

# SAINT BEDE ABBEY AND ACADEMY

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## Wills and Trusts

Bequests are the simplest and most common type of estate gift. It can serve as a testimony to your values and beliefs. You do not have to have great wealth or a complex estate plan to include Saint Bede Academy and Abbey in your will or living trust. A bequest is an opportunity for you to make a tangible and lasting gift without affecting your financial situation during your lifetime.

Whether large or small, a bequest can help reflect in death what has been important to you in life. Including Saint Bede Academy and Abbey in your Will is an investment in the future of our students and the quality of their education – a meaningful way to recognize your connection to Saint Bede Academy and Abbey.

The most common form of charitable bequest comes from a donor's will or trust where Saint Bede Academy and Abbey has been named as a beneficiary, partial beneficiary or contingent beneficiary. Bequests can appear in your original will or in a codicil and is revocable should you change your mind.

See Below for suggested language of each scenario.

### 1. Specific Bequest

*"I give and bequeath to Saint Bede Academy and Abbey 24 W US HWY 6 Peru, Illinois 61354, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the general purposes of supporting Saint Bede Academy and Abbey"*

### 2. Residual Bequest

A percentage of your residual estate will make certain you take care of your heirs first and then leave a gift to Saint Bede Academy and Abbey.

*"I give and bequeath to Saint Bede Academy and Abbey 24 W US HWY 6 Peru, Illinois 61354 \_\_\_\_\_ % of the residue of my estate for the general purposes of supporting Saint Bede Academy and Abbey."*

### 3. Contingent Bequest

This gift results only after certain conditions described in your will are met. It can also be stated as a percentage of your estate.

*"If my wife, Jane Smith Doe, does not survive me, I give and bequeath Saint Bede Academy and Abbey 24 W US HWY 6 Peru, Illinois 61354, the sum of \$\_\_\_\_ for the general purposes of supporting Saint Bede Academy and Abbey."*

*None of the suggested bequest language is meant to constitute legal advice and should be used with the assistance of your attorney.*

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Thank you so much for your generosity to St. Bede Abbey and Academy.