

MISSION HIGHLIGHTS

Creating a Legacy of Charity

CONGREGATION OF THE MISSION WESTERN PROVINCE

Serving Vincentians for Six Decades and Beyond

Few people can say they've been devoted to serving the Vincentians for almost 60 years. But that's what Pati and Don Feltz have done since joining St. Catherine Laboure Parish in Sappington, Missouri, in 1964.

From their earliest years, Pati and Don have offered their time, talent and treasure to meet needs of the priests and people around them.

Pati joined the Daughters of St. Catherine women's group, and Don served with the Knights of Columbus. Later, Pati served on the national board for eight years. They've supported the local food pantry at St. Vincent's Parish in St. Louis and helped seminarians in places like Kenya and Ireland.

Over the decades, Pati and Don have become close friends with dozens of pastors and have seen firsthand the important role Vincentians play in the local parish and broader community. "They have opened our eyes to the needs of the poor," Pati shares. "They live out their faith, and when we see their example, we realize we have a responsibility to help, too."

Pati and Don know how important it is to invest in the future as they stay busy with their 4 children,

10 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren! One way Pati and Don have chosen to invest is through a legacy gift to the Congregation of the Mission Western Province in their will.

"For all the Vincentians do for us, this is one way to help them," Pati adds.

"We love them and their dedication to all people."



Don and Pati Feltz

You can leave a legacy of love and faith for future generations! Contact Frank Cognata at fcognata@vincentian.org or 314.606.5757 to discuss the many ways your devotion can advance the mission of the Vincentians.



FRIENDS OF
ST. VINCENT

Make Your Values Last Forever

Your “why” is what drives you.

It does more than ask a question—it defines a connection, a relationship. Why do you love the people you love? Why do certain sights, sounds and smells stir your souls? Why do you feel called to spread the love of God to your neighbors?

The answer always comes with a story. It’s the best part about “why.”

The relationship you have with the Congregation of the Mission Western Province is driven by your unique “why.” There may be a deeply personal reason you care so much about the communities we serve, a story that compels you to help us share the Gospel, evangelizing the poor.

That story also reinforces your values. Faith, devotion and compassion aren’t important to you by accident. They have a source—an inspiration—and they connect you to the Vincentians on a personal level: *I value what you value. Your mission is my mission, too. I want to see this work carry on for generations.*

This is what makes your relationship with us so special. You share our values and invest in the longevity of our mission. Your “why” and our “why” are the same. Your story and our story are connected.

With a legacy gift to the Vincentians, you can carry on our shared values beyond your lifetime. Together, we can reach out to the poor, lonely and abandoned and share the love of Jesus Christ for generations to come.

Join Devoted People Like You in the Friends of St. Vincent Legacy Society

Making a legacy gift of any size to the Congregation of the Mission Western Province automatically qualifies you to join our Friends of St. Vincent Legacy Society. It’s our special way to recognize and honor the profound commitments of our kindhearted supporters.

All you have to do is let us know when you include us in your estate plan! We’re eager to thank you and welcome you.

Best in 10+ Years: Great Rates on Gift Annuities!

Great news for the gift that pays you: Payout rates for charitable gift annuities are higher than they have been in more than a decade.

Here's how a gift annuity works:

1. You donate cash or marketable securities.
2. We pay you reliable, fixed payments for your lifetime (and the lifetime of a loved one, if you choose).
3. After your lifetime, the remaining amount becomes part of your legacy at the Congregation of the Mission Western Province.

More Benefits

With this gift, you'll also enjoy:

- A partial income tax charitable deduction for your gift if you itemize
- Part of each payment being income tax-free throughout your estimated life expectancy

Request Your Personalized Example

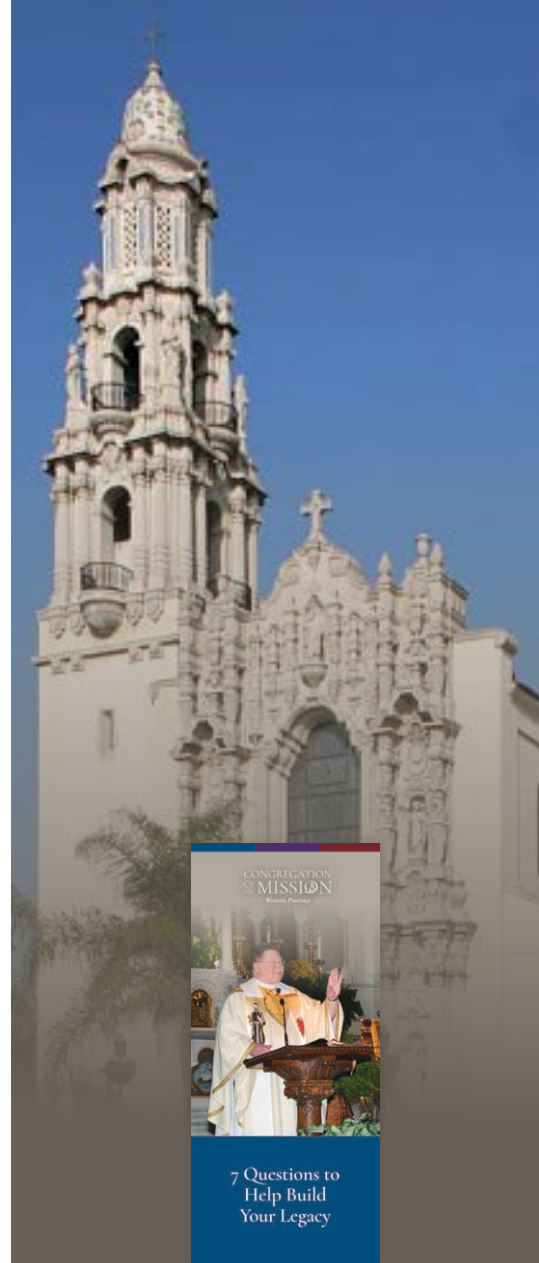
We would be happy to send you a free, no-obligation calculation showing you the benefits you can receive from a gift annuity. Contact Frank Cognata at fcognata@vincentian.org or call 314.606.5757 today to learn more about how you can do the most good with your gift.

BEST RATES IN A DECADE!

ONE RECIPIENT		TWO RECIPIENTS	
Age	Rate	Ages	Rate
60	4.9%	60/65	4.5%
70	5.9%	70/75	5.5%
80	7.6%	80/85	7.0%
90+	9.7%	90/95+	9.5%

These rates are subject to change. Please contact us for a personalized illustration. If you reside in New York, please contact us directly, as your rates may vary slightly.

California residents: Annuities are subject to regulation by the State of California. Payments under such agreements, however, are not protected or otherwise guaranteed by any government agency or the California Life and Health Insurance Guarantee Association. Oklahoma residents: A charitable gift annuity is not regulated by the Oklahoma Insurance Department and is not protected by a guaranty association affiliated with the Oklahoma Insurance Department. South Dakota residents: Charitable gift annuities are not regulated by and are not under the jurisdiction of the South Dakota Division of Insurance.



Share Your Story

We all have values and beliefs that guide our lives.

Share these with your loved ones by creating a legacy letter. Our FREE guide, *7 Questions to Help Build Your Legacy*, can help you get started. Request yours using the enclosed reply card.

Smart Ways to Give Before 2023 Ends

Would you like to finish this year with a gift that maximizes your impact in helping the Vincentians share God's love and reduces your taxes? Consider these smart options below.

Make an Immediate Difference

When you support the Congregation of the Mission Western Province by simply writing a check, you make great things happen and qualify for an income tax deduction.

Did you know? Your envelope must be postmarked on or before Dec. 31 for your donation to qualify this year.

Use Appreciated Securities

By donating appreciated securities that you have owned for longer than one year, you qualify for an income tax deduction and eliminate any tax on the appreciation.

Did you know? If the securities are electronically transferred, the gift date is the day the securities enter our account—not the date you ask your broker to make the transfer.

Contribute to Your Donor Advised Fund (DAF)

Add funds to an existing DAF or open a new one at a community foundation or sponsoring organization.

Did you know? You qualify for a tax deduction when you make a gift to your DAF. If you are ready to start making an impact with your DAF, consider recommending a grant (or recurring grants) to support the Congregation of the Mission Western Province.

Make a Gift From Your IRA

If you are 70½ or older, you can give any amount up to \$100,000 from your IRA directly to the Congregation of the Mission Western Province. You will not pay income taxes on the transfer. If you are required to take minimum distributions, your gift can satisfy all or part of your obligation.

Did you know? If you have check-writing features on your IRA, your check must clear your account by Dec. 31.

The Countdown Is On

We are always happy to help ensure that you realize the greatest benefit for your kindness. Please contact us today. Thank you again for your dedicated heart.



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Next Steps

Once you've answered the questions outlined in this guide, take the time to have a meaningful discussion with your loved ones about the principles that are most important to you. You can then begin to weave those values and beliefs into your legacy letter. This can be a touching way to pass down life lessons long after your lifetime and build your legacy.

Start the Conversation

You can preserve your legacy letter in many ways:

- **A simple written letter.** This is the easiest way to create a permanent record of your values that will not become outdated with changing technology.
- **Online tools.** In addition to your letter, you can add photos to highlight specific points you address. You can also create a website or post on social media.
- **Film a video testimonial.** A recording can provide an added dimension and bring your story to life in your own voice.

Everyone has a story to tell. Be sure that your loved ones know yours. Remember to share your connection to the Congregation of the Mission Western Province in your letter and feel free to contact us if you would like to include a gift to us in your estate plan.



Questions? We Can Help.

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7 Questions to Help Build Your Legacy

Create an Enduring Connection WITH A LEGACY LETTER

Throughout life, you create goals and values based on your own experiences. With the help of a legacy letter, you can talk about your wishes in more detail and forge a personal connection with future generations. It's also useful in explaining why the Congregation of the Mission Western Province is important to you.

Centuries ago, families used storytelling to pass down values, beliefs and ethics. Today, storytelling is an effective way to preserve your philanthropic goals by providing insight and wisdom to friends and family after you pass away.

Although wills and trusts are legal documents used to outline your intentions for the people and causes you cherish most, they don't express why you were inspired to make certain decisions. A legacy letter, also known as an ethical will, can fill that gap. This document can help supplement your estate plan and is the perfect tool to discuss your connection to the Congregation of the Mission Western Province.

Your letter should feature the principles that guide your life. It may provide critical details that outline family traditions and clarify how you want your legacy to be followed.

A Special Gift

Your legacy letter is a special gift to others. It's an opportunity for you to provide deeper insight into your life and offer personal lessons.

In preparing your own story, think about your major influences and motivation—experiences that shaped your values. The following questions can help you get started.

1 What values are most important to you?
How do you follow these in your daily life?

2 What major events affected your view of life?

Your reflections are life lessons to share with future generations. They may provide you with new perspectives on life and will likely be eye-opening to your children, grandchildren and other individuals who have played a significant role in your life.

3 Who has been the biggest influence on your life? How have you influenced others during your lifetime?

4 What are you most grateful for personally and professionally?

5 What are the most important lessons you have learned from your loved ones, friends or colleagues?

6 What are your hopes and dreams for the future?

7 What advice do you want to leave your loved ones?
