# From the Archbishop



Traditionally, the Church has been blessed with God's gifts for His glory and use. One way we all can support this ideal relatively

easily is to make a gift through our Will.

I am most conscious of the frustration facing many people when it comes to stewardship. Whilst they would like to do more, their immediate means simply do not allow them to make the contribution they would wish.

By giving to the diocese or your parish through your Will, the immediate cost can be minimised, yet the effect can be very special.

Whether your bequest will be for the Diocese of Melbourne as a whole, or for your parish, or both, I commend the diocesan bequest program to you for your consideration.

Archbishop Philip Freier

### The Diocese and your parish

In preparing this brochure, we are most mindful that many Anglicans may wish to support the Diocese of Melbourne as a whole, or their own parish, or both.

With these choices in mind, we offer a way of helping you to carry out your wishes. Your gift through your bequest, will be appreciated. We ask that you also consider carefully the needs of your immediate family and friends before proceeding with a bequest for your parish or the diocese.

## Your special bequest

Having decided to include the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne and/or your parish church in your Will, you should decide whether you wish your bequest to be 'unrestricted' or 'designated' in its use.

An 'unrestricted' bequest allows the diocese or your parish to chose how your bequest will be applied.

A 'designated' bequest, on the other hand, enables you to choose how the bequest will be applied.

If choosing to designate a particular purpose, it is recommended that you consult the diocese or your parish before proceeding to ensure that your wishes can be met.

## **Designated bequests**

Examples of designated bequests are as follows:

- Establishing the church in new areas
- Theological training
- Curate support
- Church building and renovation
- Outreach projects

# Making your wishes formal

Making a bequest in your Will is a simple procedure, although in preparing your first Will or amending your existing Will you should always consult a solicitor. The advice offered in this brochure is of a general nature only.

However, the form of words printed on the reverse of this brochure may be of assistance to you and your solicitor.

# **Suggested wordings**

#### UNRESTRICTED BEQUEST

#### **DESIGNATED BEQUEST**

'I DIRECT my Executor to pay an amount of.....dollars (\$......)
(clear of all other deductions)

to MELBOURNE ANGLICAN TRUST CORPORATION ('the Trustee') as an endowment [equally] of [The Anglican Diocese of Melbourne] [and] [The Anglican parish of .....]

#### **AND I DECLARE** that

- a. the endowment is to be known as
  - 'The .....Benefaction'
- b. the income is to be applied annually for the purpose of .....

#### except that the Trustee

- 1. may accumulate a proportion of any year's income calculated to preserve the real value of corpus having regard to the then national rate of inflation:
- 2. may accumulate the income of a particular year if it considers the income is not required, and add it to the corpus; and
- 3. if it considers that the purpose of the benefaction can no longer be achieved, may apply the corpus and income to some other purpose or purposes which in the opinion of the Trustee most nearly approximates the original purposes of the benefaction."

# A lasting gift:

A bequest to the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne and / or your parish church



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