **Priests' Retirement Foundation**
- Contribute to the restoration of the historic **St Patrick's Cathedral**
- Support the life and mission of your **local parish** community
- Support vulnerable individuals and families through **CatholicCare Social Services, Toowoomba**

Why Leave a Bequest?

- **Make a lasting difference in the lives of others**
- **Support the causes that reflect your faith and values**
- **Create a legacy your family and community will remember**
- **Give in a way that's accessible—every gift, large or small, makes an impact**

What is a Bequest?

**A bequest is a gift left in your Will.
It can take several forms:**

- **A percentage of your estate**
- **A specific amount of money**
- **A residual gift** (what remains after other gifts and expenses)
- **A specific item** (such as property, shares, or artwork)



**“But store up for
yourselves treasures in
heaven, where neither
moth nor rust destroys,
and where thieves do
not break in or steal.
For where your
treasure is, there your
heart will be also.”**

MATTHEW 6:20–21



How to Leave a Bequest

1. Reflect on Your Values

Consider the people, places, and ministries that have shaped your life. What legacy do you want to leave?

2. Speak with Your Loved Ones

Let your family know your intentions. This helps ensure your wishes are understood and respected.

3. Seek Professional Advice

Consult a solicitor or estate planner to ensure your Will is legally valid and your gift is structured correctly.

4. Choose Your Gift

Decide what kind of bequest you'd like to leave—residual, percentage, specific amount, or item.

5. Use the Correct Wording

Use the suggested legal wording provided by the Diocese to ensure your gift is honoured as you intend.



Suggested Wording

FOR YOUR WILL

Including a gift in your Will is a meaningful way to support the mission of the Church and ensure your values live on. The following wording is recommended to help ensure your intentions are clearly and legally expressed:

Bequest to the Diocese and Diocesan Ministries

I bequeath amount, or asset, or my whole estate, or it, or the residue of my estate (please nominate) to The Corporation of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba for the use and benefit of the Religious, Charitable, Educational and/or general purposes of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba as the Roman Catholic Bishop of the said Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba for the time being shall determine, and I declare that the receipt of the said Bishop shall be a sufficient discharge to my Trustee therefor.

You may substitute any of the following beneficiaries for The Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba, in the above wording, and specify the use as deemed appropriate. Consultation with the appropriate authority to determine this is advised.

St Patrick's Cathedral Restoration Fund

To The Corporation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba for the use and benefit of the restoration and preservation of St Patrick's Cathedral, Toowoomba.

SPRED (Special Religious Development)

To The Corporation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba for the use and benefit of fostering spiritual growth and inclusion for adults living with an intellectual disability.

The Priests' Retirement Foundation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba

To The Corporation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba to be used for the purposes of caring for retired clergy of the diocese.

CatholicCare Social Services

To The Corporation of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba to be used for the purposes of CatholicCare Social Services, Toowoomba.

Bequest to a Specific Parish

I bequeath amount, or asset, or my whole estate, or it, or the residue of my estate (please nominate) to The Corporation of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba for the use and benefit of the Religious, Charitable, Educational and/or general purposes of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba as the Roman Catholic Bishop of the said Roman Catholic Diocese of Toowoomba for the time being

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PARISHES WITHIN THE TOOWOOMBA DIOCESE:

St Patrick's Parish, Allora
Sacred Heart Parish,
Cambooya
St Mary's Parish, Charleville
Our Lady Help of Christians
Parish, Chinchilla
Sts James and John Parish,
Clifton
St Matthew's Parish,
Crows Nest
St Joseph's Parish, Dalby
Sacred Heart Parish,
Cunnamulla
St Joseph's Parish, Helidon
St Mary MacKillop Parish,
Highfields
St Anthony's Parish,
Harristown
Our Lady of the Southern
Cross Parish, Inglewood

Immaculate Conception
Parish, Jandowae
Holy Cross Parish, Killarney
Holy Cross Parish, Miles
St Francis de Sales' Parish,
Millmerran
St Monica's Parish, Oakey
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish,
Newtown
St Stephen's Parish,
Pittsworth
St Finbarr's Parish, Quilpie
All Saints' Parish, Roma
St Mary of the Angels'
Parish, Tara
St Mary's Parish, Taroom
Sacred Heart Parish, Texas
St Patrick's Cathedral,
Toowoomba

St Thomas More's Parish,
Toowoomba
St Theresa's Parish,
Toowoomba East
Holy Name Parish,
Toowoomba North
St Mary's Parish,
Wallangarra
St Mary's Parish, Wallumbilla
St Mary's Parish, Warwick
Sacred Heart Parish,
Wilsonton
St Joseph's Parish,
Stanthorpe
Balonne Catholic Parish, St
George
St Columba's Parish,
Mitchell
St Mary's Parish,
Goondiwindi



Where Your Gift Can Make a Difference

Your bequest can support the mission of the Church in a way that reflects your values and passions. Below are some of the key areas you can choose to support:

The Diocese of Toowoomba (General Purposes)

Your gift will support the Diocese's most urgent needs- pastoral care, faith formation, outreach, and administration, ensuring the Church remains vibrant and responsive across South West Queensland.

St Patrick's Cathedral Restoration Fund

Help preserve the spiritual and architectural heart of our Diocese. Your gift will contribute to the ongoing restoration and maintenance of this sacred space for generations to come.

SPRED (Special Religious Development)

Support inclusive religious education for adults with intellectual disabilities. Your bequest will help provide resources, training, and community for those often overlooked.

Priests' Retirement Foundation

Care for the clergy who have dedicated their lives to serving others. Your gift will help provide housing, healthcare, and dignity in retirement for our priests.

Your Local Parish

Strengthen the faith community that has shaped your life. A gift to your parish supports liturgy, pastoral care, and local outreach.



Holy Name Church, Toowoomba

Join Our Legacy Circle

When you notify us of your bequest, you'll be welcomed into our Legacy Circle—a community of generous individuals who are helping shape the future of the Church through their Will.

As a member, you'll receive:

Invitations to special Masses and events

Updates on the impact of legacy gifts

Recognition (if you wish) in diocesan publications



We Are Here to Help

Considering a gift in your Will is a meaningful step. If you would like to explore how your legacy can support the Church, we would be pleased to have a confidential, obligation-free conversation with you.

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