

## Why do you need a Will?

There are many reasons why every adult should have a valid and carefully planned Will, yet studies show that six out of ten Americans die without one. When you die without a Will, the law of the state in which you reside distributes your assets. Although written to be as fair as possible, state laws cannot create a "Will" to suit every individual's wishes.

Your Will is probably the most important document you will ever sign. A Will allows you to properly dispose of the property accumulated during your lifetime. A Will also allows you to dispose of this property to the people and institutions you think are important. Furthermore, a Will allows you to perpetuate your life for the good of your family and institutions you care about.

In the Christian context of life, creating a Will really means that you understand that all of your possessions are gifts from God. You should also recognize that a Will enables you to share what God has given you with others. Making a Will shows responsible stewardship of God's gifts to you.

Please contact Jerry Gaughan at 724-940-9020, ext. 103 if you have any questions or need additional information. We can provide the name of an attorney in your area who can assist you with your planning should you so desire..

## Charitable Gifts

If you desire to live on in the prayers of the students, faculty and staff of St. Anthony School Programs, here are a few ideas to consider:

If you choose to include St. Anthony School Programs in your Will, you may do so very simply by stating: "I leave to St. Anthony School Programs the sum of \$(amount) dollars or (percentage)% of the assets of my estate."

You may also choose to designate a specific use for your bequest. Examples of the areas your bequest may support are:

- The Education of St. Anthony's students
- The St. Anthony School Programs Inclusive Games
- Scholarships for Students with financial need

Or you may designate your gift for Unrestricted Support of St. Anthony School Programs.



Sample wording to support a specific project is as follows: "I leave to St. Anthony School Programs (dollar amount or percentage) of my estate for the formation and education of the students of St. Anthony School Programs."

Our Proper name for a bequest in your Will is: St. Anthony School Programs. Our address is: 2000 Corporate Drive, Suite 580 Wexford, PA 15090.

If you or your attorney have any additional questions, please contact: Jerry Gaughan, CEO, St. Anthony Charitable Foundation, 724-940-9020, ext. 103, or at [jgaughan@stanthonykids.org](mailto:jgaughan@stanthonykids.org).

## One final note

If you choose to include St. Anthony School Programs in your Will or estate planning, you may wish to notify us of your intentions. Those who make provisions in their Will for St. Anthony's become members of our Heritage Circle. We include members of the Heritage Circle in our prayers, visit members at their homes and invite them to special events. You do not have to reveal the details of your bequest and no list is published. We like to know of your intentions so that we can show our appreciation of your generosity.





### Prayer to St. Anthony

Teacher of the Gospel, light of holy Church,  
lover of souls, good St. Anthony of Padua  
help us to have a true and solid devotion to you,  
and to imitate your life and work for God and souls.

Grant us a greater love for Holy Scripture,  
the source of your wisdom.

Be to us a teacher of the ways of God  
and of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Light our hearts with the flame of love,  
the fire of divine charity,  
that we may love our merciful Father in heaven;  
that the King of kings, as you said,  
may reign in our hearts and purify them of all evil;  
that we may love our neighbor as you commanded.

May the example of your chastity,  
your spirit of prayer,  
make us faithful to the vows of our baptism,  
to the vows of marriage or of religious life.

Guide us so that we may live with you  
the Gospel of Christ and grow with you in Him.

Pray that the spirit of the Gospel  
may reach all men of all nations,  
beginning with ourselves.

Pray that the spirit of Christian love  
and unity may fill the people of God,  
and bring all His children together again  
as one flock with one Shepherd.

Amen.



# Some Thoughts on Making a Will

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