



The Legacy Society of Saint Michael the Archangel
Saint Michael's Parish, Litchfield, CT

Dear Saint Michaelian,

My parents gave me many gifts. One of their most loving gifts was planning their estate and how they would remember their parish. Accompaniments to that gift included all sorts of end of life needs like power of attorney, health care decisions, funeral and burial plans. Because they had taken the time and the care to make these decisions in advance, tremendous weights were lifted for my brother and me. We didn't have to guess or argue when the time came to implement those plans.

All that planning was an act of faith reflecting concerned Christian stewardship of the material things given and accumulated through lifetimes. It was a way that my parents could take care of the people and organizations they valued and respected even after they died. This was important to them and I will always be genuinely grateful for the relief of the burden of so many decisions at the time of death.

As part of the ministry at Saint Michael's, I invite you to consider leaving those kinds of gifts to the people, projects, and institutions you care about, too. Enclosed is information about the Legacy Society of Saint Michael the Archangel which provides data about how you can leave a planned gift to the parish, thereby continuing to participate in Saint Michael's future.

The best investments provide significant returns; a gift to Saint Michael's gives three times the return-the satisfaction of making a contribution that continues to grow into the future, the reduction of taxes on your estate, and peace, pleasure and participation in sharing a tangible gift of your faith by supporting the parish community who will live on after you.

Your generosity will help Saint Michael's confront the challenges of the future, because your support will make all the difference in our future ministry in Litchfield. Additionally, by taking the time now to organize your thoughts, desires and plans, you can leave a legacy to those who love you. Give them the gifts of your plans, like wills, health care instructions, and funeral and burial ideas. Such gifts, large and small, sustain our ministries and can be an occasion for joy.

In the peace of Christ,

M. Jennings Matheson
Rector