

A Reflection on Faith, Giving, and Legacy

As you reflect on your life, faith, and charitable giving, the following are valuable prayer prompts to help shape your decisions and discern the next steps in your generosity journey.

Reflections of the Heart

1. **Gratitude:** What area(s) of your life are you most grateful for? How could you help make this a reality for others?
2. **What Brings You Joy?** What aspects of your parish, school, or ministry bring you the most joy and fulfillment? Why is this important to you?
3. **Influential People:** Who has deeply influenced your life, inspired your faith, and shaped your character? How might you honor their legacy through charitable giving?

Faith-Filled Generosity

1. **Faith and Giving:** How does your faith influence your giving, and do you view your assets as gifts from God? How does this perspective shape your giving today and your plans for tomorrow?
2. **Sacrificial Giving:** Jesus teaches us the value of sacrificial giving through the story of the “widow’s mite” (Luke 21:1-4). How might you give more like the widow, making sacrificial gifts rather than just giving from your surplus wealth?
3. **Prayerful Charity:** How do you take your charitable giving to the Lord in prayer? Do you spend time asking for His guidance and prompting when considering why and how to give?

Impact and Legacy

1. **Desired Impact:** What kind of impact would you like your support to have on the lives of others? How do you imagine this making a difference?
2. **Pillars of Impact:** Which area resonates most with your heart: *Parish Life, Catholic Education, Vocations, or Service/Community*? Why is this meaningful to you?
3. **Vision for the Future:** Are you most concerned with making an immediate impact, a long-term impact, or both?
4. **Dreaming Big:** What aspirations or possibilities for positive change inspire you most? If you could play a significant role in bringing about that transformation, what might that look like? How would contributing to this vision make you feel?

Planning Your Legacy

1. **Current and Future Giving:** Are you considering giving now, later through your estate, or both?
2. **Family Involvement:** Are your spouse/family involved and aware of your charitable dreams and planning?
3. **Professional Guidance:** Do you have a trusted advisor who understands your Catholic faith and can help guide your charitable plans?