

WHAT IS PLANNED GIVING?

We are all familiar with the money we give to the church through our weekly offering or some other special appeal (i.e. emergency relief appeals). These contributions usually come from our current income and are intended to fund the immediate needs and programs supported through our annual operating budget.

We are less familiar with the many ways that we can support our church and its various ministries with donations from our accumulated assets for “planned giving”. Planned Giving is a ministry that is vital to our congregation, not only because it can help to ensure the future of our church, but because it offers an opportunity to make a final statement about the importance of Christian faith.

Planned Giving encompasses a variety of ways that gifts can be made to the church from accumulated resources. It usually involves financial or estate planning; however, it is not reserved for the wealthy. Planned Giving is a means by which anyone concerned with the meaningful use of his or her personal resources makes a considered choice about their charitable contribution and distribution of assets.

WHAT ARE EXAMPLES OF PLANNED GIFTS?

There are many ways to give – a few of those are:

- Bequest by Will
- IRA Designation
- Charitable Gift Annuity
- Life Insurance
- Endowments

HOW DO I GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PLANNED GIVING?

For more information, please contact our bishop or the Diocesan Office (800) 236-0087