



*May mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance*  
Letter of Saint Jude, verse 2

## A Lasting Legacy

Remembering the National Shrine of Saint Jude and the British  
Province of Carmelites in your Will





## Introduction

After you have provided for loved ones, why not support the other things in life that gave you joy?

For over 800 years, the Carmelite friars have responded to God's call in Britain and worldwide, and have provided a valid response to the needs of an ever-changing world. The Order seeks the face of the living God not only in prayer and fraternity, but also in service. The National Shrine of Saint Jude is one part of the Carmelite service to God and His people in the British Province.

Since 1955, the shrine has been a centre of devotion to Saint Jude in the UK. Through the contributions of those devoted to the Apostle and to the Order of Carmelites, the Shrine has supported the presence and ministries of the Carmelite Friars in Great Britain, and the great work of the Missions around the world.

By leaving a gift to the Shrine and the British Carmelites in your Will, you are helping to ensure that the work and ministry of the province and the Shrine will continue for many generations to come. All gifts, whether large or small are immensely important to the charity. It is thanks to so many of the legacies of the past that we have been able to continue our work, building God's Kingdom on earth even when your earthly life is over.

Benefactors are remembered regularly in our prayers, and by making a bequest you can help us continue our vocation to preach the Gospel. Our deceased benefactors share in a Mass offered for them each month of the year and also in daily Mass during the month of November. We brought nothing into the world when we came and we will take nothing out of it when we leave, but the work of building God's Kingdom continues after our death.

When you inform us of your intention to remember the Shrine and the Carmelites in your Will, we will offer you membership of the Fr Elias Lynch Society. There is no obligation to join - membership is simply a mark of gratitude and in recognition of your commitment to the future of the Shrine and the British Province.

Whether you have already written your Will, or have still to write one, including a gift to the Shrine and British Province is a simple process which takes moments. In the rest of this leaflet, we offer some guidelines about making a Will and how (if you wish) to specify the Carmelites as one of your beneficiaries.





## **Making a Will**

Sadly, only around one in four adults in the UK make a Will. If you do not make a Will, the law decides how what you own is inherited (by whom and in what shares). These rules are fixed by law and may not follow what you would have wanted or what you would have expected. Those appointed as administrators under the legal rules will not necessarily know how to manage your estate. They are unlikely to know what you would have wanted (and are obliged to follow the legal rules in any case). This can cause considerable distress and hard work for your loved ones at an already upsetting time. Having to get advice as to who should be the administrator and who will inherit what can take time and can lead to unpleasant surprises for your loved ones.

We do not give legal advice, but it is obviously wise for you to take advice tailored to your personal circumstances.

### **What is a Will?**

A Will is a legal document which sets out your instructions for what should happen to your money and possessions (your estate) after your death. To administer your estate you should appoint (choose) executors. They then have the necessary powers to administer your estate and distribute it according to your instructions. If you do not appoint executors (or if they cannot or will not act) then legal rules decide who will administer your estate.

### **Who draws up a Will and what is involved?**

A solicitor can draw up a Will. So can Will writers and some banks. The cost, level of advice and insurance (if there is a mistake) will vary. You can draw up your own Will (there are even standard forms from stationers). The advantage of using a solicitor or other professional advisor is that they will advise you about how to execute the Will correctly, the tax effects of your Will and various pitfalls to avoid. There are a variety of tax concessions, for instance all legacies to The Carmelite Charitable Trust are tax free. If you want to use a solicitor, but do not know one, you can search for one on the Law Society website ([www.lawsociety.org.uk](http://www.lawsociety.org.uk)) or telephone them on 020 7320 5650. A solicitor is bound by law to put their clients' interests first. Different solicitors will have different fees and you can ask them for a fee estimate. Some solicitors' fees for Wills are very reasonable.

### **When should a Will be made?**

Now (as long as you are over 18). You can always change it with a codicil (for minor changes) or do a new Will. It is good advice to review your Will regularly (every 5 years or when there is a major life event).





## Thank you

The gift of a legacy is deeply appreciated. For more information, or to discuss leaving a gift, please fill in our form below and send to: Legacies, Carmelite Friars, PO Box 140, ME20 7SJ.

### Legacy Pledge

#### Confidential

I am pleased to confirm that I am willing to include, in my Will, a legacy in favour of the charity 'The Carmelite Charitable Trust' to be applied for the benefit of the British Province and the National Shrine of Saint Jude.

I am able to confirm as follows:

I intend to make provision in my Will in favour of the Carmelite Charitable Trust

I confirm that I have already included a legacy for the Carmelite Charitable Trust in my Will

I do not wish to become a member of the Fr Elias Lynch Society

I am able to confirm details of my bequest, my name and address and further details as follows:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to discuss my bequest with you, please contact me.

Please return to Legacies, The Carmelite Friars, PO Box 140, ME20 7SJ

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