Suggested Language for Bequests to Washington National Cathedral

Many charitable bequests are for a specific sum of money. To provide a bequest for a specific sum to Washington National Cathedral in your will, simply state:

*I bequeath the sum of ______ dollars to the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation to benefit Washington National Cathedral in Washington, DC.*

Alternatively, you may wish to consider stating your charitable bequest as a percentage of the value of your estate. By expressing your bequest in this way, the Cathedral will be able to share in the increases or decreases in the value of your estate. This may be stated as:

*I bequeath to the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation to benefit Washington National Cathedral in Washington, DC, an amount equal to ___ percent of the net value of my estate as finally determined for estate-tax purposes.*

You may also bequeath a specific item of property to the Cathedral, if you prefer. A bequest of property can include real estate, individual retirement account or pension fund assets, or appreciated securities to mention just a few. Such bequests can have significant tax and financial advantages in addition to providing personal satisfaction to the donor. Such a bequest may be stated as:

*I give, devise, and bequeath the following described property to the Protestant Episcopal Cathedral Foundation to benefit Washington National Cathedral in Washington, DC, property known as ____________, etc.*

Unless otherwise specified by you, the Cathedral will distribute the gift amount evenly among its programs or where the need is greatest. As noted, you can also specify any Cathedral program(s) to which you wish to designate your bequest. If you express your charitable bequest as a percentage rather than dollar amount and you wish for specific percentages to go to more than one program, please indicate this clearly.

For more information go to [www.cathedral.giftplans.org](http://www.cathedral.giftplans.org). THANK YOU.

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