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UPCOMING EVENTS

IN PERSON & ONLINE
CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING PRESENTATIONS

Do you have questions about Power of Attorney documents, Wills, Trusts, and Bequests?

If so, then please join one of our virtual Estate Planning Presentations. Our knowledgeable staff and guest Estate Planning Attorneys can help you understand the options available when planning your legacy.

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EWTN FAMILY MEMBERS SHARE THEIR STORIES

Why and How We Give to EWTN

by Ryan Flood

Robert and Madeline Lombaerde

For the past several years, Robert and Madeline Lombaerde have made gifts to EWTN through their IRA Qualified Charitable Distributions. These donations are a wonderful way for the Lombaerdes to reduce their taxable income and further the vital mission of EWTN.

Robert first stumbled across EWTN on the radio while driving home from work one evening. When he arrived home, he and his wife Madeline turned their television to EWTN and experienced their first encounter with Mother Angelica. Mother's message that day would have a profound and lasting impact on Madeline from the very first moments.

"I remember it distinctly, Mother looked right into the camera as if she were speaking directly to me and said, 'Jesus loves you, not like a grain of sand on the beach, but really loves you as a person!' I had been a Catholic my entire life, but for the first time, I really believed and understood the Lord's love for me. Since that day, EWTN programming has continued to impact our lives in so many ways; we have learned so much about our glorious Catholic faith and the power the Faith has in transforming the lives of so many people. We contribute our financial resources to EWTN because we understand the urgent need to get the fullness

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Robert and Madeline Lombaerde Testimonial

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of the message of the Catholic faith to the people in the world who are suffering from the lack of Truth! As Robert is now at the age when he must begin taking mandatory withdrawals from his IRA, we decided to call Ryan Flood, EWTN's Director of Legacy Giving, to discuss our giving plan with him. Ryan spoke with us about the qualifications for a gift from our IRA and provided us with the Qualified Charitable Distribution Letter of Instruction, which we sent to our IRA plan provider to initiate the transfer. This letter contained all the pertinent information we needed to make a gift directly from Robert's IRA to EWTN.

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I encourage you, too, to contact the EWTN Legacy Giving Office directly to discuss this very efficient giving option. Thank you, Mother Angelica and EWTN, for the impact you have made in our lives and in the lives you continue to reach by proclaiming the Truth of the Gospel!"

Before making any decisions, we encourage you to consult with your financial, tax, or estate planning advisors.

If you'd like to learn more about how to support EWTN through your IRA or other assets, please contact the EWTN Legacy Giving Office at 205-271-4522 or email us at legacygiving@ewtn.com. We would be glad to help you explore options tailored to your goals.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

IN-PERSON CATHOLIC ESTATE PLANNING LUNCHEON **FLORIDA – 2026**

The Legacy Giving Team will host the Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Luncheon Presentation in the following locations:

- **February 10th -** Seasons 52, Boca Raton
- **February 11th -** The Yellow Dog Cafe, Malabar
- **February 12th -** Seasons 52, Tampa

To RSVP: (205) 271-4522 or legacygiving@ewtn.com

Using Your IRA Is a Tax-Savvy Way to Support EWTN

by Dan Clark, J.D.

As people enter their retirement years, many look for ways to continue supporting the charities they care about while managing their retirement savings wisely. For those with traditional IRAs, there are special opportunities to make tax-efficient charitable gifts to organizations like EWTN.

Consider a Qualified Charitable Distribution

One tax-saving strategy is the Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). A QCD allows individuals who are age 70½ or older to give up to $108,000 per year (adjusted for inflation) directly from an IRA to a qualified charity like EWTN. The QCD gift counts toward the individual's Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) once they reach the applicable age (currently 73).

The QCD gift is excluded from the donor's taxable income while the charity receives the full amount tax-free. For those who do not itemize charitable deductions on their tax return or wish to reduce their adjusted gross income, this can be a very attractive option.

Naming EWTN as a Beneficiary of an IRA

Another tax-efficient giving strategy is to name a charity like EWTN as a full or partial beneficiary of your IRA. Upon your death, the charity receives the designated amount tax-free. Unlike individual heirs, who must pay income tax on inherited traditional IRA funds, charities are tax-exempt and receive the full value. This approach supports your charitable goals while allowing you to leave more tax-favored assets—such as investment accounts, life insurance, bank accounts, or real estate—to family and friends.

Both QCDs and naming a charity as a beneficiary of your IRA are smart ways to support organizations like EWTN while also reducing your tax burden. These strategies can play an important role in both your estate and philanthropic planning.

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EWTN Welcomes New Legacy Giving Officer, Jared Stroik, J.D.

The Legacy Giving Program welcomes Jared Stroik, J.D., as its newest team member. Jared has over 10 years of experience in assisting individuals and families with estate planning and planned giving. Based in Wisconsin, Jared covers the Midwest and Upper Midwest states, assisting EWTN Family members in achieving their charitable and estate planning goals.

Jared can be reached at jstroik@ewtn.com or by phone at (205) 895-1659.

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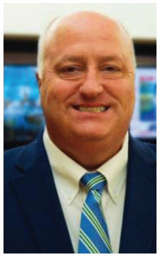

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