

## USE YOUR WILL TO SUPPORT THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

### I WOULD LIKE THE FOLLOWING:

- SOMEONE TO CONTACT ME
- SAMPLE LANGUAGE TO INCLUDE IN MY WILL
- TO SHARE MY STORY
- TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I HAVE INCLUDED A GIFT TO GOOD SHEPHERD IN MY ESTATE PLAN

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Name - Please Print

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Telephone Number

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Address

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City, State

Zip

**RETURN THIS FORM TO:**  
Church of the Good Shepherd  
700 S. Upper Broadway Street  
Corpus Christi, Texas 78401  
or fax it to 361.882.1428  
or email it to [cotgs@cotgs.org](mailto:cotgs@cotgs.org)

If you have questions, please contact one of  
our priests at the number below.

361-882-1735

## WHAT IS THE ENDOWMENT FUND?

The Church of the Good Shepherd Endowment Funds were created to offer an opportunity for the Church's members, their relatives, and their friends to make gifts to the church which will perpetuate its future missions.

The Endowment Fund takes parish ministries beyond what is possible through the annual operating fund, allows for community outreach, and safeguards against future emergencies.

These are permanent funds where the money stays invested and the growth, earnings, and interest provide long-term commitment to the life of the church and to the lives of future generations. **It ensures your continued support for causes you care about in perpetuity.**

## WHO ADMINISTERS THE FUNDS?

The funds are administered by our Endowment Board which includes three members of our church, the three previous Senior Wardens and the rector, along with the Treasurer as an ex-officio member. The board is responsible for accepting gifts, investing them, and recommending distributions guided by established policies and by the wishes of the donors. All distributions require approval of the Vestry.

## CURRENT FUNDS

### General Fund

Since 1971: Supporting Mission Outreach  
& Other Donor Designated Projects

### Sam Frech Fund

Since 2000: Supporting Music,  
Arts & Outreach beyond the Church

### King (Majors) Building Fund

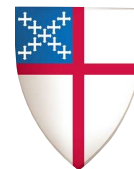
Since 2006: Supporting Facility Needs

## CONSULT PROFESSIONALS

Church of the Good Shepherd cannot render any type of tax or legal advice. Please consult an attorney or financial advisor before making a decision. All inquiries to Good Shepherd will be kept in the strictest confidence.



THE  
*Endowment*  
FUND



Church of the  
Good Shepherd  
Corpus Christi, Texas

# A LEGACY THAT LIVES THROUGHOUT THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

## REMEMBER

## Church of the Good Shepherd IN YOUR WILL OR LIVING TRUST

Have you ever considered how your church has been able to thrive since 1860 and provide the resources needed to maintain its manifold community missions? The answer is twofold: (A) God's providence; and (B) our church's vital endowment.

When you remember the Church of the Good Shepherd through a gift in your estate plan, you join a special group of people who have made some of our most important achievements possible. You are never too old or too young to make a gift to Good Shepherd.

## ADVANTAGES:

- **A LEGACY OF A LIFETIME**  
Giving a gift to the Endowment Fund is a gift that keeps giving into perpetuity.
- **SIMPLICITY**  
As little as one sentence in your Will or Living Trust is all that is needed to complete your gift.
- **FLEXIBILITY**  
Until your Will or Living Trust goes into effect, you are free to alter your plans.
- **VERSATILITY**  
You can give a specific amount of money, a gift contingent upon certain events, or a percentage of your Estate.
- **TAX ADVANTAGES**  
Consult your accountant to discuss the many tax advantages of planned giving.



## HOW TO GIVE THE PERFECT GIFT

Gift-giving can be tough. We have all received a gift or two that doesn't quite match our needs or style and ends up in the back of the closet. A gift to Good Shepherd is always welcome and will be **carefully directed to the programs you hold dear.**

## WHAT TO GIVE THE PERSON WHO HAS EVERYTHING

As you celebrate birthdays, Christmas, Easter and anniversaries with loved ones this year, reflect on what is truly important to them. If that person values the mission of the Church of the Good Shepherd and the educational benefits of St. James School as much as you do, consider making a gift in his or her name.

## KEEP MEMORIES ALIVE

If you've recently lost someone close to you, celebrating a special occasion might be bittersweet. If Church of the Good Shepherd was important to your loved one, a gift made in his or her memory can be a meaningful way to make that person part of your celebration.

## GIVE FROM THE HEART

To learn more about gifts that will truly benefit you, your loved ones and our remarkable church, contact any of our Priests or the Endowment Board, or fill out the attached card. We will contact you.

## How Do I Give?

The most familiar way is to give money or other property as a legacy upon your death. You may also make gifts during your lifetime.

## WHAT CAN I GIVE?

The most common gifts are listed below. An attorney or financial advisor can help you select one that meets your particular situation.

## WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE

Planned giving refers to gifts made from assets accumulated during one's life rather than writing a check from current income.

## PLANNED GIFTS ARE:

- **CASH:** Outright cash gifts are accepted.
- **A WILL:** Providing for your family, the Church and others through a Last Will and Testament
- **APPRECIATED PROPERTY:** Assets such as securities, objects of value, and real estate transfer to the fund
- **A LIFE INSURANCE POLICY:** The church can be named as a beneficiary of a policy.
- **A CHARITABLE REMAINDER TRUST:** Allows a donor to receive income for life while making a gift to the fund.
- **A CHARITABLE LEAD TRUST:** Allows a donor to give present income from property to the fund for a period of years while retaining the right to give the assets to a family member or other beneficiary.
- **RETIREMENT PLAN OR IRA:** The Church can be named as the beneficiary of any remaining assets in your IRA or retirement plan.
- **A LIFE ESTATE:** Allows a donor to give property while retaining the use of it for life.
- **LIFE INCOME GIFTS:** While making a gift to a named beneficiary, you may receive income for life.