



Where There Is A Way

Many Catholics enjoy their families, work hard and try to save for the future. Most are concerned about their children's success and will go to great lengths to pay for quality education. However, when it comes to one aspect of caring for their future, Catholics are no better or worse than the national average, and that is in the area of estate planning.

The Problem

Catholic families track very closely with the national statistics, as follows:

- Only 42% have a valid will or trust
- Only 8% give to a charitable organization at their death
- The average person with a will or trust does not have one until age 44

The Consequences of Not Acting

Without a will or trust in Missouri, a person's property passes one-half or one-third to the surviving spouse and the balance outright to surviving children. No charitable giving can be done at death without the benefit of a will or trust Act now to see a professional who can help you prepares an estate plan.

Leave a Legacy for your Parish School or School of Religion

You have the opportunity, by favoring the **“your school name or parish school of religion” Endowment** in your will or trust, to provide a permanent legacy for the benefit of young people. The Endowment provides an annual distribution of income for educational purposes to your parish school or other education programming. An endowment gift provides a way to insure that young people will have the necessary resources, long after you are gone.