



THE DIOCESE OF ATHABASCA

Established in 1874, the Diocese of Athabasca is the Anglican Church of Canada in northern Alberta, covering 314,000 km².

The Diocese has 17 parishes worshipping Christ across Northern Alberta, supporting second-hand stores, soup kitchens, food banks, and outreach in many forms to the communities and people within our parish boundaries. Reaching out to the young, the newcomer, the marginalized, and the outcast, with compassion and mercy. Teaching with humility, justice and love. Worshipping God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, openly and with joy.

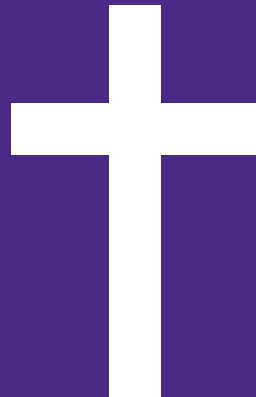
To experience and share Christ's love in all circumstances and to all people so that the family of Christ, the Kingdom of God, is further established.



CREATE AN ENDURING LEGACY

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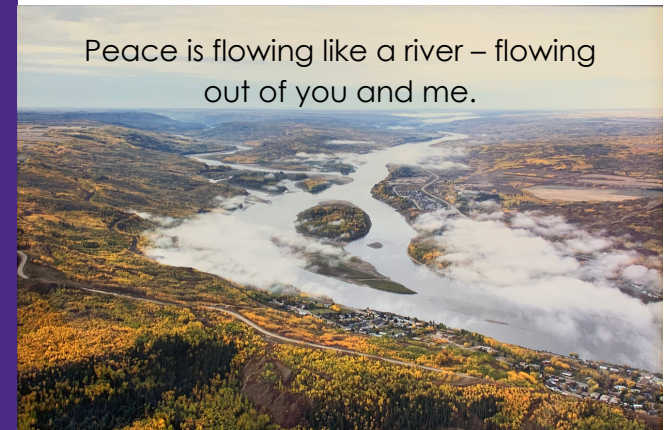


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Throughout your life, you experienced and shared the love of Christ with those around you. Just as your life will continue with God through Christ for eternity, your ministry as an Image of God can continue well beyond your earthly life. With a legacy gift, you can forge a personal connection with those of the future, promoting your values and enabling their ministry after you have gone.

Peace is flowing like a river – flowing out of you and me.



A Legacy Letter

A legacy letter, also known as an ethical will, can be helpful. This document would supplement your estate plan and is a good tool to discuss your connection to your church, emphasizing how the church, the body of Christ, is important for you.

Featuring the principles that guide your life, such a letter may provide details outlining your family traditions and clarifying how you want your legacy to be followed.

A Special Gift

Your legacy letter is a special gift to others. It's an opportunity for you to provide deeper insight into your life and offer personal lessons. In preparing your own story, think about the major influences and motivations that shaped your values.

Some Questions

The following questions can help you get started.

1. What values are most important to you? How do you follow these in your daily life?
2. What major events affected your view of life?
3. Who has been the biggest influence on your life? How have you influenced others during your lifetime?
4. What are you most grateful for personally and professionally?
5. What are the most important lessons you have learned from your loved ones, friends or colleagues?
6. What are your hopes and dreams for the future?
7. What advice do you want to leave those you love?

A conversation

Take time to have a meaningful discussion with your loved ones about the principles that are most important to you. You can weave those values and beliefs into your legacy letter. This can be a touching way to pass down life lessons long after your lifetime and build your legacy.

You can preserve your legacy in many ways:

- A simple written letter. This is the easiest way to create a permanent record of your values that will not become outdated with changing technology.
- Online tools. You can add photos to highlight specific points. You can also create a website or post on social media.
- Film a video testimonial. A recording can provide an added dimension and bring your story to life in your own voice.

Be sure that your loved ones know your story. Share all that is important to you, including your connection to your church, in your letter.

Next Steps

If, as part of creating your legacy letter, you would like to include a gift to the Diocese of Athabasca in your estate plan, you will join in the ministry of those living on earth after you, experiencing and sharing the love of Christ to witness Christ further establishing His Family in northern Alberta. Giving hope, providing love, worshiping God, supporting physical and spiritual needs. They will be grateful for what you enable them to do.

You can leave a legacy through bequests, life insurance policies, registered retirement funds (RRSP/RRIF), real estate and property, securities and stocks, trusts. You can give to your loved ones and causes you care for. There may be tax advantages for your estate and those in your will, as well.

Your Ministry Continues while you Rest in Peace and then Rise in Christ

Giving a Legacy Gift to the Diocese of Athabasca demonstrates your belief in the enduring ministry of Christ through the People of God, throughout northern Alberta. Your gift is a great gift to advancing the church's ministry, helping all northern Alberta receive care and support in the name of our loving God. This may be through caring conversations and prayer, open and loving worship, or caring for the physical needs of people on the margins.

We will work with you to find the charitable arrangements that best meet your wishes and

needs. Charitable estate planning is a conversation involving the benefactor, professional advisors, and our staff – all working together to help establish part of your legacy.

Sample Will Language

"I give, devise and bequeath to the Diocese of Athabasca, a recognized charitable organization located in Peace River, Alberta, Charitable Donation Number BN 89010 7469 RR0001, the sum of _____ (or % of my estate), (or other personal property herein described), to be used for charitable, ecclesiastical, and educational uses and purposes as it shall determine, including thereby the uses and purposes of any parish, mission, institution, college, school, or hospital connected with or intended to be, or which may hereafter be, connected with the Diocese of Athabasca."

Each estate plan should be customized to individual circumstances after discussion with legal counsel. This brochure is for informational purposes only.

You Are Blessing the People of God

With your gift, you will be included in our Diocesan Legacy Recognition program. You will be preserving the ideals of loving God with all we are and loving our neighbours as we love ourselves, as we continue to witness our Heavenly Father bring His Kingdom where it is needed into our world.

Helpful Information

If you would like to receive a weekly email newsletter updating you on the activities of the diocese, please provide your email and we will be glad to include you! You can unsubscribe at any time.

May God bless you greatly in your ministry, as you share His likeness as an Image of God.

