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Dear Beloved Parish Pastors and Administrators,

I write to share an opportunity to strengthen our diocesan family and support our parishes in their mission to care for God's people.

In our shared pilgrimage to build vibrant, faith-filled communities, we have entered into a partnership with MyCatholicWill.com, a resource designed to serve the practical and spiritual needs of our faithful. I ask for your partnership in bringing this gift to your parishioners, and I trust that together, we can bear fruit for the Kingdom.

It is a reality that most adults, including many in our parishes, have not prepared a Last Will and Testament. When a loved one passes without a will, their family may face significant financial and emotional burdens. As a Church, we are called to walk with our people in all seasons of life, offering not only spiritual guidance but also practical care to safeguard their well-being.

To address this need, the Diocese of Memphis is sponsoring free access to MyCatholicWill.com for all who may benefit. This initiative has three heartfelt goals:

- To assist our Catholic faithful in preparing a Last Will and Testament, ensuring their families are protected and their wishes honored.
- To affirm the sacred dignity of a Catholic funeral and burial, rooted in our hope of the Resurrection.
- To invite prayerful consideration of bequest commitments to support the mission of our parishes and diocese, fostering a legacy of faith for future generations.

Through this platform, parishioners who choose to participate will be gently encouraged to consider a bequest to their parish, strengthening the local Church that nurtures their spiritual home. Parishes that have embraced MyCatholicWill.com with intentional outreach have witnessed a remarkable response, as faithful Catholics express their love for the Church through generous bequests.

Your role, as both spiritual and practical leaders, is vital. Next week, Allison Thron from our Diocesan Development Department will reach out with materials and guidance to help you share this opportunity with your communities. I ask you to prayerfully consider how to invite your parishioners into this initiative, trusting that the Holy Spirit will guide your efforts.

Let us continue to walk together, listening to one another and to the Lord, who became visible for us and endured so much for our sake (cf. John 1:18). May this partnership be a small but meaningful way to serve our people, uniting us as one family in Christ. I am yours

In the anointed life,

+ David P. Talley

Most Reverend David P. Talley
Bishop of Memphis