

"People have made at least a start at understanding the meaning of life when they plant trees under which they know full well they will never sit"

I am interested in making a gift to St. Christopher through:

- A bequest in a will
- A gift of real estate or personal property, i.e., stocks and bonds
- A gift of life insurance
- IRAs (Individual Retirement Accounts) and qualified plans

The Leaders of the Congregation are "directed to instruct the people, from time to time, about the duty of Christian parents to make prudent provision for the well-being of their families, and of all persons to make wills, while they are in health, arranging for the disposal of their temporal goods, not neglecting, if they are able, to leave bequests for religious and charitable uses." **The Book of Common Prayer Page 445**

Christian stewardship is grateful and responsible use of God's gifts in the light of God's purpose as revealed in Jesus Christ. Christian stewards, empowered by the Holy Spirit, commit themselves to conscious, purposeful decisions.

Gift Planning is simply the plan we make for the property we have to benefit the people and places that have given meaning to our lives. It is the response which each of us makes in faith as we count the many wonderful ways in which we are blessed. We then offer a significant portion from each of those ways to be a blessing to God and others. Then our giving will more fully serve God in Christ, and provide abundant blessing for the life and work which we do together in the name of Jesus.

To make your commitment, contact Fr. Stanford or one of the members of the Vestry. Your prayers and action will insure that the programs that are so vital to the life of the parish continue.