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AND GIVE IT TO YOUR SOLICITOR.

Name of Your Solicitor:

Your Name:

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ARCHBISHOP VINCENT NICHOLS
PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIETY



'The St Barnabas Society continues to do sterling work in support of former priests, ministers and religious of other Christian Churches who, out of conscience and conviction, seek full communion in the Catholic Church.'

Many have benefited directly from the help of the Society. Many more Catholics benefit from the ministry of those who come into the priesthood. I ask you to support the Society generously.'

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LEAVING A LEGACY

When non-Catholic clergy ask to be received into the full communion of the Catholic Church, they take a great step of faith.

Like the apostles leaving their nets to follow Christ into the unknown, such clergy leave their livelihood, homes and church communities to obey Christ's call to unity.

For them, this means "coming home" to Christ's One, Holy and Apostolic Church.

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HELPING WITH A LEGACY

There are many people whose limited income and savings stop them being as generous as they wish to charities. However, especially if they own a home, they are able to make a real difference by leaving money in their wills.

This is not difficult but you should instruct a Solicitor to ensure that everything is done correctly. A will is a binding legal document after the testator's death and by ensuring that yours is clear you will make life much easier for those you leave behind.

Home made wills can cause real trouble. Never alter an existing will without consulting a Solicitor.

If you already have a satisfactory will, you can add to it with a "codicil". This is a simple document which makes extra provision. It is essential that you sign the codicil and that it is signed by two witnesses who are not due to receive anything under any part of your will. We strongly advise that you consult your Solicitor over this.

If you are drawing up a new will, you can include a legacy.

In either case you should include these words "to The St Barnabas Society of 4 First Turn, Wolvercote, Oxford, OX2 8AH, Registered Charity number 1009910, for its charitable purposes and that the receipt of the Secretary or other officer of the Society shall be a full and sufficient receipt."

You need of course to say how much you wish to leave. This can be either a specific sum: "I leave the sum of x hundred/thousand pounds" or it can be a proportion of the "residue" of your estate – what is left after specific legacies have been paid: "I leave -----of the residue of my estate."

WHEN THE WILL HAS BEEN MADE

It is important that your will is kept in a safe place and that your family and Executors or whoever will deal with your affairs after you have died know where it is. The Solicitor you use to draw up the Will can advise you on this and it is often best to leave the Will with the Solicitor, especially if their help will be needed to deal with your affairs.

YOUR FUNERAL

Have you decided on the arrangements for your funeral? If you have, have you told your family and friends?

Those especially who do not have Catholic relatives to make the arrangements should leave clear directions.

At least those who will arrange your funeral need to know the name of your parish church and the address and telephone number of the priest.

If you want the ordinary funeral Mass in church, you should say so. Further, you should say whether you wish to be buried or cremated. If you are to be buried, say where and if cremated, what is to be done with your ashes.

Leaving a clear Will and funeral instructions is a great act of kindness to those who love you and will be a great help when they are mourning your death.

INSTRUCTIONS TO MY SOLICITOR

I wish to leave a Legacy to The St Barnabas Society.

(Please delete the options which do not apply):

1. I wish to add a Codicil to my existing Will.

2. I wish you to draw up for me a new Will.

A. I wish to leave to The St Barnabas Society a legacy of £

(Please state the sum you wish to leave.)

B. I wish to leave to The St Barnabas Society the following part of the residue of my estate:

(Please state what part of the residue you wish to leave.)

C. I wish to leave to The St Barnabas Society the following asset or object:

(Please clearly describe the asset/object and say where it is to be found.)

Please include in my Will these words:

"To The St Barnabas Society, of 4 First Turn, Wolvercote, Oxford, Registered Charity number 1009910, for its charitable purposes".

"The receipt of the Secretary or other Officer of the Society shall be a sufficient discharge to my Executors".

Signed:

Date: