



## SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE FOR SAINT MARK'S CATHEDRAL

If you would like to make an unrestricted bequest to the Cathedral or to support the Cathedral's programs, your future gift should be directed to "Saint Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, Washington." Its tax ID number is 91-0579230, and its address is 1245 Tenth Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102.

**Description of amount of bequest:** Insert one of the following sentences:

- **Specific Amount Bequest:** "I give to Saint Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, Washington, a Washington State nonprofit corporation, \_\_\_\_\_ (insert a *dollar amount* or *description of property*)."
- **Specific Percentage Bequest:** "I give to Saint Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, Washington, a Washington State nonprofit corporation, \_\_\_\_\_ per cent of my estate."
- **Residuary Bequest:** "I give to Saint Mark's Cathedral in Seattle, Washington, a Washington State nonprofit corporation, (*all or a percentage*) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate."

**Description of purpose for which your bequest is to be used:**

- **Unrestricted:** If you would like the Cathedral to decide how your bequest will be used, insert the following phrase at the end of the appropriate sentence above: "to be used for its general tax-exempt purposes."
- **Specific program:** If you prefer that your bequest be used for a specific program, insert the following phrase: "to be used to support the \_\_\_\_\_ program." (It is important to be broad here, to assure that the program still is operating when your bequest matures.)

**Endowment or current use?**

- You do not need any additional language in your will to leave a bequest for current use.
- If you would like to make a gift to the endowment, add the following sentence: "These funds are to be invested so that only a portion of the income and appreciation is expended annually, in accordance with the policies established by the Vestry of Saint Mark's Cathedral." It is especially important to consult with the Cathedral staff if you are considering a designated endowment gift, to ensure that the proposed designation can be honored in perpetuity.

If you include the Cathedral or the Cathedral Foundation in your will, we would appreciate receiving a copy of the provisions of your will that pertain to Saint Mark's Cathedral, so that we can acknowledge your bequest intentions and include you as a member of the Cathedral Legacy Society and the diocesan Bishop's Society.

For more information, please contact the Saint Mark's Cathedral Stewardship Office, 1245 Tenth Avenue East, Seattle, WA 98102, (206) 323-0300 x214, [giving@saintmarks.org](mailto:giving@saintmarks.org).

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