



Archdiocese of Regina
Development Office

Sample Catholic Preambles to Your Will

As believers in Christ's resurrection, death has no power over us. Preparing our estate plans and creating a Will is an act of stewardship of the gifts we have received from the Lord. While for the most part, these preparations focus on practical family and financial matters, sharing and passing on the faith is also a powerful legacy.

As you and your family consider and discuss your intentions, please remember to include prayer in your decision-making process. You may also wish to consider adding one of these sample faith preambles to your Will or use them as a guide in writing your own. They provide a way of placing our Catholic faith at the center of how we would like to be remembered and can provide great comfort to your loved ones in their time of loss.

Sample 1

I place full confidence and trust in God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit who promises in the words of Christ, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die." (John 11:25-26). I thank the Lord for the precious gift of my life on earth and enter into the eternal life with hope for my salvation. I urge my heirs not to set their hopes on the riches of this world, but to take hold of the wealth that a life of faith has offered me and of the promise that those who love Him will inherit His kingdom (James 2:5).

Sample 2

First, I commit myself to God's care, secure in His love for me and trusting in the salvation obtained for me through Christ's suffering and death. I leave those who survive me the comfort of knowing that I have died in the Roman Catholic faith with confidence that I may join my Lord in the eternal life.

Second, I commend my loved ones to the protection of God, knowing that He will continue to provide for them despite my absence; and I encourage them to place their faith and trust in Him.

For more information or if you have already included a charitable bequest in your estate plans to your Catholic parish or Archdiocese, please contact the Development Office at 306-352-1651 x220. All calls are confidential and information is offered free of any obligation.