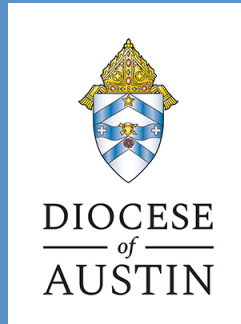


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Dear Dan & Jill,

Each fall, we welcome the cooler temperatures and prepare for Advent and the start of a new liturgical year. We also take stock of what we're thankful for and what's truly important in our lives at Thanksgiving.

Last week, at the International Catholic Stewardship Council's annual conference, a hot topic of discussion for Catholic thought leaders was planned giving. I'm excited to share that our Office of Stewardship and Development was awarded an honorable mention for efforts in planned giving education!

The ultimate goal my colleagues and I share is helping donors to see not only how God has blessed them in their lives, but also how they might give back. With planned giving, we do this through our estates.

An estate plan is one of the most important things we can create as Christian stewards. Estate planning is essential to protecting our loved ones and our assets. It also allows us to make our faith a central part of our legacy.

Estate Planning Awareness Week is October 17-23, and it's a great time to check this important task off your to do list — starting with your will. You can start writing a will, at no cost

to you, in just 20 minutes. The Diocese of Austin has partnered with [FreeWill](#) to give you a free, secure and easy way to write your legally valid last will.

[Click here to start your will](#)

You're also invited to the annual meeting of the [Catholic Foundation – Diocese of Austin](#), which connects faith with charitable giving, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9, at the Pastoral Center. We'll enjoy conversation and lunch with Bishop Joe S. Vásquez, an update of activities and performance over the past year, and hear from guest speaker Kerry Robinson, who's the executive director of the National Leadership Roundtable on Church Management.

I hope you'll attend to learn more about endowments and how you can leave a legacy for the Church through the ministries of our diocese.

[RSVP here](#)

Remember, YOU are the reason we're able to continue Christ's work in Central Texas. Thanks again for all you do to support our important mission.

Gratefully,



Scott Whitaker

Director of Stewardship and Development

P.S. I was on social media the other day and I saw some great videos about the Eucharistic Revival and our 75th anniversary. Check out the videos on our diocesan Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/DioceseofAustin/videos/1729138454124002>

