

# Bishop Murphy Society

*'Concern for others is at the very heart of Christian life. By making a bequest you will have a direct impact on the lives of those in need of our love and support.'*

Archbishop Philip Wilson

If you would like further information please call the bequest office on 8210 8152 or email [bequests@adelaide.catholic.org.au](mailto:bequests@adelaide.catholic.org.au)



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# Leaving a bequest

‘Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.’  
2 Corinthians 9:7

This ancient text about generosity of spirit is still relevant today and epitomises what leaving a bequest is all about. Naturally you should always consider family first, but it may also be possible to do something to assist the most disadvantaged in our community.

By making a bequest to the Catholic Archdiocese of Adelaide you can help us carry on our many and varied works. These include: hospital and prison chaplaincy, social justice and community welfare programs, advocacy of life issues, conservation of heritage buildings or lay ministry and care for our priests. Or you may want to contribute to your local parish – it is entirely up to you.

The bequest can be as little or as large as you want and can be made in several ways. Regardless, your generosity will help provide care and support for others beyond your lifetime.

We recommend you seek advice from your solicitor on making or updating your Will and on the most appropriate wording for leaving a bequest. In this way you are assured your wishes and intentions are met and that the beneficiary can maximise your generosity. Examples of suitable wording for a bequest to the Church are available from our Bequest Office.

# Bishop Murphy Society

The Bishop Murphy Society has been established to honour the generosity of those individuals who have pledged a bequest for any of the good works of the Adelaide Archdiocese. The Society is a way we can recognise you now for your contribution to our future. Archbishop Philip Wilson is the patron of the Society.

The Society is named in honour of Bishop Francis Murphy, the first Catholic Bishop of Adelaide (1844-1858). When Bishop Murphy began his work in Adelaide there was no church, school or presbytery and only one priest to assist him.

The Bishop set about tirelessly raising funds to build schools and churches. In 1856 he began the building of St Francis Xavier's Cathedral, the oldest Catholic Cathedral in Australia, but he died before its completion. Burials within the city square mile of Adelaide are prohibited but special permission was granted to allow the Bishop to be buried in the Cathedral and he is buried beneath the sanctuary.



A staunch defender of the Catholic faith, Bishop Murphy will be remembered as a church builder. In December 1857 his last report to Rome summed up his work: ‘12 churches and six chapels have been built in the diocese and two others are being built as well as a magnificent cathedral’.

Members of the Bishop Murphy Society receive a unique pin, a certificate and invitations to special events.