

**Planned Giving Tip**  
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**Important Directive for Seniors**

What are the essentials of an estate plan? At a recent wills seminar, the presenting attorney shared the following list:

1. A will that is legally executed -- 2 witnesses and notarized
2. A living trust if avoiding probate, privacy and estate taxes are concerns
3. A trusted executor -- person responsible for executing will provisions
4. Provisions for family and charity
5. A power of attorney for property -- person who manages finances in case of incapacity
6. A power of attorney for health care -- person who makes medical decisions in case of incapacity

**The attorney included this important directive for #6:**

*"I direct my health care provider(s) and health care agent(s) to make health care decisions consistent with the teachings of the Catholic Church, and if need be, consult with my parish priest, or if he is not available, a Catholic priest who is well versed in the Church's position on maintaining the dignity of human life and who has been appraised of my medical condition."*

This directive can be inserted into the body the power of attorney for health care document. You may want to include this information in an upcoming bulletin, and/or mailing to your seniors.

Keep planting seeds!