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Marie McManus: A Life *Well Lived*



Marie McManus was born in Canada, in 1922 and grew up during the Great Depression. She was raised primarily by her aunt, as her mother had several health issues and her father was, unfortunately, not in the picture. Marie eventually moved to Detroit, Michigan, as a teenager and lived with her maternal grandmother. After high school, Marie and a friend moved to Washington, DC, where she obtained a job as a secretary for the Indian Embassy. The majority (30 years) of her professional life was spent as the executive secretary for the International Monetary Fund (IMF). Marie eventually married Leonard McManus, a retired Air Force pilot, and the couple relocated to Northern Virginia.

A Providential Neighbor

Despite the hardships of growing up with various family members and not having many material possessions, Marie had a strong faith in God's Divine assistance and often prayed the Rosary in French, her native language, for the

needs of the Church. While traveling for the IMF, she would often visit shines and world renowned Cathedrals, Basilica's and churches. Shortly after moving into their new home, Marie received a knock at her door from a boy who asked if he could mow their lawn. Marie was impressed with the boy's kindness and manners; they spoke for a short time and she hired him. The boy was not only polite, but also a hard worker. Marie became friends with his parents who lived across the street, in fact, after Leonard's passing, Ed and Rita often took Marie to the 5:30 Mass on Saturday evening, then to shop afterward at the military base. During these years, Marie continued to pray for needs of the Church. As the years passed the boy went to college and the Air Force, where he flew the C130E Hercules (the C-130 was originally designed as a troop, medevac, and cargo transport aircraft, it's a big plane!). After his time in the Air Force, he entered the seminary. Given the connection to her friend, Marie stepped up her prayers for needs of the Church, specifically seminarians. Seven years later, Marie travelled to Rome to be present at her friend's Diaconate Ordination at the North American College in Rome. Marie often remarked that this was one of the highlights of her life. A year later, the young man was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Raleigh.

Building on An Already Great Legacy

One would think that Marie would be satisfied that all her prayers assisted in the ordination of a Catholic Priest, however, she wanted to do more. Marie wanted to help provide the opportunity to other men being called to give their lives to Christ's Church. She particularly wanted to support those men who came from poor families, like

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her own. She asked her priest friend how she could go about establishing a charitable gift during her lifetime and as part of her estate plan that would annually fund a seminarian's education in perpetuity. Her friend, put her in contact with the Diocesan Director of Special Gifts, Ryan Flood. Marie explained her charitable intentions to Ryan and they worked together to craft a plan that would reflect her ideas and values. One of Marie's assets was a portfolio of stocks that she and Leonard purchased just after they were married. They bought the stocks as a "back-up savings plan," which they never had to



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The Director of *Special Gifts*



If you or your advisors have questions regarding planning your estate, please contact Ryan Flood, Director of Special Gifts. For many years, Ryan has been serving the parishioners of the Diocese of Raleigh. His promise to you is careful listening, attention to your best interest, solutions that reflect your

values and priorities, professional expertise and absolute confidentiality.

Contact Ryan directly

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7200 Stonehenge Drive, Raleigh, NC 27613-1620.

2017 *Fall Seminars*

2017 Fall Estate Planning Seminars – Please join us for one of the educational seminar near you.

St. Michael the Archangel
September 20th
12:00 – 1:30 (lunch included)
804 High House Road
Cary, NC 27513

Sacred Heart (Southport)
September 26th
12:00 – 1:15 (lunch included)
5269 Doshier Cut-off S.E.
Southport, NC 28461

Immaculate Conception
September 27th
9:45 – 11:00
6650 Beach Road
Wilmington, NC 28412

Basilica Shrine of St. Mary
September 27th
12:30 – 1:45 (lunch included)
412 Ann Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

All Saints
October 4th
10:00 – 11:30 (lunch included)
18737 Highway 17 North
Hampstead, NC 28443

St. Therese
October 4th
12:45 – 2:00
209 South Lumina Avenue
Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480

Our Lady of Lourdes
October 11th
12:00 – 1:15 (lunch included)
2718 Overbrook Drive
Raleigh, NC 27608

Holy Redeemer
October 23rd / 6:00 – 8:00 &
October 24th / 10:00 – 12:00
301 W. Kitty Hawk Road
Kitty Hawk, NC 27949

use. They neither sold the stock nor used any of its dividends, they just kept reinvesting the dividends over the years, as she felt this would be a perfect charitable gift for the Church. The estate planning continued for a few months and involved discussion of various charitable arrangements and what assets would be most beneficial to her, her family members and her favorite charities. Eventually, in 2014, Marie worked with Ryan to establish the Marie L. and Leonard M. McManus Seminarian Endowment Fund. Marie would fund this endowment during her life-time with outright gifts and eventually with two gifts from her estate following her death. After Marie approved the ideas, she worked with an estate planning attorney to establish a trust to benefit her family and other charities. The moral of the story is to take the time to plan and work with seasoned professionals who can assist

you every step of the way. Marie's gift will provide annual seminarian scholarships. With God's grace, these seminarians will eventually be ordained priests and nourish the souls of the faithful through the sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the celebration of Holy Mass. Many of God's children will be impacted, healed and brought back to Holy Mother Church through the ministry of these priests and Marie's generosity and planning... what a legacy!

All in God's Timing

Maria had more than a few trials in the last years of her life, it was her own "assent up Calvary" in a way. She was greatly rewarded, by our Lord for her years of faithful service, sacrifices and prayers. Our Blessed Lord took her home on the 100th Anniversary of the first Apparition of Fatima, May 13, 2017! Well done good

and faithful servant. I bet you are wondering who that boy, turned Navy pilot, turned priest turned out to be? It was none other than our own, Bishop Ned Schlesinger, who, around the same time of Marie's passing, found out he was named Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta...now how many people can say they once had a Bishop who took care of their yardwork?

If you would like to learn more about supporting our diocesan seminarians or structing a charitable gift, to support a diocesan ministry, please contact Ryan Flood, Director of Special Gifts. His promise to you is careful listening, attention to your best interest, solutions that reflect your values and priorities, professional expertise and absolute confidentiality.

The Father Thomas F. Price
Catholic Heritage Society



The Father Thomas F. Price Catholic Heritage Society was created in 2012 to recognize individuals who have included a parish, school, the Diocese of Raleigh or any institution of the diocese in their estate plan (<http://dioceseofraleigh.plannedgiving.org/dioceseofraleigh/giving/2.html>). You can join the Father Price Society to build a lasting foundation of financial support by completing the Fr. Price Enrollment Form and notifying the Diocese of your gift. All disclosure is confidential, and requests to remain anonymous are strictly honored.



Endowing Values

You, too, can establish a gift like Marie's. Your personal values are literally endowed when you create and fund a named endowment with the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh. This is so much

more than endowing a program, facilities, or even part of our operational budget. Your commitment to the mission of the Church will be carried into the future for generations through your endowment fund.

Consider for a moment your grandchildren and their children. Family members in distant future generations will not have known you, though they will know your love for the Church through the endowment. Imagine the effects this will have on your family. They will have insight into your generosity, your values, and it could influence them to add to your endowment or perhaps create one of their own.

Yes, endowments convey values in powerful ways. An endowment doesn't necessarily require a lump sum gift or even a large sum of money. Some may be surprised to learn that an endowment can get started right away, build up over time, or even receive your ultimate gift through your estate. We work to help you set reasonable objectives for your endowment and to make it convenient, always. Many generous donors use an endowment as a tool to pass their values on to future generations. Would you like to learn more about the Diocese of Raleigh endowment program and how it can help your parish, school or favorite ministry? Please use the convenient form on the back of the newsletter to request more information and to arrange for a conversation with our director of special gifts, Ryan Flood (919) 821-9774 or via email at ryan.flood@raldioc.org. You can also find out more about endowment from our website, www.dioceseofraleigh.plannedgiving.org.

"Locking in" your recent stock market gains for charity?

A charitable gift annuity (CGA) is an agreement between an annuitant(s) and the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh by which the annuitants(s) irrevocably transfers assets (usually cash or stock) to the Diocese in exchange for fixed payments for life. The Diocese limits these gifts to donors who are at least 70 years old (65 for deferred gift annuities).

How a Charitable Gift Annuity works



ROSE is 82 years old and retired. She has a \$25,000 CD earning a return of 1.5% that will mature soon. She would like to use the \$25,000 to establish a charitable gift annuity that will ultimately benefit the Diocesan Seminarian Education Program. Rose is not able to make an outright gift, but she recently heard about a charitable gift annuity offered through the Diocese of Raleigh in which she can direct her gift to the Seminarian Partnership Program.

Rose will give the diocese \$25,000 to fund a charitable gift annuity, which will pay her income at a rate of 7.2% until her death. Upon her death, the funds remaining in the annuity account will be transferred to the Seminarian Partnership Program to assist with the educational needs of future diocesan priests. This transfer will be "outside of her estate" and will occur very soon after her death, without waiting for probate and without any fees being extracted for attorney's fees or court costs.