



## *St. Paul's Cross*

*Thieves broke in. They stole St. Paul's altar cross. They stole communion vessels, and they stole the processional cross.*

*What the thieves could not take was St. Paul's deep and abiding faith in Christ. Parishioners gave their silver. They gave their money, and a new cross—a cross for St. Paul's—was commissioned.*

*The cross symbolizes Christ's sacrificial death and His resurrection. It symbolizes God's gift to us and His call for us to provide a legacy of grace and love for our church, for our neighbors, and for the world.*



## *Ways to make a legacy gift*

### BEQUEST

A bequest in your will is the most common type of legacy gift. It can be a specific amount or a percentage of your estate. It can be property or cash.

### CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

A larger gift may be invested, giving the donor a guaranteed payment for life.

### INSURANCE

An existing or new life insurance policy may name St. Paul's as the beneficiary. This usually allows the donor to give a much larger gift than would be otherwise possible.

### 401K RETIREMENT BENEFIT PLANS AND IRAS

Benefit plans and IRAs donated to St. Paul's can provide important tax savings to the donor.

### STOCKS, BONDS, REAL ESTATE, AND PROPERTY

Property that has appreciated allows a tax deduction for the current market value without incurring tax on capital gains.

### OTHER

There are many ways to make a legacy gift. Please contact your attorney or financial advisor or call the church office for the name of a member of the Legacy Committee. Someone will be glad to talk with you in confidence.



*St. Paul's*  
LEGACY SOCIETY

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA



## Gifts of Legacy

*Each of us has a legacy. Each of us creates a legacy.* Our legacies are the gifts we have inherited from generations past—the values we teach children, the care we show for those less fortunate, the nurture we have for our environment, the peace and love we share with neighbors next door and around the world. They are the offerings we leave for the future of this church, this city, and this world.

### *St. Paul's Legacy*

St. Paul's history is rich in legacy. Founded in 1822, it is the oldest Episcopal church in Lynchburg. In the 1800s church members looked to the needs of the community and initiated educational programs for the underprivileged. Later, they garnered resources and provided medical aid for the needy at the local hospital. The church itself reached out to help establish new congregations and schools in the city.

Today that legacy continues as members of our church, through their gifts of money and time, ensure the continuation of St. Paul's support of local organizations such as The Jubilee Family Development Center, the Boys and Girls Club, Meals-on-Wheels, Habitat for Humanity, Daily Bread Soup Kitchen, and L'Arche Blue



Ridge Mountains. The children of the parish are engaged in exciting educational programs thanks to donations from earlier benefactors. The church music program enhances our life together because someone believed in its continuance. St. Paul's church and buildings are maintained by our annual giving and our endowment.

### *What will your legacy be?*

Consider one of your legacies to be a gift to St. Paul's. A legacy gift symbolizes a deeply held response to God's grace. It is often the ultimate gift made over a lifetime of generosity.

### *Responding to God's Grace*

A legacy gift to St. Paul's is created when you make a gift to the church in your estate plan. A gift of any size is significant. St. Paul's legacy gifts are placed in the church endowment. Most gifts are for the unrestricted portion of the endowment giving consideration to the greatest need at any given time. Some funds, however, are given for specific ministries of the church, such as outreach, music, or building and grounds. Our endowment protects the church from adverse circumstances and helps to ensure the continuation of key programs and outreach.



## Create Your Legacy

*St. Paul's invites you to consider a legacy gift.*

If you feel called to make a legacy gift, talk with our clergy or start by filling out this form and returning it to the church office.

- I/we would like to know about St. Paul's Legacy Society.
- I/we would like to be contacted by a member of the Legacy Committee.
- I/we have already provided for St. Paul's in our financial or estate plan. You may / may not list our names as Society members.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ (Please print)

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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