



SAINT RITA of Cascia High School



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– Michael J. McArdle, Class of 1954
McArdle, Frost & Brinton Law Firm

“St. Rita, in my opinion, is the finest high school in the state of Illinois and up there with the top in the nation. Our school ranks among the very best in academics and athletics, but what’s even more important are the Augustinian Catholic values that have been instilled in our young men, needed in our society today more than ever.”

“Anyone who has walked St. Rita’s halls, whether at 63rd Street or 77th and Western, knows what she means to all her alumni, current students, faculty and staff. The love, friendship, loyalty, generosity, sacrifice and dedication that exist in the St. Rita Family provide the greatest lessons of all.

“These lessons have resonated with me throughout my life, and when I began to plan my estate, it was natural for me to think of ‘giving something back.’ I was reminded of my responsibility to help keep Catholic education alive on the south side of Chicago. I encourage everyone who has had their life touched by St. Rita to consider adding a legacy to the school.”

Like Mr. McArdle, you can also include St. Rita of Cascia High School in your estate plans through simple beneficiary designations that will avoid probate, and potentially reduce taxes as well. These gift ideas allow you to provide for our future without amending your will or living trust. St. Rita is tax exempt, so it may make sense to name the school as a beneficiary and leave other assets, not burdened with income tax, to family beneficiaries. Most savings or other financial accounts offer beneficiary designation options, such as ‘pay on death’ (P.O.D.) accounts. Brokerage accounts may be designated as ‘transfer on death’ (T.O.D.) accounts, and the beneficiary can be a family member, friend, or organization such as St. Rita High School.

We encourage you to inform us about any bequest you make to St. Rita of Cascia High School, so that we may thank you properly and include you in the **1905 GUILD**. The **1905 GUILD** recognizes people who have included the school in their estate plans. All members will be recognized with a leaf on our “Tree of Life” located in the front foyer of our school. We hope you will complete and return the enclosed survey form, and please contact our office if you have any questions.



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Estate Planning Survey

St. Rita is conducting its first-ever estate planning survey of younger alumni and other supporters. Your participation can help us evaluate our wills and bequests program and better plan for the future of St. Rita. Could you please take a few minutes to fill out this brief questionnaire? You can return your survey in the enclosed envelope. Thank You!

1. I currently have a will or revocable living trust. Yes No

2. I have included St. Rita in my will. Yes No
Amount / Percentage (optional) _____.

3. I have made St. Rita a beneficiary of my: Estate Revocable Living Trust Life Insurance Retirement Account Financial or Brokerage Account
 Other _____, in the following amount (optional): _____.

4. I am considering including St. Rita in my estate plan. Yes No

5. I would like more information on assisting St. Rita through my estate plan.

6. I would like information about becoming a member of the 1905 GUILD.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Daytime Telephone _____ E-Mail _____

Please return completed questionnaire in the envelope provided. Thank you!



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