

# PLANNING FROM THE HEART

INSPIRATIONAL STORIES, NEWS AND CHARITABLE GIVING STRATEGIES

## One Woman's Legacy of Giving: 'Now It's My Turn'

Mary Weerheim of Sacred Heart Parish in Emmett is the perfect example of the faithful Catholics who are part of the 1893 Catholic Legacy Society.

She taught in Emmett schools for 36 years while her husband, Harry, farmed. She and Harry, who passed away eight years ago, came to Idaho in 1950 after a hailstorm destroyed the crops on their South Dakota farm.

Mary, a parishioner now for 73 years at Sacred Heart Parish, continues to attend daily Mass where she serves as a lector and also attends Bible study. Mary wanted to leave behind much of her estate for improvements to her parish because, she says, the parish has given so much to her. "Many families helped build and support our church over the years. Now it's my turn."

Mary's grandparents and parents, who lived through tough times including the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl and World War II, taught Mary and her siblings—she was the oldest of 10—the "importance of saving and giving to God," she said. She wants to help ensure that the church, "which is always neat and clean," as well as its parking lot and sidewalks are kept in good repair.

"Mary Weerheim is an example of the kind of people who support our Church and make up the Legacy Society," said Margaret Hampton, development coordinator for the Diocese. "You don't need to be wealthy or influential to leave behind a legacy that will benefit our Church for generations to come."

When you join Mary by including the Idaho Catholic Church in your estate plan, you'll be leaving a legacy that reflects your values and is aligned with your Catholic faith. To learn about beneficial ways you can make an impact, contact Margaret Hampton at [mhampton@rcdb.org](mailto:mhampton@rcdb.org) or (208) 342-1311, Ext. 5139.



Mary Weerheim



# What Is Your ‘Why’?

## Make Your Values Last Forever

“Why” is a word that drives us. It does more than ask a question—it defines a connection, a relationship. Why do we love the people we love? Why do certain sights and sounds stir our souls? Why does a parish, school or Catholic ministry hold a special place in our hearts?

The answer always comes with a story. It’s the best part about “why.” The relationship you have with the Church is driven by your unique “why.” There is a deeply personal reason your faith is so important to you, a story that compels you to help the Church carry out our mission.

That story also reinforces your values. Faith, hope and love aren’t important to you by accident. They are the pillars of your faith, and they connect you to the Church on a

personal level: I value what you value. Your mission is my mission too. I want to see this work carry on for generations.

This is what makes your relationship with the Church so special. You share our values and invest in the longevity of our mission. Your “why” and our “why” are the same. Your story and our story are connected.

With a legacy gift to the Idaho Catholic Church, you can carry on our shared values beyond your lifetime. Together, we can ensure the parishes, schools and diocesan ministries close to your heart thrive for generations to come.



### We’re Here for You

We can help you build or revisit your estate plan today. Simply point your smartphone at the QR code to the left to discover our Giving Docs page. This FREE resource offers the tools you need to begin building your legacy of faith and love that will last well beyond your lifetime.



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