

## Naming the Sisterhood in your Will

In a world desperate for peace and reconciliation and in a society with little space and quiet to hear the still, small voice of God, the Sisters of St John the Divine are committed to helping people find that peace and to hear that quiet voice of God. Though we do not earn salaries, our life and witness requires funding. For most of our ministries, we receive little or no remuneration. Our Associates, Oblates and friends of the Community are essential partners in our ministry through their prayerful support and generous ongoing financial donations.

Our founding Associates in 1884 started an Endowment Fund to support the establishment of the new Sisterhood and the work God called us to do. Without the help of our Associates, Oblates and friends over the years, our ministry would no longer exist. Today we are working with our investment managers and advisors to maximize the return on our investments in our Founders Fund in order to build that fund and to cover our expenses.



Including the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine in your will is a wonderful way to link your life with our mission and ministry forever. It will help us build upon our foundation and ensure that our fund continues to grow to sustain us into the future.

Your will or testament guarantees that your property and assets will be regulated according to your desires. We all know it is something that we should do, but often put it aside until it's too late.

You may leave a specific amount of money, a percentage of the residue of your estate, or specific assets (i.e. securities, real estate). It requires only a sentence in your will - for instance, "I leave to the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine \$\_\_\_\_\_." Unrestricted donations are the most helpful to us, but if you wish, you may indicate a preferred use for your gift. (If you would like to do this, please contact the Fundraising Director for suggestions.)

Your estate will receive a receipt for the full value of your bequest, which will significantly affect the tax payable by your estate.

If you decide to name the Sisterhood in your will, we would be pleased to know about it. It is encouraging to us to know that our future Sisters will have the support of friends like you who want to give a lasting legacy to the Sisterhood of St. John the Divine. You can write, email or phone the Fundraising Director as noted below..

Below are some steps your should take:

- consult your own advisors - financial or legal
- provide the legal name, address, telephone and charitable registration number of SSJD
- specify in the will the gift to SSJD
  - "I give to SSJD the sum of (amount)" or
  - "I give to SSJD (description of property)" or
  - "I give to SSJD all (or stated percentage) of the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate ..."
- note it as unrestricted (to be used for general purposes of SSJD) or restricted (for a specific purpose)



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