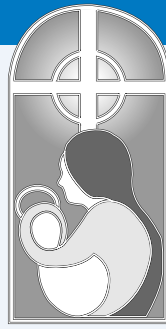


Why Planned Giving?

Planned Giving allows you to make a major gift to the Lourdes Center without causing you or your loved ones undue financial sacrifice. It combines philanthropic charity with sound family financial planning. Your gift to the Lourdes Center is made only after you have provided for the people you love.



Why the Marists?

The Marist Fathers & Brothers have been serving the Church in the United States since 1863. In the faithful way of Mary, the Mother of Jesus, the Marists minister in 30 countries around the world. Today, the Marist Fathers of the Boston Province continue to share God's message of mercy and love by serving as:

- † Pastors & Parochial Vicars in Parishes & Shrines
- † Directors of
 - ‡ Our Lady of Lourdes Center
 - ‡ Marist Missions Office
- † Missionaries in South America, Africa & South Pacific
- † Catholic Vocation Directors
- † Directors of Catholic Retreat Centers
- † Teachers & Administrators in Catholic Schools
- † Chaplains in Hospitals, Nursing Homes & Universities
- † Ministries in Prisons & Homeless Shelters

By including the Marists as a beneficiary through your Will, Gift Annuity, or Charitable Trust, you will help ensure that our Priests & Brothers imitate Mary by bringing God's mercy and truth to the world.

Become a member of the Marist Legacy Society

by making a bequest or other
Planned Gift to the
Lourdes Center.

*"Your Decision Today
Ensures Our Mission
Tomorrow"*



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**Your Gift
&
The Marist Lourdes Center**



*"Give to the Most High as He has given to
you, generously, according to your means."*

—Sirach 35:9

Giving Through Your Will

A gift through your Will is one of the most common and easy ways to make a Planned Gift to the Lourdes Center. Bequests can be included in a new Will or added to an existing one. Your attorney can assist you in this process.

In writing or updating your Will, there are a number of ways to include a gift to the Lourdes Center. Your gift, for example, can be in the form of a fixed dollar amount, or a percentage of your total estate.

You can also combine one of the above with what is known as a *Residuary Bequest* and/or a *Contingent Bequest*. It is actually quite simple:

† A *Residuary Bequest* allows you to create a gift from what is left in your estate after all specific bequests (that is, gifts to your loved ones) have been fulfilled.

† A *Contingent Bequest* redirects any shares of your estate designated to one or more primary beneficiaries who predecease you.

In other words, your loved ones are taken care of first and then the remainder of your estate can be gifted to support the Lourdes Center.



OTHER PLANNED GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Charitable Annuities & Trusts

Charitable Annuities and Trusts allow you to make a gift to the Lourdes Center while receiving a deduction for a charitable contribution as well as a steady stream of income for yourself. By setting up a Charitable Remainder Trust, for example, you could donate appreciated stocks and then receive a fixed percentage amount annually. After a predetermined number of years (up to 20) or upon your death, the remaining assets in the trust are given to the Lourdes Center. Annuities and Trusts can also help reduce capital gains tax, and generally offer a higher rate of return than most fixed investments.

Life Insurance

You can name the Lourdes Center as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy by just contacting your insurance company. Other options would include transferring the actual ownership of the policy to the Lourdes Center or perhaps purchasing and contributing a brand new policy. Such a gift will entitle you to an income tax deduction with all future premiums being tax deductible as well.

Please remember our Legal Title is:

Marist Fathers of Boston, Inc.



Retirement Funds

Retirement funds left to your heirs can be subject to both estate tax and income tax. By naming the Lourdes Center as the beneficiary of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or your company retirement plan, you maintain control and use of the funds during your lifetime but avoid estate and income taxes upon your death. Thus, you may leave other assets to your heirs and bequeath your remaining retirement funds to the Lourdes Center, saving potentially significant estate and income taxes in the process. You can also arrange for lifetime income to be paid to a family member after your death, with the Lourdes Center's benefit coming later.

Outright Gifts

Gifts of cash, publicly traded securities and real estate can be a beneficial philanthropic decision for you and the Lourdes Center. By donating cash or appreciated stocks you cannot only make a significant gift, but you may also be eligible to receive a charitable deduction on your income taxes and, in the case of stocks, bypass capital gains taxes.

Even gifts of stocks, bonds and mutual funds that have depreciated in value can be donated with potential tax advantages.

Important! Because of changing rules and tax regulations involved with various forms of Planned Giving, we recommend that you seek the counsel of a professional financial advisor before making such an arrangement.

