

Your Life Will Touch the World!

Please consider a gift of any amount in your Will or Trust for the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith*. From the most modest legacy to the more sophisticated Charitable Trust, your legacy will live for generations. Your life will touch the world! Your charity will direct and substantially help the Catholic Church to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth and to serve the very needy.



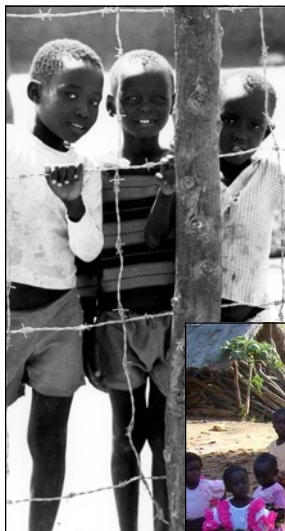
A qualified attorney can assist you in preparing your Will or Trust. A specific amount may be designated, or you can allocate a percentage of your estate. There may be tax benefits as well.



"I attest that legacies, gifts, estates and bequests left to the Society for the Propagation of the Faith will be used entirely for the missionary work of the Catholic Church in areas of great need. Donors and their intentions remain in the prayers of missionaries the world over. I sincerely thank you on behalf of the Church's missionaries and the people they serve."

Leandro M. Tapay

**"It is by what they have done for the poor that Jesus Christ will recognize his chosen ones."
- Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2443**



To help the Church spread the Gospel in the missions, gifts should be designated for:

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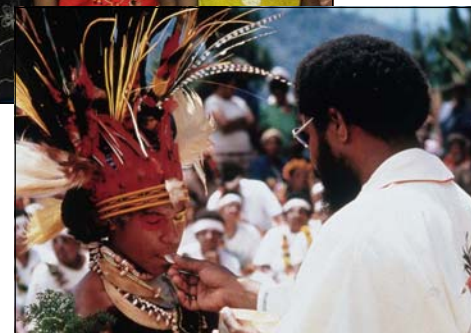
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Make Your Legacy One of Faith, Hope and Love

The Society for the Propagation of the Faith



A Mission of Blessing

The *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* exists to support the Catholic Church in mission lands, by enabling more than 1100 dioceses in mission territories to function by offering prayers and providing funds to meet expenses. Our mission is to bless the poor through the celebration of the Sacraments, the preaching of the Gospel and the teaching of the Faith. We seek prayer and financial sacrifice for the Church's missionary work. Please consider a remembrance in your Will to advance the greatest mission of the Catholic Church.

You are a Missionary...

The disciple of Christ lives an “other-centered” life. From the day of your baptism, you are a missionary. Through prayer for the poor, solidarity with the needy, concern for those who do not know Christ, your life is lived close to Jesus. “Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40). When you remember the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* in your estate plan you are greatly helping a world in need. You can assist in the Lord’s work well beyond your lifetime!

The true influence of your life and love, your faith and goodness, is not measured in possessions. Real wealth is better reflected in what one gives from the heart, not what one earns or acquires.



Where does your money go?

The *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* gives Church leaders the resources needed to promote and live the Catholic Faith. It supports the Church in the developing nations, which accounts for approximately two-thirds of the world. Your money will provide lasting help for the pastoral programs in the “mission world”. It will benefit your fellow Catholics in Africa, Asia, the islands of the Pacific and remote regions of Latin America. This includes aid for educating seminarians, religious novices and

lay catechists. The funds help religious communities in their education apostolate, healthcare, social services and more. It provides churches, schools, and clinics in areas of poverty or persecution, political and social strife. The General Fund of the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* is the basic means of support for the Church’s worldwide missions, in which

hundreds of millions of Catholics live!

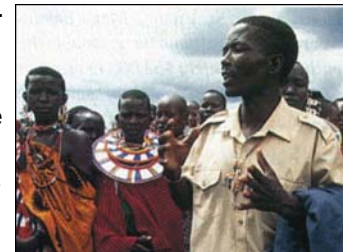
The *Society for the Propagation of the Faith*, a Pontifical Mission Society, is directed by the Cardinal Prefect of the Vatican’s *Congregation for the Evangelization of Peoples* and a superior council based in Rome. Regular subsidies are given annually to more than 1100 mission dioceses, and monies are provided for special, necessary projects of missionary bishops, priests or lay organizations. Aid is sent to areas of greatest need. The Church in many nations is able to function due to this crucial material and spiritual help.



A lasting hymn of praise to God

The Cross of Christ is a daily reality for Christians in the poverty of Congo, Haiti, Bangladesh, Brazil, the Philippines, India, to name a few. Catholics suffer for their faith in Vietnam, Rwanda, Sudan, and many other countries. To the Church in these nations, and many others, a bequest in a Will or Trust to the *Society for the Propagation of the Faith* means life itself.

It becomes a living tribute to the donor, a lasting hymn of praise to God. It is a lifeline and a sign of hope for the Lord’s flock.



People establish bequests for many reasons:

- † In thanksgiving for the blessings of life and love
- † To honor a deceased parent, spouse, child or friend
- † In praise of God for the gift of faith
- † In gratitude for the opportunities of America, of one’s career
- † As an act of spiritual and social justice
- † In reparation for the sins of the past
- † As an example of Catholic charity for the next generation

If concern for the poor and the spread of the Catholic Faith are important during one’s lifetime, a bequest to us will carry on those principles in a long-term tribute to the power of faith.

Please notify the Diocesan Missions Office of your bequest so that we may include you in our Bequest Society and keep you updated with our monthly newsletters. Please see back page for contact information. Thank you!