SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE

A gift to St. Mary Cathedral in your will or revocable trust proclaims your confidence that we will continue to fulfill our mission and make a difference in the lives of future generations. A bequest:

- Is easy to arrange.
- Will not alter your current lifestyle in any way.
- Can be easily modified to address your changing needs.

RESIDUAL BEQUEST: A residual bequest comes to us after your estate expenses and specific bequests are paid:

I give and devise to St. Mary Cathedral, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, all (or state a percentage) of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate, both real and personal, to be used for its unrestricted use (or for the support of the St. Mary Cathedral Endowment Fund).

SPECIFIC BEQUEST: Naming St. Mary Cathedral as a beneficiary of a specific amount from your estate is easy:

I give and devise to St. Mary Cathedral, located in Colorado Springs, Colorado, the sum of $___________ to be used for its unrestricted use (or for the support of the St. Mary Cathedral Endowment Fund).

CONTINGENT BEQUEST: St. Mary Cathedral can be named as a contingent beneficiary in your will or personal trust if one or more of your specific bequests cannot be fulfilled:

If (insert name) is not living at the time of my demise, I give and devise to St. Mary Cathedral, the sum of $___________ (or all or a percentage of the residue of my estate) to be used for its unrestricted use (or for the support of the St. Patrick Parish Endowment Fund).

RETIREMENT PLAN: You may name St. Mary Cathedral as a beneficiary of your IRA or other qualified retirement benefits. To make a charitable gift from your retirement plan, simply enter the St. Mary Cathedral name and Tax ID #84-0404923 on the Change of Beneficiary form, available from your plan administrator. Consult with your advisor to determine the benefits you would derive from such a gift.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: We would be pleased to work with you and your advisor to determine the gift that best suits your situation and interests. For confidential information on how to create a legacy gift or for additional information on enrollment in the Catholic Legacy Society, please contact Peggy Cusick, Director of Parish Legacy Initiative, at (719) 866-6518 or pcusick@diocs.org.

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