

HONOR THEIR LEGACY
WITH YOUR OWN.

Legacy  *Circle*



FOR MORE THAN 150 YEARS, the Sisters of St. Francis have been making a difference one person, one family, and one mission at a time. In schools, hospitals, churches, and communities, the good work of the sisters has spread. Theirs is a legacy of service to all in need, and a promise to be there tomorrow.

Sisters of St. Francis

SISTERS
of **ST. FRANCIS**
of the Neumann Communities

JOIN THE LEGACY CIRCLE

However the sisters have touched your life, you know their impact. And your planned gift to the Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities will honor their legacy of service while securing its bright future. By establishing your own personal legacy, you can make possible vital support for any number of priorities and initiatives — such as vocations, retirement care, program and mission support.

When you remember the sisters through your gift of estate or retirement assets, you will be recognized as a member of the sisters' Legacy Circle — a special group of farsighted people who have included the sisters in their long-term financial plans.

Legacy Circle members sustain a tradition of vital importance by ensuring the future growth and welfare of the community, its sisters, and commitment to serving people in need for generations to come. Members receive a certificate honoring their commitment, are invited to special events held throughout the year, and receive news about the sisters as well.

LEARN MORE

Our team of experts is here to help you give wisely. For more information, please contact Paul Stabile III at 412.821.2200, ext. 217 or email pstabile@sosf.org.

WAYS TO GIVE

You don't have to be wealthy to make a significant gift. Every gift — large or small — is important. Thoughtful gift planning offers many types of charitable gift arrangements that can benefit you, your family, and the sisters.

A few ways you may be able to meet your personal financial goals and leave a legacy of Franciscan service include bequests, gifts of retirement assets, real estate, or life insurance.

You can provide now for a future gift to the sisters by including a bequest provision in your will or revocable trust. When you do:

- Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime.
- Virtually all assets can be given, including cash and property such as real estate or securities. You can also designate a specific dollar amount or percentage of your overall estate. If your circumstances change, you can always modify your bequest.
- There is no upper limit on the estate tax deductions that can be taken for charitable bequests.
- You can direct your gift to support the sisters' highest priorities or a particular initiative (please check with us to ensure that your gift can be used as you intend.)
- You'll be eligible for membership in the sisters' Legacy Circle.

WHO ARE THE SISTERS OF ST. FRANCIS?



The Sisters of St. Francis of the Neumann Communities is a congregation of more than 500 women religious whose Franciscan charism motivates them to continue God's work and respond to God's people wherever there is a need.

The congregation was formed in 2004 through the union of three autonomous Franciscan congregations in Hastings-on-

Hudson, Syracuse and Williamsville, N.Y. Subsequently a merger with the Franciscan congregation in Pittsburgh, Pa. occurred in 2007. Historically, all these communities share the same Franciscan heritage that grew out of a Philadelphia congregation founded by Sister Mary Francis Bachmann, Sister Mary Margaret Boll and Sister Bernardina Dorn with the guidance of St. John Neumann (then Bishop of Philadelphia) in 1855.

Together, the sisters serve in 31 dioceses, including locations in Hawaii, Puerto Rico, Peru and Kenya. In addition through Partners in Franciscan Ministries, the Sisters of St. Francis have sponsored 22 of their own ministries as a means of furthering their mission of service for years to come.

DIRECTIONAL STATEMENT

Rooted in the Gospel and energized by the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare, we seek to be women of vision living in right relationship with God, one another and all creation.



*"Put on the mind of Christ;
always be mindful
of the needs of others."*

FRANCISCAN MORNING AND
EVENING PRAISE



In order for us to welcome you to the Legacy Circle and thank you properly, please let us know your intentions. If you would like your gift to remain anonymous, we will gladly honor your request.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL ADDRESS _____

The sisters are important to me because:

I have made the following commitment:

- Bequest in my will
- Designated the sisters as beneficiary of my retirement account(s)
- Designated the sisters as beneficiary of my life insurance

Approximate amount (if known): \$ _____

I wish to remain anonymous.

I am considering a planned gift to the sisters.

Please contact me by:

Phone Postal Mail Email

Please return this form to:

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“Over the years the sisters have had a great impact on my life and I am hopeful with future financial assistance they can continue all of their good works. So that is why I have remembered the Sisters of St. Francis in my estate planning. Hopefully with my gift they will be able to help others through their various ministries.” JOYCE E. FINK



“Throughout our lives and our work in the community, we are not always aware of how we may have touched or inspired the lives of others along the way. That is why it is so meaningful to us to find out that a friend has included our sisters in their will or estate plan. What greater testament to our mission than the thoughtfulness of a donor willing to include us among the benefactors of their life’s endeavors? We are truly blessed and forever grateful to have so many wonderful Legacy Circle supporters.”
SISTER MARIAN ROSE MANSIUS

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