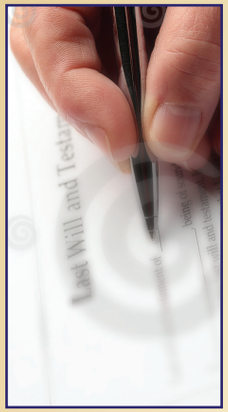
Bequests

Many Catholics wish, and are able to, support the works of the Diocese through leaving part of their Estate to the Diocese.



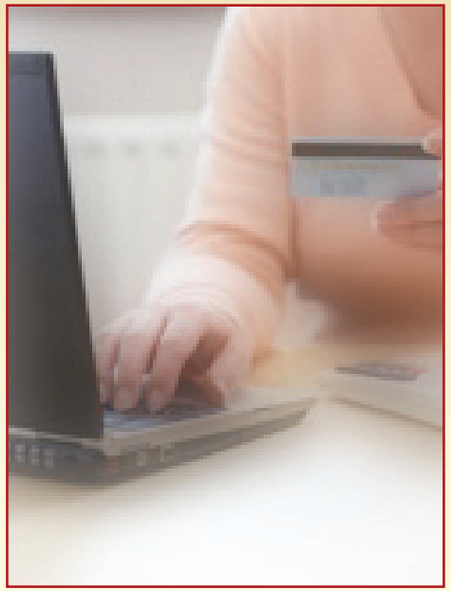
This allows the Diocese to support the many pastoral works currently provided and to meet an increasing array of pastoral demands.

If you wish to assist in this manner, the following standard clause is recommended….

"I give to the Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Bathurst the sum of $_____, for the purposes of the Diocese as determined by the Trustees".

While the above clause provides the greatest flexibility for the Trustees to determine the greatest need, if you wish to support a particular cause, simply note that the bequest is for a particular purpose.

How to give....



For the Second Collection, increasingly, many parishioners now give their weekly donation electronically via either:-

- direct debit through their bank account;
- direct debit through their CDF account; or
- direct charge on their credit card.

All parishes are able to receive your weekly donation this way; please contact your Parish Office ~ details on the Diocesan website…… www.bathurst.catholic.org.au

Many parishioners also support the CDF through a savings and/or term investment account.

Queries to the CDF on Freecall Number 1800 451 760

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Catholics and money

A message from our Bishop….

St Paul famously taught that "love of money is the root of all evil." He did not say that money was bad, but that to "love" it, placing it ahead of God and neighbour, certainly was. He was echoing the words of Jesus himself, who warned against idolising money when he said "You cannot serve both God and Mammon."

To understand the proper place of money and to use it responsibly and ethically is part of Christian life. The basic truth is that everything we have comes ultimately from God. Even the money we earn relies on the talents and energy that God has given us and on the circumstances we have inherited. Catholics understand that we hold all this in trust, grateful for our blessings and eager to use them for good.

A message from our Bishop....

All religions understand the idea of giving back to God a portion of what we have received. It is an expression of our thanks as well as an expression of trust that God will continue to provide for our needs. It reinforces our understanding that God is the ultimate source of our wealth. It helps us battle the constant temptation to fall in love with money, to worship it instead of God.

When we give to the poor, we are giving back to God. The people of the Diocese of Bathurst have a strong record of responding to the cry of the poor. In recent years they have given generously in the Christmas appeal for the Diocese of Wau, Sudan, as well as in regular collections like Project Compassion, Mission Sunday, St Vincent de Paul and in many other quiet ways.

The most vital work of the Church has no monetary value or limits. In simple daily acts of love and proclamation of the Gospel, we "receive without charge and give without charge." But, in this world, buildings need to be constructed and maintained, workers need to be employed, communications and travel costs must be met and priests and religious, whether in health, sickness or old age, need to be cared for. To contribute to the financial needs of the Church is not giving something extra to another worthy cause: it is shouldering our responsibilities as members of that Church.

The works of the Church in the Central West have been made possible by the generosity of the generations that have gone before us: in regular contributions through the local parish; in investing with the Catholic Development Fund; and in legacies and wills.

I pray that this generation of Catholics will respond again to the needs of today and of tomorrow.

+Michael McKenna
Bishop of Bathurst

What happens to the money you give to support your Parish and your Diocese?

COLLECTIONS AT MASS

First Collection

- Support of parish clergy including stipend and living expenses.
- Support of the Bishop and his work.

Any surplus at parish level is forwarded to the Diocese, which uses these funds to:

- Assist those parishes unable themselves to support their parish clergy.
- Care for those clergy who have now retired.

Second Collection

- Used for parish activities including building maintenance, staff, priests' motor vehicle expenses, utility charges, insurance premiums, office costs - indeed, all those type of costs incurred in running a 'business like activity' and ensuring the maintenance and protection of the assets of the Parish.

In addition, the Parish pays a levy to the Diocese on the income collected by the Parish.

The Diocese uses this levy income ....

- To assist in operating the Chancery Office in Bathurst, in assisting the Bishop in administering his Diocese and providing a range of services and pastoral ministries including Marriage Tribunal, Youth, Catechist Program, communicating the Mission through the 'Catholic Observer' and Diocesan website and so on;
- For operational costs of the Diocese, including staff, insurance, complying with Government regulations, maintenance of buildings, utility charges etc;
- To support the work of the Catholic Church at the State, National and International levels.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

At various times of the year, the Bishop, on the advice of the Council of Priests, authorises collections for a particular purpose such as Catholic Mission, Caritas, Peter's Pence etc.

Monies collected are used only for the purpose of the collection.

CDF
Catholic Development Fund

The Catholic Development Fund (CDF) is a financial agency established by the Diocese.

The CDF is where you can invest your money while supporting the mission of the Church.

The Fund offers a range of savings and term deposit options for parishioners, parishes and schools of the Diocese to meet differing financial needs.

It makes available to parishes and schools, lower interest loans with a simple and effective process to ease the burden.

Children are able to start good savings habits through the Koala Club School Saver accounts.

The CDF also supports many activities across the Diocese.

It offers all an opportunity to support the works of the Church, while receiving a professional service.