



## Mother Alfred Legacy Society

Named after the Foundress of the Sisters of Saint Francis of Rochester, Minnesota, the Mother Alfred Legacy Society honors those individuals and families who value the mission of the Sisters of Saint Francis and their continuance into the future. Mother Alfred Legacy Society Members are those who have remembered the Sisters of Saint Francis in their wills or estate plans.

Gifts to the Mother Alfred Legacy Society are acts of hope for the future of the Sisters of Saint Francis. Through God's grace and your generosity, the Sisters of Saint Francis will be equipped to serve their ministries into the future.

## Why a Legacy Gift?

Estate planning is important for each of us. The cornerstone of any estate plan is your will. It helps lay out your wishes for your family, life partners, charities or other beneficiaries that are most important to you.

Legacy gifts offer the following benefits:

**Simplicity.** Just a few sentences in your will or trust are all that is needed.

**Flexibility.** Because you are not actually making a gift until after your lifetime, you can change your mind at any time.

**Versatility.** You can structure the bequest to leave a specific item or amount of money, make the gift contingent on certain events, or leave a percentage of your estate to the Sisters.

**Tax Relief.** If your estate is subject to estate tax, your gift may be entitled to a charitable deduction for the gift's full value.

**We Understand.** Your circumstances may change and you can change your gift at any time. When planning a future gift, it is sometimes difficult to determine what size donation will make sense. Emergencies happen, and you need to make sure your family is financially taken care of first. Including a bequest of a percentage of your estate ensures that your gift will remain proportionate no matter how your estate's value fluctuates over the years.

Your legacy gift is a most important type of gift for the Sisters of Saint Francis. When received, your bequest will be entered into our books and records as a gift that sustains the Sisters' ministries, serving the objectives and purposes of the Sisters of Saint Francis.

You may become a member of the Mother Alfred Legacy Society simply by notifying us that you have named the Sisters of Saint Francis a beneficiary in your will or estate plan.

Contact the Sisters of Saint Francis Office of Development for gift planning information and resources.



# Mother Alfred Legacy Society Members Are:

*Remembered through a monthly  
Mass intention.*

*Invited to special events.*

*Recognized in the Interchange  
magazine and on our website.*

*Eligible for special tax benefits  
depending on your choice of  
planned gift.*

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*For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.*

~Matthew 6:21

## An Invitation to Join the Mother Alfred Legacy Society



*Sisters of Saint Francis  
Rochester, MN*

*Led by the Holy Spirit to embrace the Gospel life of continual conversion, through prayer, community and service, in the tradition of Francis, Clare and Mother Alfred, we, Rochester Franciscan Sisters and Cojourners, commit ourselves to be a compassionate presence for peace in our world, striving for justice and reverence for all creation.*