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INSPIRATIONAL STORIES, NEWS AND CHARITABLE GIVING STRATEGIES

Couple's Faithful Example Inspires Son to Create Fund Supporting Other Deacons, Wives

By Father Paul Wander

As I was growing up in Weiser, my parents taught me by their words and example to worship God by attending Mass and receiving the Sacraments. They taught me that God loves me always and that I should love God always.

They also taught me that God asks each of us to love Him back and to live out that love by loving those around us. This took such deep root in me and is the heart of my reason to become a priest.

My dad, Francis Wander, went on to become a permanent deacon for the Diocese of Boise in 1986. My mother, Anna, also attended all the classes as required, so that they could learn and grow together. When I was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Boise in 1990, Dad and I were one of only six pairs in the United States of a dad being a deacon and his son a priest.

Having Dad and Mom journey toward the diaconate at the same time that I was just beginning to walk my own journey toward the priesthood was inspiring and encouraging to me. Dad's ministry and dedication as a deacon and my mom's ministry at St. Agnes Parish in Weiser were fantastic examples of being servants of Christ, ministering to the people of God who are the Church.

Recently, I decided to use part of an inheritance from my late brother Gary to create an endowment fund to help diaconal candidates, especially those who live in rural areas. I hope to add to it using my qualified charitable distribution from my IRA.

The endowment is open to any who would like to contribute. If God is calling you to help in this way, please send your contributions payable to the Idaho Catholic Foundation for the:

Deacon Francis and Anna Wander Memorial Fund
Idaho Catholic Foundation
1501 S. Federal Way, Suite 400
Boise, ID 83705

May God continue to bless all deacons and their wives and families.



Deacon Francis and Anna Wander



Your IRA Now Has the Power to Create a CGA

The first day of January ushered in not just a new year but a slew of new retirement laws. Among them was one that could transform the way you give.

If you're 70½ or older, you may now use your IRA to boost your retirement income and make a difference at the Idaho Catholic Foundation and Diocese of Boise. How? By using your IRA to fund a charitable gift annuity—the gift that pays you.

Thanks to the new law, you can fund a gift annuity with a one-time election of up to \$50,000 from your IRA. Among the ways you benefit:

- You avoid the tax hit that comes when you make a typical withdrawal from your IRA.
- If you are required to take minimum distributions, you can satisfy all or part of that obligation for the year.

- You (and your spouse, if you choose) receive income for life in the form of reliable payments.
- The amount of those payments is fixed, regardless of the stock market, interest rates or inflation.
- After your lifetime, the remaining balance becomes your legacy with the Idaho Catholic Church.

If that wasn't enough, consider this: Gift annuity payout rates are now higher than they have been in more than a decade.

How You Could Benefit: An Illustration

Mary, 75, has been giving through her IRA for several years. She wants to increase her giving but is also concerned about retirement income. She makes a one-time election and transfers \$50,000 directly from her IRA in exchange for a charitable gift annuity. She receives

annual payments of \$3,300 for the rest of her life, reflecting a 6.6% rate, to help support her in her retirement years.

Big Difference for Little Effort

One form, no attorneys. There are four simple ways to extend your impact for the Catholic Church. Use the enclosed reply card to get your FREE step-by-step guide today.



We'd Love to Hear From You

Now is the time to take advantage of this new way to fund a gift annuity while benefiting from high payout rates. Some limitations apply to this new option, so contact Margaret Hampton to get a personalized sample and discuss how we can help you take the next step.



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