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LEGACY GIVING NEWSLETTER

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AS THE EWTN LEGACY GIVING PROGRAM CELEBRATES ITS 5TH YEAR, we have included in this edition a few of our most popular articles. Thank you to all who have contributed to the success of the Legacy Giving Newsletter.

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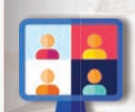

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Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at 1 PM CST

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EWTN FAMILY MEMBERS SHARE THEIR STORIES

"When I saw it, I grabbed it!"

Charitable Gift Annuity Testimony ***by Karen Silva CFRE, FCEP***

Shirley Macaron

Shirley spent her 31-year career in education, teaching high school students accounting, shorthand, typing, and other business-focused classes. Now retired, she is devoted to supporting Catholic organizations. "I was born Catholic, grew up Catholic and will die Catholic. I never had children, and don't have nieces or nephews to take care of, so I want to give to charity," said Shirley.

Shirley has been a loyal viewer of EWTN for more than a decade. "I'm not much of a TV person, but when I do watch, it is always EWTN. I never change the station," said Shirley. Since the pandemic, she has watched more EWTN than usual. She enjoys all the programs, but her favorite shows are Daily Mass, special Masses, and EWTN News.

Shirley was excited when she learned from the Legacy Giving Newsletter that EWTN, through the National Catholic Community Foundation, offered Charitable Gift Annuities. She was already familiar with this type of giving. Charitable Gift Annuities appealed to Shirley because they gave her a big tax deduction and a good interest rate. She enjoyed that she received fixed payments for life. She also knew that the remainder would accomplish her charitable giving intentions and benefit EWTN.

According to Shirley, "When I saw it, I grabbed it!" She called Karen Silva, who was able to provide her with an individual gift illustration. The custom proposal provided Shirley with detailed figures that included the amount of the fixed payments based on Shirley's age as well as estimated tax benefits. Shirley was able to establish her Charitable Gift Annuity within two weeks of her initial call.

Shirley intends to keep giving through Charitable Gift Annuities. New Charitable Gift Annuities may also provide additional tax benefits. Shirley's hope is that the residuum from her Charitable Gift Annuities will one day continue the evangelization efforts of EWTN to future generations.

Charitable Gift Annuities have been an effective giving strategy for Shirley. If you want to learn more and determine if a Charitable Gift Annuity could be right for you, please contact the Legacy Giving Program to schedule a no-cost, no-obligation phone call with one of our Gift Planners.

Inspire others by sharing your story with our EWTN Family at (205) 271-4522 or legacygiving@ewtn.com. For more stories, visit www.ewtnlegacy.org.

Provisions to Consider in A Health Care Power of Attorney

by Robert Michael Way, Esq.

You will be challenged during sickness and before death to trust in God's mercy. One way to avoid despair in difficult times is to plan now, turning to Christ and the Church's teachings,with legal documents that integrate your faith with your health care wishes.

Health Care Powers of Attorney & Living Wills

Powers of attorney are documents which authorize another person to make medical decisions for you when you are incapacitated. By contrast, a Living Will is a document that informs and directs a treating physician about your medical decisions regarding end-of-life care.

Caution Regarding the Use of Living Wills

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* §2278 teaches that medical "decisions should be made by the patient if he is competent and able or, if not, by those legally entitled to act for the patient, whose reasonable will and legitimate interests must always be respected." Implied in this teaching is that you should know the individual who is making an end-of-life decision for you. Thus, a Health Care Power of Attorney should be chosen over a Living Will because the maker of the Living Will has no idea who the treating physician will be to enforce your wishes. A Living Will does not contemplate advances in medical treatment, or that the document restricts a health care agent's authority to make medical decisions for you. So, when drafting a Health Care Power of Attorney, you may wish to include the following faith-based provisions in the document:

1 Administration of Nutrition and Hydration

Catholics should prayerfully consider including a provision in a Health Care Power that requests the administration of nutrition and hydration *except and unless* the administration **(1)** would worsen one's medical condition, **(2)** cause significant pain or discomfort, or **(3)** not assimilate into the body.

2 Request for Sacraments

Include a request for Anointing of the Sick, Confession, and Holy Communion. By making these requests, you are exercising your First Amendment right to "free exercise of religion" under the U.S. Constitution, which may offer the opportunity to obtain a court-ordered injunction if your request is denied.

One can also explicitly request in the Power of Attorney the **Apostolic Pardon** from the priest administering Sacramental Anointing, thereby receiving a plenary indulgence and pardon for all temporal punishment provided one is in the state of grace and the usual conditions are met.

3 Directive Forbidding Physician-Assisted Suicide

Include a directive forbidding physician-assisted suicide, and a declaration that overrides the signing of a MOLST/POLST (Medical or Physicians Order for Life Sustaining Treatment) so that the Health Care agent's authority is in no way limited by a subsequent medical order.

4 Provisions Concerning Pregnancy

Language may also be included that protects both the life of an unborn child in utero and the life of the mother when the mother has already been declared legally brain-dead.

5 Avoidance of Unethically Derived Medical Treatments

Finally, consider including a provision rejecting medical treatments derived from immoral and unethical medical practices, including abortions and embryonic stem cell research.

Will you trust in the Lord?

Remember the Lord's words: *"Fear is useless, what is needed it trust." (Luke 8:50)* Each of us must carry our cross with the Lord all the way to Calvary if we are to one day receive the crown of holiness and be clothed in light for all eternity. Start now and prepare the necessary documents for the time in your life when you will be sick, and near death, all the while trusting in the Lord's mercy and His teaching through the Church.

God is with us! He is and always will be!

Robert M. Way, Esq. is an Estate Planning Attorney from Tucson, Arizona.

3 **Reasons** You Should Attend a Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Seminar

Have you been thinking about attending EWTN's free Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Seminars, but still wonder if it's right for you? Consider these three reasons for attending our next seminar and get your future planning started on the right foot.

1. **As Catholics, we are called to be good stewards of the blessings God gives us.** That means that, as in the parable of the talents, we have to make wise financial decisions for the betterment of our families, communities and the Church. The Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Seminar starts with this foundational understanding of Catholic financial ethics, and is designed to provide the tools to help you with your stewardship.
2. **Each seminar – whether in person or virtual – is hosted by a trusted estate planning professionals, EWTN's Director of Legacy Giving, Ryan Flood and Legacy Giving Officer, Karen Silva,** who combined have more than 35 years of charitable planning experience. Their experience ensures that you will receive real-world knowledge and examples of how to set up the best plan for any need.
3. **Top Estate Planning Attorneys.** Each seminar features a top Catholic Estate Planning attorney to answer your questions and provide expert knowledge on all essential planning documents.

If you're interested in attending our next Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Seminar held virtually on September 12, 2023, at 2PM EST / 1PM CST or in-person in Fargo, ND on September 26, 2023, call EWTN's Legacy Giving program at (205) 271-4522.

Family Celebration Catholic Estate & Personal Planning Seminars

Robert Way, Estate Planning Attorney speaking at the 2022 EWTN Family Celebration in Phoenix.

LEGACY GIVING AT THE EWTN FAMILY CELEBRATION – Birmingham, AL - Sat., Aug. 26, 2023

The Legacy Giving Team will host a free Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Seminar Luncheon during the EWTN Family Celebration

Educational Only – no solicitations and no products or services will be sold.

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- Wills & Trusts
- Power of Attorney
- Qualified Charitable Distributions
- New Opportunities in 2023
- Catholic Provisions for Estate Plans
- Charitable Planning Strategies & Ideas

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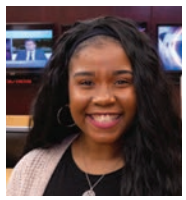
Ryan Flood, Karen Cullinan Silva, & Khayla Jones

Ryan T. Flood, CAP©, FCEP - Director, Legacy Giving Program

Ryan assists EWTN Family members and friends who are interested in integrating life-transforming charitable giving strategies into their financial, business, or estate plans. Ryan is always prepared to share his more than 20 years of experience through one-on-one meetings or in his popular Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Seminar. You can reach Ryan at (205) 569-2674.

Karen Cullinan Silva, CFRE, FCEP - Legacy Giving Officer

Karen applies her 15 years of professional fundraising experience helping EWTN Family members in the Mid-South, Southwest and Midwest achieve their charitable estate planning goals. Karen is available to help you explore estate planning and charitable giving approaches that align with our Catholic values. You can reach Karen at (205) 734-7142.



Khayla Jones, Legacy Giving Assistant

Khayla provides administrative support to the Legacy Giving Team. Khayla also serves as the initial contact for the Legacy Giving Program to assist our EWTN Family Members and Friends. If you have any questions or would like to schedule a no cost, no obligation meeting or visit with one of our gift planners, please contact Khayla at (205) 271-4522.

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