

*You can make a difference through
Gannon University's Archbishop Gannon*

Founder's Society



“We owe Gannon and Villa Maria for a fantastic education that allowed us to do well in our careers. Our gift is in appreciation for helping us become whole people who were able to do well not only financially but also in our parenting, our relationships and other areas of our lives.”

*Russell Forquer '71
Susan Forquer '66VMC*

“We both feel loyalty toward Gannon, so it feels really great to be able to help students who are potentially on the same path or would like to go to school, but can't afford it. It's easy to give through estate planning.”

*Dr. Antoinette Spevetz '83
Dr. David H. Hardic '79*



The Archbishop Gannon Founder's Society honors supporters of Gannon University and Villa Maria College who have included Gannon University in their wills. These gifts leave a lasting legacy by becoming part of the permanent life of the University.

Leave your Legacy

It is possible to “Leave a Legacy” while potentially minimizing taxes and settlement costs, which means more of your estate will go to your loved ones.

A charitable gift to Gannon University is a way to document your legacy. Charitable gifts, including long-range estate and financial planning, can be a great way for you to provide significant support to Gannon and impact the education of students.

How do I make a Lasting Legacy?

Gift planning is unique to each individual or couple. The specific benefits of a planned gift are influenced by a number of variables such as your age, income tax bracket, size of your gift, etc. Seek advice from your financial, legal and tax counsel when considering a charitable gift of any type. Your professional advisors will be familiar with your circumstances.

Why is it important to consider an estate plan gift?

An estate plan gift is a powerful tool that provides a way for you to help secure your own financial future and the financial future of Gannon University. Estate gifts can help you make a gift that is greater than you ever dreamed possible.

Let Gannon's alumni website guide you

<http://gannonalumni.planmylegacy.org>



Options to best match with your personal goals

There will come a time in all of our lives when we consider how we want to leave our legacy. Let Gannon work with you about becoming a life-long partner in advancing academic excellence while making a difference in the lives of Gannon students.

Your Gift	Wills	Gift of Personal Property	Gift of Retirement Assets	Gift of Life Insurance	Retained Life Estate	Gift of Real Estate	Charitable Remainder Trust	Charitable Lead Trust	Charitable Gift Annuity (Ask about Gannon's special rates)
Your Goal	Defer a gift after your lifetime	Share your enjoyment of a collection or personal item	Avoid the twofold taxation on IRAs or other employee benefit plans	Make a large gift with little cost to yourself	Give your personal residence or farm now, but continue to live there	Make a gift of property no longer needed and generate an income tax deduction	Secure a fixed and often increased income, or create a hedge against inflation	Reduce gift and estate taxes on assets you pass to children or grandchildren	Supplement income with steady payments that are partially tax-free
How to Make the Gift	Name Gannon in your will or living trust (designate a specific amount, percentage or share of the residue)	Donate tangible personal property related to our tax-exempt function	Name Gannon as the beneficiary of the remainder of the assets after your lifetime	Change beneficiary/ownership on a paid up life insurance policy that you no longer need	Designate ownership of your home to Gannon, but retain occupancy	Donate the property to Gannon	Create a trust that pays income annually; the principal is retained for Gannon	Create a charitable trust that pays fixed or variable income to Gannon for a specific term of years; the principal is retained for heirs	Establish a charitable gift annuity contract with Gannon that pays a set amount for life
Your Benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Donations exempt from federal estate tax • Control of your assets for your lifetime 	Charitable deduction based on the full fair market value	Allows you to make the gift from the most highly taxed assets, leaving better assets for family	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current income tax deduction • Possible future deductions through gifts to pay policy premium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuable charitable income tax deduction • Lifetime use of residence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate income tax deduction • Reduction or elimination of capital gains tax 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Variable or fixed income for life • Immediate income tax charitable deduction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces your taxable estate • Property kept by your family, often with reduced gift taxes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Current and future savings on income taxes • Fixed payments for life for one or two individuals

Each of the deferred giving types is closely regulated by law and requires special arrangements and tax treatment.

Gannon will work with you, your financial advisor and/or your attorney to ensure that your wishes are documented correctly.

Additional Testimonials by Archbishop Gannon Founder's Society Members

“While a student at Gannon, I developed incredible relationships with students and faculty members and received an excellent education...I feel so strongly that Gannon made me who I am today, and my husband and I really believe in what Gannon is doing and want it to continue. We feel very blessed with the kind of life we’ve led, we want not only to give back, but pay it forward to allow other students to follow their dreams.”

Mary Carlson Cardot '75

“One thing I learned at Gannon is that you take care of your community. A deferred gift is a painless, easy way to give back to the school I love.”

Jim Ahearn '61

“I feel a debt of gratitude toward Gannon and as I begin to get close to retirement, I thought this is something that I should do. I feel that in some small way, I’m trying to pay back for all the University gave me.”

Monsignor Henry Kriegel '66

“With this gift, we are excited to help bolster a culture of giving to Villa Maria College and Gannon Univeristy.”

Gerald “Tony” Ryan

Carole “Lesley” (Schuster) Ryan '76VMC



Believe in the possibilities.