

FROM LOYALTY TO LEGACY

Pass on the St. Bonaventure promise through an estate gift



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Planned gifts are the bridge that connects your aspirations for a better world with the reality of generations of St. Bonaventure students to come. It's a powerful testament to the enduring nature of your compassion, vision, and commitment to positive change.

By leaving a planned gift to St. Bonaventure University, you contribute to a legacy that will continue to shape the world long after you're gone, instilling hope and improving lives for generations to come.

Your planned gift has the remarkable ability to create a lasting legacy that spans generations, leaving a profound impact on the world and the causes you hold dear.

A COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE



WHAT IS THE SERAPHIM LEGACY SOCIETY?

With more than 500 members and nearly \$33 million in legacy gifts since 1991, the Seraphim Legacy Society is a strong community of alumni and friends who have included the university in their long-range estate plans.

The Seraphim Legacy Society honors those who preserve and pass on the St. Bonaventure promise through deferred or “planned” gifts such as wills, trusts, and other methods. The name Seraphim Legacy Society was chosen for this distinctive association of patrons because of the great significance of the seraph to the Franciscan Order and to the university.

A seraphic vision in 1224 on Mount La Verna resulted in St. Francis receiving the Stigmata, the imprinted passion of Christ upon his flesh. This became a tangible sign that Francis was a blessed man. In the same way, St. Bonaventure is blessed by the legacy of our Seraphim members whose thoughtfulness leaves a positive and lasting mark on the university.

Planned gifts can take various forms and may include:

- Bequests – Gifts that are made to St. Bonaventure as part of a will or trust.
- Life Insurance Gifts – Designating St. Bonaventure as the beneficiary of a life insurance policy.
- Retirement Account Beneficiary Designations – Naming St. Bonaventure as a retirement account beneficiary.
- Tax-Free Gifts – If you are 70.5 or older, you can donate directly from your IRA, completely free of federal income tax (up to \$100,000 per person per year). Giving directly from your IRA won't increase your adjusted gross income or result in higher taxes on your Social Security income. Additionally, a charitable IRA gift may count towards your required minimum distribution.

**For more information about the Seraphim Legacy Society
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