



## **Planning the Legacy of Your Faith**

### **Must I have a will?**

When you pass on, if you do not have a will, the laws of Ontario will determine how your estate will be split up and who will receive it. Is that what you want?

If **you** want to decide who will benefit from your estate, you must have a will. If you wish to leave a legacy of your faith to St Thomas, you must have a will.

Preparing a will need not be a complicated process. It all depends on the size and complexity of your estate.

You can obtain more information on preparing a will from the booklet:

### **Planning the Legacy of Your Faith: A Guide for our Parish Members**

A copy may be obtained by telephoning the parish office at 613-733-0336

***Already have a will? Read on.***

### **How do I include St Thomas in my will?**

You do not need to make a new will if you decide to leave a bequest to St Thomas.

To change an existing will without incurring the expense of preparing anew one, you can add a codicil. A codicil is a separate document that amends a will.

A codicil, dated and witnessed, can change an existing provision or add a new one. A bequest to the church would only require a simple change, unless it would have a major effect on the distribution of your estate.

If you are thinking about leaving St Thomas a legacy of your faith, speak with Fr Tim Kehoe (613-355-0816) or Fr Michael Garner (613-797 9802)

**Don't have a will? Please refer to the text in the top half of this page.**