

I'D LIKE TO HELP

- I'd like to learn more about how to help the Capuchin friars. Please send me your free booklet, Great Gifts. I understand there is no obligation.
- I have already provided for the friars in my estate plans.
- I will consider making a gift to the friars in my estate plans.
- Please have someone contact me.

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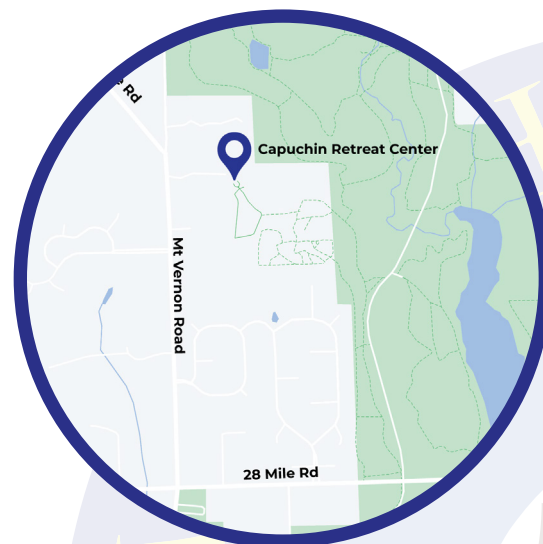
WHO WE ARE

The Capuchins have always been known by our ministries, reaching out to those living in poverty, to those on the margins of society, those in greatest need of compassion and hope.

Following in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi, we seek to be instruments of God's peace and mercy. Only in prayerful and lasting partnership with women and men of faith, can the Capuchins continue to minister, to serve and to preach the Gospel.

The Capuchins are blessed with many partners sharing in our varied ministries, from the Capuchin Soup Kitchen and the Solanus Casey Center in Detroit, to Capuchin Community Services in Milwaukee, to the Capuchin Mission Association in support of foreign missionaries and Saint Lawrence Seminary educating tomorrow's priests, brothers and lay leaders. Your generosity sustains, encourages and carries us forward.

Capuchin Retreat Center greatly appreciates your kindness and support. We invite you to visit again soon!



QUESTIONS?

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Where There's a Will

Other friends have included the friars in their Will or Living Trust. This remembrance can be accomplished in many ways: one can leave a specific amount, a percentage of their estate, or even include the friars in the "residuum," after other loved ones have been taken care of.

If you already have a will, you can add an inexpensive codicil, which is a simple addition to your existing document. Your attorney can help you with these details. Your gift will come from your resources only after God calls you home. And what a wonderful way this will be to let the Capuchin friars know that you considered them "part of the family!"

Insuring Our Future

Gifts of life insurance provide yet another opportunity to express belief in our future. Many of us have policies that are no longer needed; our families have been provided for and future arrangements have been taken care of. The impact of such a gift on the ministries of the Capuchin friars would be tremendous, and it's easy to do! Simply contact your insurance company and request a form to make the friars a full or partial beneficiary. Our legal name is: Capuchin Retreat Center.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Did you know that there are many ways to support the Capuchin friars and their many ministries? Some of these ways can also help you!

Give and Take

For example, some of our friends have created a charitable gift annuity with the friars. By doing so, they support our work AND they generate extra income for themselves. A gift annuitant receives payments for life. The payout rate, which is based on the age(s) of 1 or 2 beneficiaries, can never change. A portion of the payments is tax-free, and a charitable tax deduction is also available.

Taking Stock

Despite the ups and downs that are part of investing in the stock market, many own individual stocks or mutual funds that have stood the test of time and performed very well. Using such an asset for a gift makes great sense: not only are you allowed a charitable tax deduction for the full market value (if it has been owned longer than a year), you also avoid tax on the capital gain. Just make sure you gift the stock directly to the friars (don't sell it on your own first) to take full advantage of this opportunity.

Are You the Retiring Type?

Those who own Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) can make the Capuchin friars a full or partial beneficiary of the account. IRAs have the potential to be highly taxed upon death, so using other assets to benefit your loved ones and gifting the IRA to the friars might be a great solution to a potential problem.

If you are age 73+ and own an IRA, you are required to take a taxable minimum distribution from that account each year.

But there is a way to beat the tax-man. You can direct all or part of your IRA distribution to us. For those age **70 ½+**, you can also take advantage of this giving technique, although you are not required to take an IRA distribution until age 73. IRA funds can also be used to fund a gift annuity, with certain restrictions.

Saving for a Rainy Day

Many of us have U.S. Savings Bonds tucked away in a desk drawer, long since forgotten. There's a chance those bonds have stopped earning interest. If you redeem them, you will have to pay tax to Uncle Sam. What to do?

IDEA 1: Redeem the savings bonds and use the proceeds to fund a gift annuity. The charitable deduction you receive will offset the taxes, and the income you receive from the annuity turns the non-interest earning bond into an income producer.

IDEA 2: In your will, designate that your savings bonds be given to the Capuchin friars and then use other assets to help those you love. This way, no taxes will be owed when we redeem the bonds.