

# Why Give to the Foundation?

Millions of people throughout the world have found hope and life-changing inspiration from the Parish Missions and programs produced by Father Larry Richards and The Reason For Our Hope Foundation. The Foundation can only continue to get the message out with gifts from those who believe it is our responsibility as Christians to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to all the world. More than 90% of our operating income is used to support the mission. With your contribution, you are helping do what we, as Christians, are required to do.

# Why I Donate

*"My life changed because of you and I'm bringing Jesus back to my heart, mind and soul." - A.F.*

*"You brought me back home when I was wondering the spiritual wilderness." - R.M.*

*"Words will never express how you and your books saved our marriage." - C.D.*

## On the Cover...

Artwork:  
"The Charity of St. Elizabeth of Hungary"

Artist: Edmund Leighton of London, England

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Thank you for your interest in spreading hope! On the cover of this brochure is a picture of St. Elizabeth of Hungary, a princess of Hungary whose devotion to the poor (for whom she relinquished her wealth) made her an enduring symbol of Christian charity, of which she is the patron saint. St. Elizabeth lived a life bringing hope to others! Father Larry is a direct descendant of this hope-filled saint! She was his great, great, great (times 25) grandmother! He is related to her on his mother's side, through her daughter Sophie. There is a statue of her on the back of his church's high altar, and she has looked down on Father these past twenty years. She is a constant reminder that we are ALL called to be saints, and we do this by living God's holy will every day.

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World Now  
and for the Future



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PLANNED GIVING GUIDE

# Why Planned Giving?

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, in their pastoral letter, Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, reminds us that, *"As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them lovingly in justice with others, and return them with increase to the Lord."*

The term 'planned giving' describes commitments made by donors to transfer capital assets to a qualified charitable organization. It is an

*expression of faith* and a demonstration that we have wisely used the resources that God has entrusted to us.

Planned gifts are normally made from the donor's accumulated assets as part of an overall estate plan.

These can include:

- Charitable IRA rollover
- A Bequest in a Will
- A Life Income Gift such as a charitable gift annuity, or a charitable remainder trust
- Gifts of Special Assets such as real estate, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, or life insurance

In addition to the normal benefits of charitable giving, planned gifts may result in tax advantages or other income benefits. Work with your financial advisor and/or attorney to determine your best options.

## Charitable IRA Rollover

This provision allows those 70 1/2 years or older to give up to \$100,000 from their IRA directly to a qualified charity without having to pay income taxes on the money. This is a popular gift option for each individual who meets the criteria and does not need the distribution. You may also see it referred to as a qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

## Charitable Bequests

One of the easiest and most common ways of making a planned gift is through your will or other estate plan. Bequests can include gifts of cash, securities, real estate, life insurance, and a wide variety of other assets. A bequest in a will can take the form of a set amount of money, a percentage of an estate, a specific asset, a trust, or the naming of the Foundation as a contingent beneficiary.

## Estate Planning Opportunities

*For more details on the Estate Planning opportunities listed below, please fill out and return the interest form.*

- Bequest in a Will
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Life Insurance
- Retirement/ IRA
- Appreciated Stock

## Endowment Gifts

An endowment is a gift that is invested to create present and future income for the Foundation. Every year, a portion of the income is used to support the mission and operating needs, while excess income is reinvested to grow the fund and protect it from inflationary pressures.

Endowment gifts provide the Foundation with ongoing support for Parish Missions, Men's and Women's Conferences, development of new resources, support to equip speakers to effectively evangelize, capital needs for the Hope House Retreat Center, and a variety of other programs and purposes.

## Interest Form

*I am interested in  
supporting the Foundation!*

Please send me more information about the various options for making a planned gift.

- ☐ BEQUEST IN A WILL
- ☐ CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY
- ☐ LIFE INSURANCE, IRA, STOCK
- ☐ CALL ME TO DISCUSS
- ☐ I HAVE THE FOUNDATION IN MY ESTATE PLANS

*If you have the Foundation in your estate plans it is helpful to let us know about your gift because many retirement plan administrators assume no obligation to notify us; nor do they know how you wish your gift to be used.*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

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COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_

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