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Extend your generosity beyond your lifetime.

When naming charitable beneficiaries in your plans, make certain your attorney uses the correct legal name of the intended recipients in order to avoid confusion and unnecessary delays.

Our legal name is: Priests of the Sacred Heart Sacred Heart Monastery PO Box 367 Hales Corners, WI 53130

I admired the priests, I never forgot them ...

"I first heard of the Priests of the Sacred Heart when I was in India, Bangladesh Territory in 1943-44. We were moving to the front of the war and had to wait for supplies. We got to know the Sacred Heart Fathers because they had an orphanage nearby. I admired them for their work and I've never forgotten them." — Francis

Francis, a devout Catholic, served his country well and always made time for his faith. While in the South Pacific he'd kneel in daily prayer with a nun upon the flight deck of an air craft carrier using a Rosary he'd been given as a child from his mother, even though it was broken in several places.

After the war, Francis and his brother Norbert were successful farmers who owned a lumber saw mill. They made a good life for themselves and Francis' wife Benilde, but sadly Benilde, passed away in 2005 after suffering the devastating effects of cancer. The priest that married Francis and Benilde returned to preside at her funeral.

Today Francis and Norbert have a long standing relationship with the Priests of the Sacred Heart. Both knew they wanted to help serve the poor and educate men for the priesthood, but also needed a way to be financially sound for the rest of their lives. Through the Sacred

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Francis, Benilde and Norbert on Francis and Benilde's wedding day.



Healing Mass

Our Prayers for the restoration of health is part of the Church's experience in every age. Therefore, every Friday during the month of August, I will be celebrating a Mass for the healing of both mind and body.

What type of healing is needed in your life today? A physical healing? Or perhaps some fear you have that needs to be let go. We leave it to the Lord to give us the type of healing. He knows in his infinite wisdom what is best for us. We pray, Most loving Sacred Heart of Jesus, bring me health both in body and spirit. Touch gently this life which you have created.

In Dominic sej

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Heart Charitable Gift Annuity program, the grateful brothers have been able to do both.

Each brother established several annuities naming each other as the survivor beneficiary. Now they have the peace of mind that their money is secure and that there will be fixed income for each of them for as long as they live. When the brothers pass, the Priests of the Sacred Heart will benefit from whatever remains of their annuities. The Priests of the Sacred Heart have offered charitable gift annuities for over 80 years, never defaulting on a payment. Interest rates are competitive offering higher returns than many other types of investments.

All annuitants are enrolled in the Sacred Heart Auxiliary meaning they are included in daily prayers, Masses and monthly Novenas during the annuitant's life and after their death.

Interest Rates on a Single Life — Sacred Heart Charitable Gift Annuity

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4	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Rate</u>	Age	<u>Rate</u>
	55	4.8%	67	5.9%	79	7.6%
	56	4.8%	68	6.0%	80	7.9%
	57	4.9%	69	6.1%	81	8.1%
	58	5.0%	70	6.2%	82	8.3%
	59	5.0%	71	6.3%	83	8.5%
	60	5.1%	72	6.4%	84	8.6%
	61	5.2%	73	6.6%	85	8.8%
	62	5.3%	74	6.7%	86	9.1%
	63	5.4%	75	6.9%	87	9.2%
	64	5.5%	76	7.0%	88	9.7%
	65	5.6%	77	7.2%	89	10.0%
	66	5.7%	78	7.4%	90+	10.2%

* Rates are subject to change. Call Pam at 1-866-268-0157 for details on single and joint rates

If you would like more information regarding making a gift to the Priests of the Sacred Heart, please contact our Major Gifts Department at 1-866-268-0157 or complete the enclosed reply form.

A Gift that lives with YOU!

Among Americans, there is one common concern — having adequate income now and at retirement.

These worries are prompting more Americans to take full advantage of retirement plans. IRAs and 401Ks are the most common plans that provide income for your retirement.

Another option, offered by the Priests of the Sacred Heart, is the charitable gift annuity. An active annuity can supplement your income by offering a fixed payment for life. A deferred charitable gift annuity provides for income later in life.

Charitable gift annuity benefits you won't find in other retirement plans:

- Attractive interest rates
- A charitable income tax deduction the year your gift is made
- Partial bypass of capital gains tax when funded with appreciated stock
- Part of your yearly payments are tax-free
- A gift to your favorite charity

Both annuities, active and deferred, offer secure income. Based on a person's age and gift amount, especially for the deferred gift annuity, the payments can be significant.

The annuity agreement offers a fixed rate and income is guaranteed for life. At the end of the agreement, the remaining value is a gift to the charity.

For more information or to request a free, no obligation, confidential illustration. you may reach Pam at 1-866-268-0157 or <u>pmilczarski@poshusa.org</u>. "I would recommend this program to others most definitely, The Priests of the Sacred Heart have lived up to its promise. It's important if you are dependent on the payment for income." — Margaret, New Jersey

"I am a single lady, have no heirs, and a gift annuity guarantees income for me and hopefully helps someone in need." — Grace, Connecticut

"The monthly annuity check is really a blessing. What a wonderful way to pay back the good Lord, Jesus Christ for the successes he gave us during our life." — Martin and Annie, California

*This information is not professional tax or legal advice; please consult your tax advisor about your specific situation.

Benefits of a Sacred Heart Charitable Gift Annuity

A charitable gift annuity is easy to understand and to set-up. It's an excellent way for someone who wishes to support our mission while receiving income for life.

Benefits YOU, as the annuitant, will receive:

- Attractive rates
- Regular, dependable and partially tax-free payments
- Fixed income
- Lifetime benefits
- The option to provide income for others
- Daily prayers and Masses offered by the Priests of the Sacred Heart

Setting up a charitable gift annuity is simple and not only does it provide you with regular payments, it allows the Priests of the Sacred Heart to help the poor and needy in the US and 40 other counties around the world.

Your free, no obligation illustration is waiting for you!

Simply complete the enclosed reply form, visit our website at poshgift.org or call Pam at 1-866-268-0157 if you have questions.



How can we help you?

Would you like to learn how much you would receive in annual income from a Sacred Heart Charitable Gift Annuity? Simply check the box on the enclosed reply form and we will send you the income amount, tax-free portion and the charitable deduction that is allowed. If you have questions please give us a call at 1-866-268-0157 or email Pam at pmilczarski@poshusa.org.

Did you ever consider that priests feel they are the benefactors of your prayers?

Written by Pam Milczarski, Major Gift Services Manger

I can't tell you how many times I hear Fr. Dominic tell our friends "it goes both ways" when referring to their request for prayers. Fr. Dominic is quick to let them know it is by their gift of prayer that he and his fellow priests and religious are helped in their ministry.

I think we all know the life of a priest can be a challenging one. Fr. Dominic often shares stories that are funny, sometimes reflective, inspiring and often provide me a greater appreciation of those in religious life.

"In the early days," reflects Fr. Dominic, "we had poverty checks." Unsure what he was referring to, he explained that weekly the superior of the house would check their rooms to make sure they had only the bare essentials.

One pair of pants, one comb, one jacket, etc. Anything more was taken and shared with someone in need. poverty is still evident and prevalent.

Interesting that while talking with Fr. Dominic, the following quote was in his daily reading.

Whatever a man has in superabundance is owed, of natural right, to the poor for their sustenance. So Ambrosius says, and it is also to be found in the Decretum Gratiani: The bread which you withhold belongs to the hungry: the clothing you shut away, to the naked: and the money you bury in the earth is the redemption and freedom of the penniless.

- Thomas Aquinas

Will you hold up these men that provide for our spiritual needs and remember their sacrifice in your prayers? As our religious SCJs age and more men enter the seminary, we find the expenses increase daily. May your prayers and generosity aid in providing for their daily needs.

For additional information about making a

gift to support our priests and brothers, both active and retired, contact Pam at 1-866-268-0157, by email at <u>pmilczarski@poshusa.org</u> or use the enclosed reply form to request information on gifts to help support our retired SCJs and those discerning or entering the seminary.

Today, the rules are not as strict, but the vow of



Homeless Jesus

While visiting our missions in India last fall, we had the opportunity to visit a few religious sites. One memorable site was in Chennai at the St. Thomas Mount. On this site is a large tree with a park bench and a homeless Jesus lying on it.

Canadian artist Timothy Schmalz's sculpture of a homeless man on a park bench depicts Jesus wrapped in a blanket. His face and hands are hidden but when you approach the sculpture you will notice his bare feet were exposed showing the wounds of the Good Friday nails.

We also learned the sculpture was recently installed at the Vatican on the steps going into the papal charities building.

At a time when our world is in desperate need of peace and love, you have the opportunity to let the lonely, sick, dying, those living in poverty and the uneducated know you are here to help support them.

Jesus asks us to "love thy neighbor." Will you share your blessings to help provide hope and a better future to those in need?

Your donation can be heard by those suffering and struggling. Please send your gift today to help provide for the future of so many.



"I like to say it's more than a sculpture. It's almost a movement, where the Gospel challenges people everywhere around the world,". — Schmalz

Your donation makes our work possible ...

Please join our monthly giving program.

Your monthly donation empowers our mission to spread the profound love that Jesus has for all people through prayer, service and action. As part of the Heart to Heart Society, you will be part of our work in the United States and around the world to:

- Feed the hungry, comfort the sick and share God's love
- Educate and house seminarians studying for the priesthood

- Ensure catholic education for thousands of children here and abroad
- Provide a secure home and healthcare for retired priests and brother

Our beloved Heart to Heart Society members provide a foundation of monthly support that allows our priests to serve Christ and the most vulnerable among God's children.

Please join today by calling our toll-free number, 1-866-268-0157.

