

Leaving a Legacy

**THROUGH A
PLANNED GIFT TODAY**



**ST. JOSEPH'S
ACADEMY**

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THE LE PUY SOCIETY

The Le Puy (luh pwee) Society honors the first Sisters of St. Joseph who, in the village of Le Puy France, began their ministry in 1650. The Le Puy Society recognizes parents, alumnae, parents of alumnae, grandparents, and friends of St. Joseph's Academy (SJA) who have expressed their commitment to our school by naming St. Joe as a beneficiary of a planned gift or bequest.

By making a planned gift to SJA, you have the opportunity to leave a legacy.

- A legacy honoring those trailblazing Sisters from Le Puy, France
- A legacy that will enable St. Joseph's Academy to ensure that future generations of young women will continue to benefit from the school's long standing tradition of excellence in Catholic education

If you have already included the school in your estate plans and have not yet notified St. Joe, please contact the Development Office at 314-394-4883 or rdefiore@sja1840.org. Disclosure of amount is not needed, but knowing of your intent is tremendously helpful in planning for the future of the Academy.

WHAT IS A "PLANNED GIFT"?

A planned gift is a donor's commitment to benefit SJA through an outright gift or a deferred gift that takes effect at death. **There are many types of planned gifts and strategies that can provide tax deductions and benefits to the donor.** The following pages list several options of planned giving and the benefits they provide to the donor.



GIFTS OF CASH OR CURRENCY

A gift of cash can be the easiest type of donation and provides immediate benefits to the donor and SJA.

- Outright gifts of cash can allow SJA to use the funds for immediate needs while allowing you, the donor, to claim a deduction for your donation.
- Donors can send a check directly to St. Joe, wire funds to our account, or contribute online using a credit card.
- The IRS allows donors of cash gifts to claim a deduction of up to 50% of their adjusted gross income (AGI). For charitable gifts of appreciated assets, such as securities, donors may claim a deduction of up to 30% of their AGI in any one year.

A BEQUEST UNDER A WILL OR TRUST

A bequest is a gift that costs a donor nothing during their lifetime. It takes a simple designation in your Will or Trust and will not affect your cash flow throughout your life.

- A bequest is a gift that is designated through a Will or Trust. Upon your death, SJA will receive a specific amount of money or property, a percentage of your estate, or the remainder of your estate after expenses – however you choose to designate your gift.
- In return for your gift, your estate generally receives a charitable deduction which may reduce or eliminate your federal estate tax.
- A donor may also name SJA as a percentage or full beneficiary of his/her traditional IRA or other retirement plan. Distributions at death are tax-free, but will be subject to income tax and possibly estate tax when left to a family member or loved one.
- Bequests are revocable and not payable until death. Donors have the comfort of knowing that they can amend or revoke a charitable bequest if their circumstances or family needs change.

LIFE INSURANCE

With gifts of life insurance the donor can leverage the gift in a convenient and cost effective manner.

- **Donating a paid-up life insurance policy enables you to make a substantial gift upon your death, while entitling you to a charitable tax deduction during your lifetime.**
- A donor can make a gift of life insurance by making SJA the irrevocable owner and beneficiary of a policy.
- You can designate SJA as the sole or a partial beneficiary of a life insurance policy.



GIFT OF IRA AND/OR RETIREMENT PLAN PROCEEDS

Retirement funds paid to your spouse and/or children at death are subject to income and estate taxes, but they are tax free when left to SJA.

- A donor can continue to take withdrawals from their plan during their lifetime.
- A donor may designate part or all of the plan assets to SJA.
- A donor can leave SJA their heavily-taxed retirement assets and leave more favorably-taxed property to family.
- The designation of SJA to receive all or part of the balance remaining in the plan at the donor's death is revocable. If circumstances change, the donor can redirect the balance.
- The IRA Charitable Rollover, available to taxpayers over the age of 70 1/2, allows the donor to direct a tax free, outright disbursement of up to \$100,000 from their IRA to SJA by making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD). This gift will also count towards the donor's minimum required distribution (MRD) and will reduce their annual income tax liability.





GIVING THROUGH A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

With a charitable gift annuity, you can make a charitable gift and still receive income from that gift for the remainder of your lifetime. There are several key benefits that can be attained through the use of a charitable gift annuity.

- A potential immediate tax deduction
- A reduction of your capital gains tax liability for gifts of long-term appreciated assets
- The option to donate many different types of assets
- Income for yourself, as well as another individual (such as your spouse) for the remainder of his or her lifetime
- Payments based on the donor's age are established by the American Council on Gift Annuities

GIFTS OF STOCK

Did you know giving stock can be more beneficial than giving cash?

- Instead of cash, donors can use appreciated stocks, bonds, and/or mutual fund shares (that they have held for more than one year) to make a gift.
- Gifts of stock allow the donor to claim a federal income charitable tax deduction for the full, appreciated value of the securities (not the lesser amount originally paid for them).
- The donor does not pay any tax on the transaction of a gift of appreciated stock. SJA does not pay the capital gain when they liquidate the stock, so they can use the full market value of the gift and avoid taxation.

GIFTS OF REAL ESTATE

Gifts of real estate enable the donor to make a substantial gift to SJA by donating their home or farm without having to vacate the property or give up any of the benefits currently enjoyed from the property.

- A real estate gift can be made outright or can fund a life income arrangement. Donors can transfer the title to their home to SJA and reserve the right to continue living there.
- A gift of real estate may provide an immediate benefit to SJA while allowing the donor to avoid capital gains exposure. For example, SJA can sell the donated real estate immediately without jeopardizing the donor's charitable deduction.
- You can make an extraordinary gift, transfer the burden and expense of managing the property, and remove a large asset from your taxable estate at the same time.
- Donors can claim a charitable deduction for the fair market value of real estate held for more than one year and must secure a fair market value appraisal of the real estate to substantiate a claimed charitable deduction.

CONTACT

If you have already included St. Joseph's Academy in your estate plans, but have not yet notified us, please let us know. We would be honored to recognize you as part of our Le Puy Society and keep you informed on school news.

For more information on planned gifts, please contact the St. Joseph's Academy Development Office at 314-394-4883 or rdefiore@sjal840.org.

***Disclaimer** – The information in this brochure is for reference only. When considering a planned gift please consult your tax advisor or IRA administrator.*



Mission Statement

St. Joseph's Academy is a private, Catholic high school for girls in St. Louis, Missouri, sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet. Our mission is to provide quality Catholic education for young women in an environment that challenges them to grow in faith, knowledge, and respect for self and others. Our community expects these young women to make a profound impact in the world.

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