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Dear <<First Name>>,

Happy Easter!

As many of you know, I often have the privilege of driving around our diocese to meet with Catholics about their giving and support to their parish, school or the Diocese of Austin. These meetings are a tremendous opportunity to pray together and talk about the legacy they want to leave the Catholic Church.

A recent meeting was extraordinarily powerful. My colleague, Dan Wierzbowski, and I met with a couple who had decided years ago to leave their estate to the diocese. However, we hadn't had the chance to discuss how they wanted their gift to be used.

Hearing how important their Catholic faith is to them and the story behind why they wanted to support the diocese with a planned gift was so inspiring. In short, they want to continue to help the diocese form seminarians as well as support retired priests because it's been so important to them during the lifetime.

After all these years and so many meetings, I'm still always in awe of people who choose to leave a legacy like this.

As we rejoice in the Risen Christ this Easter season, you, too, can honor your faith and all those things the Lord has blessed you with by [creating a free estate plan](#). An estate plan is a powerful way to plan for your future and protect your loved ones — and our free resource makes it easy to get started.

[Create my free plan](#)

[Creating a legacy gift in your will allows you to easily](#) continue the support you've shown to your parish or the Diocese of Austin during your lifetime for future generations. Best of all, it costs nothing today.

Gratefully,



Scott Whitaker

Director of Stewardship and Development

P.S. This afternoon, we're hosting a webinar on planning for end of life and we'd love for you to attend. Just click this link: www.austindiocese.org/events/catholic-end-of-life-issues



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