

CATHOLIC KNIGHTS FOUNDATION, Inc.

“Catholic Knights Foundation, Inc., rooted in the Catholic and fraternal values of stewardship, service, and concern for others,

PROVIDES resources to advance the mission of Catholic parishes and organizations; SUPPORTS the charitable outreach of our branches; EDUCATES members about philanthropy and planned giving; and PROVIDES financial vehicles to help members accomplish their philanthropic objectives to strengthen Catholic Knights, our Church and society.” – Mission Statement of Catholic Knights Foundation, Inc.



Leave a Legacy

Aaron and Jeffrey, the father-son Christian singer-songwriters wrote a song entitled, “Leave a Legacy.” The chorus of that song is as follows:

*I want to leave a legacy
Of a servant who believed
That the world could still be changed
by just one life
I want to leave a legacy
That years from now they'll see
That I lived only for the cause of Christ*

The question of legacy is one that all of us contemplate. How will we be remembered? For what will we be remembered? By whom will we be remembered? And, as Catholics, how does our legacy reflect the “cause of Christ”?

For some of us, our legacy will be how we raised our children. For others, our legacy will be the contributions that we made to Catholic Knights through our careers. For still others, our legacy will be our lives of service to our communities. The commonality among these three examples is that leaving a legacy involves touching the lives of people.

Through Catholic Knights Foundation, Inc. we have an opportunity to leave a legacy that bears witness to our

love of our faith, our love of our church or parish school, our love of Catholic Knights, and continues to touch the lives of people long after we die. By naming the Catholic Knights Foundation, Inc. as a beneficiary of an existing life insurance certificate, or by purchasing an additional life insurance certificate, we can leave a profound legacy for one of the many causes of Christ!

Consider this example: A 60-year-old man (let’s call him Steve) sent his children to Catholic schools and has been a Eucharistic minister at his parish for as long as he can remember. Steve has also been a life-long member of Catholic Knights and very active in his branch. He is not wealthy. He saved all of his life and lives simply. Recognizing his mortality, Steve begins to think about what matters to him and how he would like to be remembered.

By purchasing a \$50,000 life insurance certificate costing him less than \$130 per month, he will leave a legacy honoring what was important to him. The Catholic Knights Foundation, Inc. can make annual gifts to his church and school in perpetuity. Steve’s legacy as a champion of Catholic

education and committed parish volunteer will continue long after he dies.

You don’t have to be a millionaire to leave a legacy. As in the example above, the Catholic Knights Foundation, Inc. might donate about \$2,500 in Steve’s memory in the first year alone. That money may help a family in need or pay for a child’s tuition. It may help purchase new song books or pay for a student’s daily hot lunch. It may provide temporary shelter to a family who lost their home or buy an instrument for the student who wants to play in the band but whose family cannot afford it. Even in death, Steve will be changing lives. He will continue to be a servant who lived for the cause of Christ!

Most of us could not write a \$50,000 gift to our church. Only through the miracle of life insurance can this be accomplished.

If you would like more information on how to leave a legacy through the Catholic Knights Foundation, Inc. contact Mike Stivorich at **414-278-6601** or **mike.stivorich@catholicknights.org**

