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Clergy Support Fund Campaign



A legacy of faith

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*The Catholic Church
is my home and family...
I have benefitted from
knowing supportive priests
all my life, particularly those that
encouraged me into teaching.
A legacy to the Clergy Support
Fund Campaign is my way of
saying 'Thank you'
for the gift of faith.*

— E. Willis —
Southwark Parishioner

THANK YOU

for your support



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Most Catholic priests retire at the age of 75 years, when they are required to offer their resignation to the Bishop, and will have spent their lives ministering the sacraments, visiting the sick, teaching the faithful and offering spiritual and practical support.

When it comes to retirement, many priests choose to continue their ministry by assisting in a parish, helping the Diocese with a pastoral project or supplying for other priests, so often this is a change rather than an end to their vocation. Some may decide to return to their family homes and others may require nursing care. Whatever their path at the point of retirement, they are still part of our Catholic family and deserve our care.

Since Roman Catholic clergy will rarely have earned enough to save for a pension or buy a house, the Diocese believes it has a duty of care, as outlined by the Second Vatican Council, and has always sustained its priests. Between 2014 and 2018 the Diocese will need to provide for a peak in retiring clergy, with the number expected to rise from 70 to 93 in line with the historical pattern of ordinations.

We are all part of the Royal Priesthood and by leaving a gift to the Clergy Support Fund Campaign in your Will you will be helping to sustain the welfare of our sick and retired clergy in Southwark. This is especially valuable at a time when some parishes have one priest. Caring for each other through life's challenges is what family is all about, so it is a natural decision to support our elders, in line with our Catholic faith.

For further details telephone 020 7960 2500



Bishop Howard Tripp, aged 89

“After breaking my leg I had a course of physiotherapy and a period of convalescence under the care of the Diocese. I am now able to offer Mass each week in four different convents, in a home for the elderly and to act as a chaplain in a hospice.”

Practical Advice

Drawing up a Will is not the easiest subject to give thought to, but it is the best way to ensure that the people dearest to you and the causes with which you resonate most deeply are acknowledged.

A legacy is an effective way to make a lasting difference to your preferred charity and will help to ensure that the interests you have held during your lifetime continue to flourish. Drawing up a Will is also the best way to ensure that your wishes are carried out by reducing the possibility of disputes, which in turn can offer peace of mind.

We strongly recommend that you consult a solicitor when drawing up your Will. If you do not have one the Law Society website has a directory that you can access which will include specialists in Will writing and probate. Visit: www.lawsociety.org.uk

We all need a little help as we get older: a gift to our sick and retired clergy will make a difference to their everyday welfare and, as Bishop Tripp explains above, where possible, it will also help them to actively continue contributing to the needs of the faithful and the life of the Church.

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Legacies

There are many different types of legacies. Please find some examples below:

Residuary Legacy
Once outstanding debts have been paid, funeral costs covered, and gifts made to family and friends, a percentage of the residue may be left to an individual or charity.

Pecuniary Legacy
A fixed sum of money which may be index linked to preserve value.

Specific Legacy
An item i.e. a piece of jewellery, which may be used or sold by the beneficiary.

Life Interest / Trust Beneficiary
You may wish to set up a Trust to benefit a particular individual. A charity may be selected as a final beneficiary.

For information on Inheritance Tax please visit: www.gov.uk/inheritance-tax

The next step?

If you decide that you would like to remember our sick and retired clergy in your Will, please let us know by completing the form below and we will send you a more detailed guide to writing your Will, including information about the following:

- Inheritance Tax
- Charitable Gifts
- A checklist to take to your solicitor
- A Formula of Bequest
- A Codicil Form, should you wish to amend your Will

☐ Alternatively, please tick this box if you would like to discuss your plans in confidence with a representative of Southwark Diocese.

Please do not feel obliged to share any more information than you wish

Title _____ Christian Name(s) _____

Surname _____ Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Email _____ Tel. _____

We will store your contact details in order that we can communicate with you about the Campaign. Please tick here if you do not wish us to contact you ☐
We will not share your details with third parties at any time.

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