



GIVING A FUTURE

PROVIDE FOR THE FUTURE
OF THE DIOCESE OF PLYMOUTH AND
ITS PARISHES WITH A LEGACY

WHY DO THE PARISHES AND THE DIOCESE NEED MONEY?

Parishes play an enormous part in the spiritual and pastoral life of local communities, of the Diocese and of the Universal Church. However, keeping churches and other parish buildings in regular and proper repair to ensure they are safe and suitable for the people who worship, visit and work in them can be very expensive. Parishes also need to look after the clergy who serve them: paying their housing expenses and personal income. Because we are living in very difficult times, many parishes are unable to make ends meet without help.

The Diocese needs to ensure it has sufficient funds for a wide variety of expenditure: the training of future priests and deacons, supporting elderly and sick priests, supporting the work of evangelisation and formation and safeguarding those who worship.

The parishes and the Diocese need to plan their finances carefully so that they have resources available not just to meet today's costs but to meet those in the years ahead, too.

One way in which you can really help them do this is by remembering the Church in your Will. Many Catholics see this as a wonderful opportunity to both thank God for the blessings they have received during their lifetime and to help the Church meet the needs of the next generation. If you are able to help in this way, it will make a real difference.

WHY YOU SHOULD MAKE A WILL

Making a Will is the only way you can be sure that your property and belongings go exactly where you want them to go. If you have no surviving relatives and die without a Will, your estate passes to the State.

GIVING TO CHARITIES IN YOUR WILL CAN REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF INHERITANCE TAX PAID ON YOUR ESTATE

Tax legislation changes from time to time; please seek advice from your tax adviser or HMRC on current thresholds and rates before taking any action.

THE DIOCESE IS A REGISTERED CHARITY

The Diocese and all its parishes are together registered as a charity called "Plymouth Diocesan Trust". The Trust can benefit from substantial tax advantages because of the good it does for people in advancing the Roman Catholic faith.

Registered charity number 213227

MAKING A WILL

The wording of a typical legacy is suggested below:

For a Parish

"I give the sum ofpounds (or I give my Residuary Estate) to Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered to be applied as to both capital and income for its general charitable purposes and I request, without imposing any binding trust or legal obligation, that the same shall be used for those within the Parish of"

For the Diocese

"I give the sum ofpounds (or I give my Residuary Estate) to Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered to be applied as to both capital and income for its general charitable purposes."

In either case, a clause should be added to the Will as follows:

"I direct that the receipt of the Secretary, or similar official, of Plymouth Roman Catholic Diocesan Trustees Registered shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors."

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