



## IN THE NEXT ISSUE



- **Establishing a Bequest**
- **NEW IRA Rollover to a Charitable Gift Annuity**
- **Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Seminars and Workbooks**



**Join Our Next Online  
Catholic Estate & Personal  
Planning Seminar**

**Tuesday March 14, 2023  
at 11AM CST**

**Call (205) 271-4522  
or email [legacygiving@ewtn.com](mailto:legacygiving@ewtn.com)  
to register.**

# EWTN

Global  
Catholic  
Network

### Find us online:

[www.ewtnlegacy.org](http://www.ewtnlegacy.org)

### Mailing Address:

5817 Old Leeds Road  
Irondale, AL 35210

## EWTN FAMILY MEMBERS SHARE THEIR STORIES

# Evangelization through the Gift of a Home

by *Khayla M. Jones*



**Madam Clara Bassey U. Offiong**

Madam Clara Bassey U. Offiong of Cross River State, Nigeria had a strong devotion to the Catholic Church, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and spiritual friendship with Mother Angelica which culminated in a lasting legacy of ongoing evangelization. We met Clara's daughter, Elizabeth Henshaw, at a recent EWTN Legacy Giving Estate Planning Seminar in Connecticut. Elizabeth is a faithful donor and friend of EWTN and shared her mother's story with us.

Late in life, Clara moved to the U.S. from Nigeria. She eventually lost her eyesight to glaucoma. While she was disappointed by the loss of her physical sight, it led to a gain in spiritual sight with the help of EWTN.

While searching for a television program for Clara to listen to, Elizabeth found EWTN for the first time. It changed her mother's life.

Clara loved Mother Angelica's voice and listened to EWTN every day. Clara began to share Mother Angelica's wisdom and spiritual insights with her nurses, family, and friends.

Clara wanted to support the mission of Mother Angelica and EWTN and expand evangelization in Nigeria. Upon her passing, Elizabeth honored her mother by working with EWTN, the Archdiocese of Calabar, and the Diocese of Abuja, to donate her home to be used as an Archdiocesan Media Center. A plaque is prominently displayed to promote the work of EWTN, which is well respected among Catholics and other Christians in Nigeria. Elizabeth is grateful to EWTN's Africa Marketing Representative George Wirnkar, Archbishop Joseph Ekuwem, his representatives from the Archdiocese of Calabar, and Elizabeth's relatives in Nigeria who collaborated to make this gift a reality.

*If you would like to learn more about how you can make a gift of real property, please contact a member of the EWTN Legacy Giving Team at (205) 271-4522.*

# Now is the Time to Plan

## 5 ways to avoid despair in difficult times

by Robert Michael Way, Esq.



Glory to Jesus Christ, Glory to Him forever!

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.

### 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 Catholic Church teaches that you should know the individual making an end-of-life decision for you. A Health Care Power of Attorney is preferable to a Living Will because you have no idea who the treating physician will be to enforce your wished. A Living Will also does not consider advances in medical treatment, and the document restricts a health care agent's authority to make medical decisions for you.

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 is trust.*" (Luke 8:50) Each of us must carry our cross with the Lord all the way to Calvary one day receive the crown of holiness and be clothed in light for all eternity. Start now prepare the necessary documents while trusting in the Lord's mercy and in His teachings 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.*

# Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Seminars


by Karen Silva, CFRE, FCEP



Estate and Personal Planning Seminar, Phoenix, Arizona

The EWTN Legacy Giving Team hosted two Catholic Charitable Estate and Personal Planning Seminars in Phoenix, Arizona the weekend of the EWTN Family Celebration on September 30 and October 1, 2022. These luncheon seminars provided EWTN Family Members with information pertaining to estate planning, charitable giving strategies, and end of life issues. Similar to our popular virtual seminars, these luncheons also provided attendees with an added opportunity to meet and ask questions of the Legacy Giving Staff and local Estate Planning Attorney Robert Way. The no-cost, no-obligation seminar offered important estate and gift planning information in a relaxed setting over lunch.

The seminar began with an update from Karen Silva about current events and developments at EWTN. The Director of the Legacy Giving Program, Ryan Flood, then discussed bequests and beneficiary designations, qualified charitable distributions from IRAs, Charitable Gift Annuities, and other gift planning strategies and ideas. Estate Planning Attorney Robert Way shared information from a legal perspective, including Catholic provisions for planning documents such as Advance Medical Directives and the Durable Power of Attorney. Robert also discussed how to integrate one's Catholic faith into their planning documents.

The 24 attendees spoke positively about the seminars. One stated, "I really appreciated that you held this in person so I could meet you and ask questions. You discussed things I had never thought about, and I found it very helpful." Several of the guests have scheduled follow-up calls and visits from Legacy Giving Team members for individual planning. 

*The Legacy Giving Team will be expanding the in-person seminar series in 2023. If you would be interested in helping us plan or host a seminar in your area, contact us at 205-271-4522 or [legacygiving@ewtn.com](mailto:legacygiving@ewtn.com).*

## Lifetime Income Agreements

by Ryan T. Flood, CAP, FCEP

Please contact us to learn more about a once-in-a-lifetime tax free distribution from your IRA for a gift annuity.

Did you know that you could support EWTN while also ensuring a steady stream of retirement income, thanks to lifetime income agreements such as Charitable Gift Annuities?

### Benefits of Lifetime Income Agreements

- **Support** EWTN while securing income payments for life or a designated number of years.
- **Give** assets that you no longer need or care to manage (such as rental property or vacation homes) to benefit EWTN's programming and receive income for life.
- **Receive** an immediate income tax deduction at the time of your gift, and reduce capital gains tax when funding your gift with appreciated assets.

### We Can Help You...

- **Determine** the assets that are most cost-effective for you to give.
- **Create** detailed gift illustrations of potential tax deductions and income stream for you and your advisors.
- **Ensure** your plans reflect your family needs and charitable giving goals.

*To receive your life income agreement illustration, schedule a consultation with one of EWTN's Legacy Giving officers by contacting [legacygiving@ewtn.com](mailto:legacygiving@ewtn.com) or 205-271-4522. You may also visit [ewtnlegacy.org](http://ewtnlegacy.org).*





**EWTN**

Global  
Catholic  
Network

**EWTN Mission Advancement**

5817 Old Leeds Rd.  
Irondale, AL 35210



WINTER  
2023

**IN THIS  
ISSUE**

*Page 1*

**EWTN Family  
Members  
Share Their  
Stories:**  
*Evangelization  
through the  
Gift of a Home*

*Page 2*

**Now is the  
Time to  
Plan**

*Page 3*

**Catholic Estate and Personal  
Planning Seminars**

**Lifetime Income Agreements**

*Page 4*

**Meet EWTN's Legacy Giving Staff**

**Meet EWTN's Legacy Giving Staff**

**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.

**Contact  
Legacy Giving**



(205) 271-4522



legacygiving@ewtn.com