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TO: Pastors, Parochial Administrators and Parish Stewards
FROM: J.J. Gonsalves, Associate Director, Parish Services
SUBJECT: **Bulletin Suggestions for Charitable Bequests.**

The promotion of charitable bequests is an important component of a parish's ongoing stewardship efforts.

A charitable bequest is a gift that is planned in advance by the donor and is paid upon the death of the donor from that donor's estate.

Many parishes in the diocese have benefited from bequests from loyal and generous parishioners who have a deep Faith and interest in building-up their parish, parish school, or favorite parish ministry. These bequests have ranged from several thousand dollars to several million dollars.

Regular promotion of bequests to your parish may not have an immediate identifiable return, but can yield tremendous long term results.

Below are two suggested bulletin announcements:

Charitable Bequests:

- A charitable bequest to your parish is a tangible way to acknowledge God's generosity to you during your lifetime. Arranging a charitable bequest is simple, just have your estate planning attorney include a provision in your will or trust that directs to your parish a specific cash gift, a gift of other personal or real property, or a specified percentage of your estate. You can further specify that your bequest be used to support the parish school or your favorite parish ministry. There may be estate tax advantages to making such a charitable bequest to your parish. For further information, please contact The Catholic Foundation at 916-733-0266 or tcfcagift.org. The Catholic Foundation provides technical support to the parish for bequests.
- Planning for death is as natural for the Christian as planning for life. As stated in 1 Peter 4:10 — *"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace"*. Having a will is good stewardship and remembering your parish leaves a lasting legacy. For further information, please contact The Catholic Foundation at 916-733-0266 or tcfcagift.org. The Catholic Foundation provides technical support to the parish for bequests.