



Leaving a gift in your Will to the Catholic Children's Society

1) Introduction

Our work with disadvantaged children is only possible thanks to the generosity of supporters who remember the Catholic Children's Society (CCS) in their Will. By leaving a gift in your Will you can go on making a difference to the lives of vulnerable children and families long into the future.

You can legally write your own Will but we recommend using a solicitor. The below provides information which will help you to navigate this process.

2) Tax implications

Any gift you leave to a charity in your Will is free from Inheritance Tax. CCS will receive whatever gift you leave us in full and every penny will be used to support our work with disadvantaged children and families.

3) Already have a Will?

If you have already made a Will you can leave a gift for CCS without having to completely rewrite it. You simply need to complete a Codicil which will accompany your Will and outline the details of your gift. To download a Codicil template please refer to the relevant page of our website.

4) How to leave a gift in your Will

There are three ways in which you can choose to remember the Catholic Children's Society when making your Will:

- 1) A pecuniary gift: a fixed sum of money
- 2) A specific gift: A particular item or items
- 3) A residuary gift: All, or a proportion, of the 'residue' of your estate (i.e. what is left once all debts, bills etc. have been paid and all pecuniary and specific gifts outlined in your Will have been distributed).



4) Important Wording

It is important that you refer to us correctly in your Will in order for it to be valid. Please refer to the Catholic Children's Society as:

Catholic Children's Society (Westminster)
73 St Charles Square, London, W10 6EJ.
Registered charity number: 210920

5) Wording templates for different gifts

Below is the wording you may like to use when making a gift in your Will:

(i) Pecuniary gift (a sum of money)

"I leave to the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) of 73 St Charles Square, London. W10 6EJ Charity Registration Number 210920 the sum of £_____ [insert sum] for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors"

(ii) Specific gift(s)

"I leave to the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) of 73 St Charles Square, London. W10 6EJ Charity Registration Number 210920 _____ [insert description of item(s)] for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors"

(iii) Residuary gift (residue of your estate)

"I give to the Catholic Children's Society (Westminster) of 73 St Charles Square, London, W10 6EJ, Charity Registration Number 210920 ____% [insert percentage] of my residuary estate for its general purposes and I direct that the receipt of the Treasurer or other duly authorised officer shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors."



6) Wording template to ensure your gift is still received by CCS in the event of our merger with another organisation

Should CCS merge with another body the following wording allows for your bequest to stand:

"If before my death (or after my death but before my trustees have given effect to the gift) any charitable or other body to which a gift is made by this will or any codicil to it has changed its name or amalgamated with any other body or transferred all its assets to any other body then my trustees shall give effect to the gift as if it were a gift to the body in its changed name or to the body which results from the amalgamation or to the body to which the assets have been transferred."

7) Wording to express a specific wish for how your gift will be used

If you would like to leave a gift in your Will for a specific purpose you may wish to add the following wording:

".....and I express the wish, but without creating any legally-binding obligation, that the said charity use the said bequest for _____ [insert intended use]."

8) Further information

If you have any questions about making or changing your Will please call our Head of Service Development & Communications on 020 8969 5305 or email info@cathchild.org.uk

9) Thank you!

Thank you for considering supporting CCS in this way and leaving a legacy of hope for the most disadvantaged children and families in our community.