

*Sharing the Gift of
Your Faith and Love*



COMPANIONS OF ST. ANTHONY

Franciscan Friars Conventual
Ellicott City, MD 21042

How can I ensure that the legacy of my earthly journey will live on?

A gift made to the *Companions of St. Anthony* through your Will can be used to share your faith in the Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ with the least of our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Your legacy will live on through our service to the poor and needy in soup kitchens and homeless shelters, Catholic schools, hospitals, parishes and prison ministry. Your generosity will assist the Franciscan Friars Conventual serving in parish ministry, and as teachers, chaplains, counselors, preachers, in retreat centers and youth programs and as missionaries in distant lands.



Franciscan Brother Michael Duffy, in front of the caRe vaN, the mobile nursing unit he founded to serve the poor and homeless.

How can I remember the *Companions of St. Anthony* in my Will?

If you have already prepared a Will, a simple codicil can be added. If you have not yet written your Will, please contact an attorney to assist you.

Here are four options for making a bequest:

1. A Percentage of Your Estate

To leave a percentage of your estate to the *Companions of St. Anthony*, please state in your Will: “I give, devise and bequeath to the *Companions of St. Anthony* of Ellicott City, Maryland, _____% of my estate.”

2. Specific Property

To leave a specific piece of your property, please state: “I give, devise and bequeath to the *Companions of St. Anthony* of Ellicott City, Maryland, (*description of property*), located at (*exact location*).”

3. Residue of Your Estate

The portion of your estate that is left after specific bequests to your family and loved ones have been distributed is referred to as the “Residue.”

To leave such a bequest, please state:

“All residue of my estate, including real and personal property, I give, devise and bequeath to the *Companions of St. Anthony* of Ellicott City, Maryland.”

4. **Specific Dollar Amount**

A bequest of any amount will be deeply appreciated and would have an important impact in caring for the poor and needy.

To leave a specific dollar amount, please state:

“I give, devise and bequeath to the *Companions of St. Anthony* of Ellicott City, Maryland, the amount of \$_____.”

Please be assured that a revocable gift listed in your Will can be changed at any time.



Student Friars carry in procession a statue of Our Lady of Consolation.

Why is it so important for me to have a Will?

Your Will is a legal record that allows you to have a voice in the distribution of the assets you have been blessed with during your lifetime. It ensures that your wishes are carried forth, and the people and causes that you love are provided for.

Your Will allows your affairs to be settled as you choose – quickly and efficiently – thus alleviating any unnecessary stress and expense for your loved ones.

The absence of a well-drafted Will gives the state in which you reside the legal authority to determine how your assets are distributed.



Your legacy can help preserve and continue the Gospel mission of the Franciscan Friars Conventual for future generations of Catholics.

Your thoughtful remembrance of the *Companions of St. Anthony, Ellicott City, Maryland* in your Will can help us continue the holy work of St. Francis of Assisi and our beloved St. Anthony of Padua.

The *Companions of St. Anthony* are spiritual partners of the Franciscan Friars Conventual who share a love for and devotion to St. Anthony of Padua. The Friars truly seek to be the presence of Jesus and Mary for others in need. With your help, the Friars are ministering to the sick, counseling the troubled, assisting families in difficulty, bringing unity and peace to those in crisis, offering hope to people whose hearts are broken by grief and sadness, and sharing God's love with our sisters and brothers living in darkness and despair.



***Franciscan Friar
Nicholas Dhelle Solis
feeds prisoners a
home-cooked
hot meal on the
Feast of St. Anthony.***



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