



Will Writing and Estate Planning

The Archdiocese of Southwark has partnered with several firms of solicitors to host Estate Planning Seminars and provide Free Will Writing services. These seminars are a great way to help you plan for the future, protect your loved ones, and support causes close to your heart. To find out more, please return this form to the Legacy Team.

Would you like to speak to someone?

Please call a member of our Legacy Team on: **020 7960 2504** or email: legacy@rcaos.org.uk



Frequently asked questions

What is a Will?

A Will is a legal document that enables you to specify your wishes on how you want your estate to be passed on to your loved ones or to causes which are close to your heart.

What is Inheritance Tax (IHT)?

This is a tax on the estate of someone who has passed away. There's normally no IHT to pay if the value of your estate is under £325,000*. If you leave a charitable gift to your local parish (or another charity) your legacy gift will be deducted from your estate before IHT is applied. IHT rules can change so it is always advisable to check with a solicitor.

What is a Lasting Power of Attorney (LPA)?

It is a legal document that specifies whom you have appointed to act on your behalf, should you be unable to make certain decisions. A Power of Attorney can only be set up while you still have the ability to make decisions for yourself. It is therefore recommended to have it in place sooner rather than later.

What is a mirror Will?

Two separate Wills that contain the same wishes as the other, usually made for spouses or partners.

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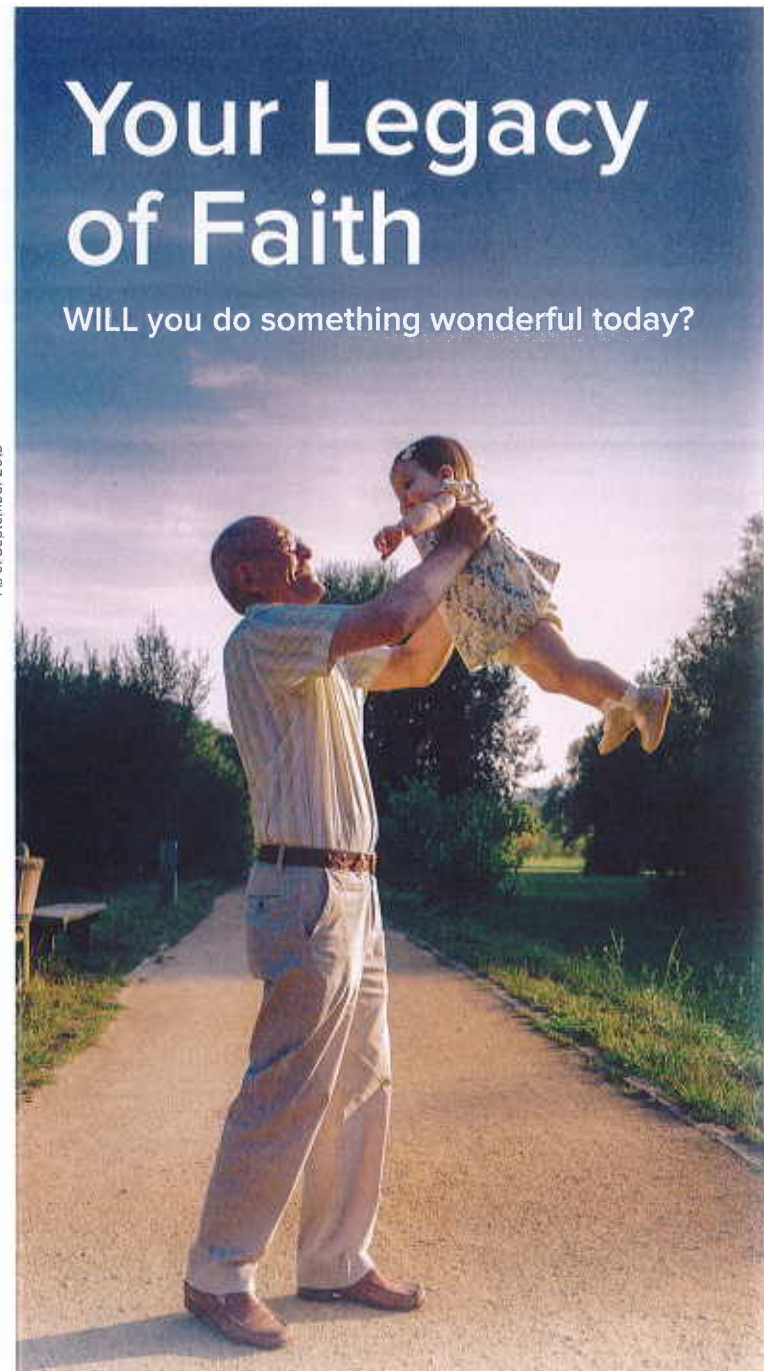


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Your Legacy of Faith

WILL you do something wonderful today?

*As of September 2019



Remember the Church with a gift in your Will

As Catholics, we believe in the sanctity of life; a precious gift from God. We strive to live life joyfully and faithfully, in the hope we will return to our Creator after a natural death, to enjoy eternal life with Him. When you move onto the next life, you can make your lifetime of faith live on through a gift in your Will.



“An authentic faith always involves a deep desire to leave this earth a better place than we found it”

Pope Francis

Writing your Will and putting your affairs in order is something every adult should do, to ensure your loved ones are protected and provided for after your death.

- **Peace of mind** – knowing you have documented your future wishes.
- **A legacy of faith** – You can provide charitable gifts in your Will to people and causes close to your heart, allowing you to pass on the principles and values that mattered to you during your lifetime.
- **Decision making** – you can determine whom you would like to act on your behalf, should you be unable to do so, by establishing a Lasting Power of Attorney.
- **A Catholic Funeral** - Organise your funeral arrangements and discuss your end of life preferences with your doctor and loved ones.
- **Inheritance tax** – you can know in advance if your estate will be subject to inheritance tax, and if so, whether effective planning can reduce such a burden for your heirs.

If you are thinking of putting your affairs in order, the Archdiocese of Southwark can help.

Many ministry initiatives today were made possible because people remembered the Church in their Will



We all desire to leave a legacy... to make a mark, to make a difference in the lives of our families and friends, and within our communities. A gift in your Will to the Church, no matter how big or small, is a wonderful way to support your Catholic community.

You could choose to remember:

- **Your Local Roman Catholic Church** – to ensure future generations have a place of hope to turn to, somewhere they can experience God's love when they need it most.
- **Sick & Retired Clergy of Southwark** – supporting our priests in their retirement, after they have dedicated their lives to serving Christ and His people.
- **Priest Training Fund** – supporting the formation of new priests and deacons, to serve in our Southwark parishes for the future.
- **The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark** – supporting the overarching mission and ministry of the Catholic Church in South London and Kent.

Types of Gifts in Wills

- **Pecuniary gift** – is a fixed sum of money.
- **Residuary gift** – a share of an estate – it is a percentage of everything you own after any cash gifts, specific gifts, debts and legal fees have been paid out.
- **Specific gift** – is a particular item such as a house, car or jewellery.