

SANCTUARY LIGHT

Forever Faithful. Always Illuminating.



The Official Newsletter of the Catholic Legacy Foundation of Acadiana

December 2025

The Promises We Pass On



Across Acadiana, Christmas arrives not only in the glow of sanctuary lamps and the hymns we know by heart, but in the traditions lovingly passed from generation to generation. We inherit more than recipes and decorations; we inherit a way of seeing the world—a faith-filled hope that Christ’s light endures, no matter the season.

These treasured customs remind us that the most meaningful gifts are the ones that last. A handwritten prayer card from a grandparent, a well-worn nativity set, the story of a Christmas Mass that shaped a family’s faith—each becomes a quiet inheritance, forming us long before we realize it.

In that same spirit, estate and legacy gifts carry forward what we hold most dear. They are deliberate acts of faith, thoughtfully prepared today so that future generations may be strengthened tomorrow. Just as a family tradition outlives the hands that first shaped it, a legacy gift becomes a living testimony of values: a commitment to the Gospel, to the Church, and to the ministries that reveal Christ’s love to our communities.

This Christmas, as we gather with those we love and honor the traditions that shaped us, may we also remember the sacred responsibility we share to shape the future. Through the Catholic Legacy Foundation of Acadiana, your legacy can become a gift of light—one that continues to shine long after candles are extinguished and seasons change.

May the Christ Child bless you and your family, and may your legacy be a beacon of faith, hope, and love for generations yet to come.

Shining Brightly



Family and faith have always been at the heart of Deacon Barney Lejeune and his beloved wife, Paula. Their daughter Andrea found a place of belonging and guidance at Teurlings Catholic High School during a challenging time in her life—a place where she was welcomed, supported, and encouraged to grow in her faith.

In gratitude for the profound impact the school had on Andrea, the Lejeunes have established the **Teurlings Catholic Legacy of Faith Endowment**. This endowment will provide lasting support for Catholic formation initiatives, including retreats, liturgies, and campus ministry programs, nurturing students' spiritual growth for generations to come.

Through this endowment, the Lejeunes are sharing a gift that will continue to inspire and strengthen the faith of young people—just as Teurlings Catholic did for Andrea. Contributions to this endowment are warmly welcomed, offering others the opportunity to join in this enduring legacy of faith. **Jill: add link to giving form for this endowment**

Planned Giving Primer



December invites us to reflect on the joy of giving and the grace of receiving. A Catholic Gift Annuity (CGA) allows you to do both. By making a gift through the Catholic Legacy Foundation of Acadiana to a church parish, Catholic school, or Catholic ministry you love, you receive fixed payments for life—and then the remainder of your gift passes on to strengthen the Church for future generations.

A CGA offers dependable income, potential tax benefits, and the joy of knowing your legacy of faith is already at work. This Christmas season, consider how a Catholic gift annuity can bless you today while building up the Church for tomorrow.

For more information, please contact mtrahan@clfainc.org or by calling 337-261-5642.