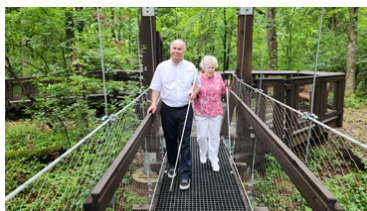




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## NEW YEAR, NEW LEGACY

*Start the year with a plan for the future.*

A new year invites reflection – on where we’ve been, where God is calling us next, and how we can best care for those we love. For many, January is a natural time to review goals, revisit plans, and consider the legacy we hope to leave behind.

Planned giving is one meaningful way to begin the year with intention. It allows you to provide for family and loved ones while also supporting the Church and ministries that have shaped your faith.

## WHAT IS PLANNED GIVING?

Planned giving simply means including a charitable gift as part of your overall estate or financial plans. It can be:

- As simple as remembering a parish or Catholic ministry in your will
- Naming a Catholic organization as a charitable beneficiary on a retirement account or life insurance policy
- Or creating a lasting legacy gift plan that reflects your faith, values, and gratitude

There's no minimum gift – and no obligation to make changes until you're ready.

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## A SIMPLE FIRST STEP

If you haven't reviewed your estate plans recently, the new year is a perfect time to begin. We offer a free, [secure online will tool](#) that allows you to:

- Create or update a simple will at no cost
- Work on your own timeline
- Use it as a first step, even if you later work with an attorney

Many people find this tool helpful just to get organized and start thinking intentionally about the future.

If you are looking for a Catholic estate attorney or financial advisor, be sure to review our Catholic Professional Advisor list below.

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## ALREADY INCLUDED A GIFT?

If you've already included a gift in your estate plans for your parish, a Catholic school, or another Catholic ministry in the Diocese of Lansing, we would love to welcome you into our [Immaculate Conception Legacy Society](#).

Membership is simply our way of:

- Honoring your generosity
- Ensuring your intentions are understood
- Offering ongoing prayers of gratitude for you and your loved ones, as well as invitations to special events

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## WE'RE HERE TO HELP

Making a plan for the future is personal, and every situation is unique. If you have questions, want to talk through options, or would simply like to learn more, I'm always happy to help – with no pressure and complete confidentiality.

As you begin this new year, may it be one filled with peace, purpose, and the quiet confidence that comes from planning well.

Wishing you a blessed year,



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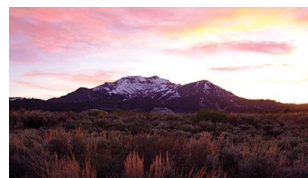


## SAVVY LIVING

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### [What You Should Know About Prepaid Funeral Plans](#)

I am considering planning my funeral in advance so my children will not have to later. Is it wise to prepay for a funeral that may not be needed for a while?



## WASHINGTON NEWS

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### [Free File Open For Tax Returns](#)

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced that the IRS Free File program is now open. Tax returns filed with the IRS Free File Program will be received and held until the filing season is open later in January.



## FINANCES

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## CELEBRATING A LEGACY OF FAITH AND GENEROSITY

*Immaculate Conception Legacy Society Annual Mass & Luncheon*



On **December 8**, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, members and friends of the Immaculate Conception Legacy Society gathered for our annual Mass and luncheon with **Bishop Earl Boyea**.

This special day is always a highlight of the year – an opportunity to pause in gratitude, gather in prayer, and celebrate the faithful stewardship of those who have chosen to support the Church through their estate plans. The Mass was a beautiful reminder that legacy giving is ultimately an expression of faith, rooted in trust and love for generations to come.

Following Mass, guests enjoyed a joyful luncheon filled with fellowship, reflection, and heartfelt appreciation. Bishop Boyea offered words of thanks and encouragement, recognizing the profound and lasting impact that Legacy Society members have on parishes, Catholic schools, seminarians, and ministries throughout the Diocese of Lansing.

Whether gifts will be realized far in the future or have already begun supporting ministry today, each legacy represents a powerful act of faith – one that continues the mission of the Church well beyond our own lifetime.

We are deeply grateful to all who joined us, and we fondly missed those who were unable to attend. To relive the day, we invite you to enjoy a **photo slideshow from the Mass and luncheon**, available on YouTube:

**View Slideshow:** [Click Here](#)

Please know that all members of the Immaculate Conception Legacy Society – living and deceased – are remembered regularly in prayer, with thanksgiving for their generosity and the intentions they hold close to their hearts.

As we begin a new year, may this celebration inspire us all to continue building a legacy of faith, hope, and love.

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**PROFESSIONAL ADVISOR GROUP**

The Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of Lansing is blessed to partner with a growing group of trusted professional advisors--estate planning attorneys, financial advisors, CPAs, and other experts--who share our commitment to faithful stewardship and legacy giving. These dedicated professionals serve as members of our Professional Advisor Group (PAG), offering their expertise to support Catholic individuals and families as they plan their charitable and financial legacies. In addition to serving as ambassadors for our mission, members may be invited to participate in educational events, collaborate on outreach efforts, and provide guidance for donors seeking to align their estate plans with their Catholic values. Together, we are building a culture of generosity that will sustain our parishes, schools, and ministries for generations to come.

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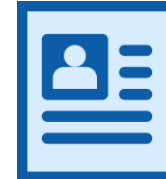
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## FREE ESTATE PLANNING GUIDE

It's never too late to plan for the people and causes you care about. Our easy-to-use estate planning guide can help you gather the information you need before meeting with your attorney.



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## PLANNED GIVING CALCULATORS

Use our online calculator to view the tax and income benefits of making a gift to support our cause. This can help you determine the best plan to meet your needs and goals.



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