## **Legacy Gifts**

As you reflect on God's bountiful blessings on your life, and the legacy you would like to leave to future generations, consider a gift to the Little Flower Legacy Society.

This is a wonderful way to "pray it forward," so that generations after can find the love of Jesus Christ in the St. Therese parish and school community. Your legacy donations ensure your commitment to St. Therese lives on and continues to make a difference in the lives of generations to come.

#### What is a Legacy Gift?

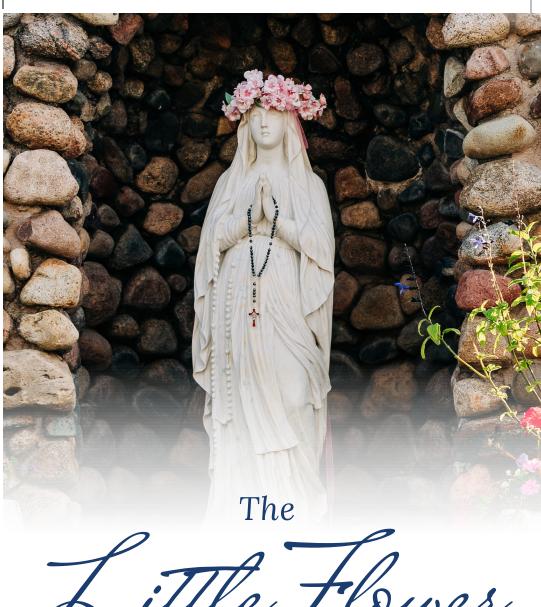
A legacy gift is a donation that is given through a will or other form of beneficiary designation. A common misconception is that you must be wealthy to leave a legacy gift. In reality, donors of modest means are often able to leave meaningful gifts that benefit both the donor and the parish.

For we brought nothing into the world, just as we shall not be able to take anything out of it. ...For the love of money is the root of all evils... be rich in good works, to be generous, ready to share, thus accumulating as treasure a good foundation for the future, so as to win the life that is true life.

1 Timothy 6:7–19







# Little Hower LEGACY SOCIETY



St. Therese Parish & School of Deephaven



# Remember that nothing is small in the eyes of God. Do all that you do with *love*.

St. Thérèse of Lisieu

### **Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ**,

One of the priorities at St. Therese is to ensure the long-term viability of our parish community. St. Therese has been a place where thousands have encountered God's love, been nourished by the Eucharist, healed in Confession, educated in the Catholic faith, and experienced the warmth of the community. We want to ensure that our vibrant faith and community are available to the next generation of parishioners. In this light, we are pleased to announce the creation of a new "Little Flower Legacy Society" at St. Therese.

The purpose of our Legacy Society is to encourage planned and estate gifts to our parish, our school, or one of our parish's endowment funds. If you choose to gift to an endowment fund, as the fund grows, it will provide an increasing source of annual income to our parish, school, and related ministries.

As we establish our Legacy Society, we are asking you to include St. Therese as a beneficiary in your estate planning. Two parishioners, Marya Robben and Bill Hickey, are estate planning attorneys who have extensive experience in wills, trusts, estate planning and charitable giving arrangements. They are happy to answer any questions you have about planning your estate.

If you have any questions about the Legacy Society, please contact St. Therese at **parish@st-therese.org** or **952-473-4422**. As always, thank you for your generosity to our beloved St. Therese parish!

Blessings.



Pastor | St. Therese Parish of Deephaven









#### Common ways to leave a Legacy Gift

- Provide a gift in your will.
- Designate St. Therese as the beneficiary of your retirement fund (i.e., IRA, 401K, etc.) or life insurance policy.
- Make an outright gift of life insurance. Cash value from a policy is no longer needed.

Your financial advisor or attorney can guide you in choosing a strategy that is in your best interest.

#### The impact of your Legacy Gift

We are grateful for any legacy gift, small or large, left to our parish and/or school. While you can choose what your legacy gift is designated for, we also have a long list of ways your gift will impact future generations, including:

- Support of the general income fund
- Ministry support and growth
- School scholarships and tuition grants
- School programs and enrichment opportunities
- Faith Formation program support and growth
- Major parish repairs
- Grounds improvements
- Ongoing church maintenance needs

#### Parish Contacts | Resources

#### **Bill Hickey**

In his 37 years as a lawyer, Bill has been engaged in private practice as well as being a trusted business advisor. He has extensive experience in wills, trusts, estate planning, and charitable giving arrangements. In addition to his experience in law, Bill has been involved in manufacturing, new business launches, and philanthropic planning in higher education. Bill serves, and has served, on several corporate and civic boards. Bill is a graduate of Marquette University and Hamline University School of Law.



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#### **Marya Robben**

Marya Robben is an estate planning attorney at Lathrop GPM in Minneapolis. She focuses her practice on helping people develop wills and trusts to plan for the distribution of their assets and on the administration of estates and trusts.



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He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf shall not wither; and whatever he does *shall prosper*.



