

## Sample Bequest Language



These are four types of gifts in will.

1. **General gift:** a specific amount of money or a percentage of your estate. You do not have to identify the specific source of the gift, such as a particular bank account.

Sample bequest language for a general gift of a **specific dollar amount:**

*I hereby give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_\_ and No/100 dollars (\$DOLLARS) to the Society of the Divine Word, a nonprofit organization located at 1985 Waukegan Road, Techny, IL 60082, Federal Tax ID # 36-2183817 for the Society of the Divine Word's general use and purpose.*

Sample bequest language for a general gift of a **specific percentage of your estate:**

*I hereby give, devise and bequeath \_\_\_\_ percent (\_\_\_\_%) of my total estate, determined as of the date of my death, the Society of the Divine Word, a nonprofit organization located at 1985 Waukegan Road, Techny, IL 60082, Federal Tax ID # 36-2183817 for the Society of the Divine Word's general use and purpose.*

2. **Specific gift:** a specific property such as a life insurance policy or parcel of land.

Sample bequest language for a **specific personal property:**

*I hereby give, devise and bequeath (Description of Property) \_\_\_\_\_ to the Society of the Divine Word, a nonprofit organization located at 1985 Waukegan Road, Techny, IL 60082, Federal Tax ID # 36-2183817 for the Society of the Divine Word's general use and purpose.*

Sample bequest language for a **specific real estate:**

*I hereby give, devise and bequeath all of the right, title and interest in and to the real estate located at (Address or Description of Property) \_\_\_\_\_ to the Society of the Divine Word, a nonprofit organization located at 1985 Waukegan Road, Techny, IL 60082, Federal Tax ID # 36-2183817 for the Society of the Divine Word's general use and purpose.*

3. **Demonstrative gift:** property from a specific source that does not identify the individual gift, such as a piece of art in your collection

Sample bequest language for a **demonstrative gift:**

4. **Residual gift:** the amount that remains after all other gifts are accounted for and expenses have been paid.

Sample bequest language for a **residual gift:**

*I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Society of the Divine Word, a nonprofit organization located at 1985 Waukegan Road, Techny, IL 60082, Federal Tax ID # 36-2183817, ALL OR A PERCENTAGE, \_\_\_\_\_% of the rest, residue and remainder of my estate to be used for the Society of the Divine Word's general use and purpose.*

A fifth option is to identify the Society of the Divine Word as a **Contingent Beneficiary** to receive funds in case none of the final beneficiaries survives.

Sample bequest language for a **contingent bequest:**

*If (name of primary beneficiary) \_\_\_\_\_ does not survive me, then I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Society of the Divine Word, a nonprofit organization located at 1985 Waukegan Road, Techny, IL 60082, Federal Tax ID # 36-2183817. (Description of Property) \_\_\_\_\_ to be used for the Society of the Divine Word's general use and purpose.*