

Planned Giving Tip

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From recent articles written by Christine Grumm of the Women's Funding Network, a philanthropic consultant group and Martha Taylor in Contributions Magazine:

- 51% of the wealth in the nation is in the name of a woman
- Women will receive the largest percentage of inherited assets over the next ten years
- Women over 70 are the most generous segment of the U.S. population
- 41% of the 3.3 million Americans reporting incomes of \$500K or more are women
- One in three wives now out earns her husband
- Women-owned businesses employ more than the Fortune 500 companies combined. Women are starting businesses at twice the rate of men
- Women-owned businesses give on average \$50,000 to non-profits (same as men-owned businesses)
- Women's philanthropy has increased by more than \$15 billion annually since 1996

Has your parish ever considered an estate planning seminar for women only? It would be an excellent service to offer mothers and grandmothers who have given so much of their time, talent and treasure to church during their lifetimes. Give me a call if you are interested.

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FATHER'S DAY

Create a very special remembrance of a very special father: a planned gift to our endowment. Your gift provides permanent, ongoing financial support. Learn how you can give a planned gift that allows, through his remembrance, him to keep passing on the faith that he tried to instill in you. Contact

Don't put off planning your estate... For we know not the day nor the hour. Good stewardship requires that we look ahead and make provisions for our family and our Church -- local and diocesan.

Do you have an IRA? If your family's needs are being met you may wish to include the parish as a beneficiary. Contact your IRA trustee and ask for change of beneficiary forms to include your parish as a recipient of your good stewardship.

Keep planting seeds!