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## *The Legacy of Free Will*



A “million” years ago in my religion class at St. Michael’s Elementary, Sr. Maria Goretti introduced us to the concept of free will. The choices we made—like behaving in class or who we sat next to at lunch or what we wanted to be when we grew up—were ours to make. Our actions were a reflection of our values and our decisions. And the consequences of those choices were ours alone. That was what free will meant. We only had to look at the choices made by Adam and Eve and, even as fourth graders, we could see how free will could affect the course of the human race. Free will was a gift from God, and we were to use it wisely.

Fast forward to today, and free will is still very much on my mind. As part of the services of the Catholic Legacy Foundation, we entered into an arrangement with a company called FreeWill who provides free online will-writing services for you. Every time I see their name, I can’t help but think of Sr. Maria Goretti. But like the lesson I learned so long ago, this business chose its name wisely and with care. They exist to help you make the most important plan in your life—your last will and testament—for free and from the comfort of your home. The choice of how best to steward the many gifts of a lifetime is ours to make, and ultimately will be our legacy to the world. Being part of the Catholic Legacy Foundation reminds me every day that I can choose to make a difference both now and beyond my lifetime.

### **Shining Forth: Make A Will Month**



August marks National Make-A-Will Month, and at the Catholic Legacy Foundation of Acadiana, we invite you to view this moment as more than paperwork—it's spiritual ground.

Creating a will is an invitation to walk in faith and to engage in service that is **profound, compassionate, and perpetual**. At the Catholic Legacy Foundation, our mission is to perpetuate Christ-centered work and sustain the Church's mission for the good of God's people—now and forever.

**An up-to-date will is one of the most meaningful ways to:**

- Care for your loved ones
- Ensure your assets reflect your Catholic values
- Build a lasting legacy rooted in faith and generosity

Create my will

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We've partnered with **FreeWill** so you can easily participate in National Make-A-Will Month. Their [trusted online platform](#) guides you through writing your will in as little as 20 minutes at no cost.

While including a gift to the Catholic Legacy Foundation is entirely optional, your estate plan can help support Catholic parishes, schools, and ministries for generations to come.

*May your plans reflect the faith you've lived and the hope you wish to leave behind.*

### **Planned Giving Primer**

A faithful legacy begins with a simple plan. Your legacy can carry Christ's mission forward for generations to come. The FreeWill tool makes it easy.

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