

How can I make the world a better place from heaven?

Learn more
about leaving
a legacy of
kindness.



St. Anthony's Guild, *Celebrating a Century of Service*

Franciscan Friars, Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe





What is a Legacy Gift?

It's normal to think about how you'll be remembered after you pass on to heaven. The ironic thing is you will be remembered for *how you lived on Earth*. Your legacy will spring from the values, relationships, and activities you hold dear today. And no, leaving a legacy behind isn't solely reserved for history-makers, celebrities, or larger-than-life characters. We all leave behind a legacy, and there is a way to make our legacies live on after we die.

A **legacy gift**, also known as a **planned gift**, is a donation you can make to a nonprofit organization in your will or estate plan. It can be monetary, property, stocks, or material goods.

The most common type of legacy gift is a **bequest**, which designates a dollar amount or the portion of your estate to be donated. **To learn more about legacy planning, contact Bro. Paul O'Keeffe at (646) 766-1561 or pokeeffe@friars.us.**

If you decide to give a legacy gift, be sure it's to an organization that meets your standards, shares your values, and inspires hope for the future you wish for the world.



What is St. Anthony's Guild?



St. Anthony's Guild continues the compassionate work of St. Francis of Assisi and St. Anthony of Padua, the "Wonder Worker." Since 1924, benefactors of St. Anthony's Guild have supported the charitable works of the Franciscan Friars. Such generosity has enabled the Franciscan Friars to continue their works of charity by sharing with those in need.

We provide essential support to over **2 MILLION** people each year, providing food, clothing, shelter, medical assistance, and spiritual guidance to those we serve.

"St. Anthony is not only the Saint of Padua, but in truth the Saint of the Whole World." -Pope Leo XIII

By supporting St. Anthony's Guild, you and the Friars will work wonders for the poor, homeless, and suffering in the United States and countries worldwide.

We understand many charities are worthy of support. Including St. Anthony's Guild in your legacy plans is a way to live on as an earthly *"Wonder Worker."*



How will my legacy gift make an impact?

Your kindness and presence will be felt everywhere the friars serve, at breadlines, soup kitchens, food pantries, health clinics, and through their many outreach programs. It will also help to educate our young friars ensuring that the Franciscan tradition endures, and help care for our elderly and sick friars, honoring their lifetime of ministry.

Your legacy gift will create an impact that will resonate for generations.

How will the friars respond to my legacy gift?

Your legacy gift will be an instrument of peace, an example of God's love to all people, and a lifeline to those in need. The friars will continue to pray for you and your loved ones through their daily masses and prayers.

Join Us in Our Mission and Ensure Your Kindness Lives On.

Planning for after you've passed can be a daunting task. Please know that if you deem us worthy, we've made the process as easy as possible. Please read on.

How can I create my legacy with St. Anthony's Guild?

A Gift in your Will or Trust costs nothing during your lifetime, can adapt to your needs, and keeps you in control of your assets for as long as needed.

A Gift by Designation: Name St. Anthony's Guild as a beneficiary of your Individual Retirement Account (IRA), 401(k), or other qualified retirement plan. Gifts by beneficiary designation cost nothing to make now and are easy to arrange.

Donor-Advised Fund (DAF): Designate a portion of your DAF as a legacy gift to St. Anthony's Guild and leave the balance for your children and grandchildren to continue your philanthropy.

Life Insurance: Designate St. Anthony's Guild as the owner and beneficiary of a fully-paid policy you no longer need and receive a tax deduction.

Stocks or Savings Account: Make an outright gift today or a legacy gift by naming St. Anthony's Guild as a beneficiary of these accounts. Outright gifts of appreciated assets can yield significant tax advantages.

Real Estate: Donating property, outright or as a legacy gift, can be a tax-wise way to support St. Anthony's Guild. Please contact us to discuss a gift of real estate.

Life Income Gifts: Establish a charitable gift annuity or charitable remainder trust that provides lifetime income, savings on capital gains, and a tax deduction.

Our legal title is St. Anthony's Guild • Our tax ID is number is 22-1500593. To learn more, contact Bro. Paul O'Keeffe, Legacy Planning, at (646) 766-1561 or pokeeffe@friars.us.

How do I begin?

St. Anthony's Guild has partnered with FREEWILL, a free online service that provides our members with a secure and simple process for writing or updating their will. FREEWILL is a tool that allows you to create a legally valid will in all 50 states in about 20 minutes at no cost. While many people can benefit from FREEWILL, consulting with qualified, legal counsel is recommended for those with complex estates.

We're here to help!

To learn about FREEWILL or explore legacy giving options:

Visit: www.freewill.com

Contact Bro. Paul O'Keeffe by Phone at (646) 766-1561.

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What is the St. Anthony's Guild Padua Society?



The St. Anthony's Guild Padua Society honors those who have included St. Anthony's Guild in their will, trust, or estate planning. It's our way of celebrating the commitment of our benefactors. Membership is optional, there's no financial obligation, and can be anonymous if preferred. Padua Society members receive special Guild communications, Masses, and prayers offered on their behalf. If contacted and requested, the friars will join in supporting your family and friends at your passing.

If you've already included St. Anthony's Guild in your estate plan, please inform us so we can welcome you into the Padua Society. Sharing your plans also ensures we understand how you wish your gift to be used. Please get in touch with us at (646) 766-1561 or email us at info@stanthonysguild.org to let us know.

Your legacy gift to St. Anthony's Guild helps the Franciscan Friars to educate our young friars for ministry, to serve the poor who come to us in need, and to care for our elder friars who have served so many for so long.



Fr. David Convertino, OFM, *Executive Director*

To learn more about Legacy Planning:

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READ: the *Franciscan Way Newsletter*
at thefranciscanway.org or

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Today, your Franciscan heart makes the world a better place.
Now, you can leave an enduring kindness for countless tomorrows.



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