THE POWER OF THE WILL FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHURCH

An effective way to keep giving is through a bequest as stated in your will. That is the power of the will....not only the legal document that specifies a portion or all of your estate to a charitable entity but also the personal decision to make a gift through your will.

A will is a simple, legal document that an individual prepares to ensure that personal wishes are fulfilled at the end of life. Everyone needs a will, especially to provide for the guardianship of children and the distribution or appropriation of assets upon death. It is an effective document to transfer lifetime assets to another person or entity. This can be done in a stated amount or percent of an estate, a piece of property, or other invested funds.

Wills can also be changed or modified. This is done through a codicil (an amendment attached to the will specifying minor changes in a previously executed document).

Have you written a will? Did you designate a portion or percent of your estate to support one of the institutions of the Concordia University System?

The Concordia University System initiated a special program to assist students financially as they prepare to serve as full-time church workers or lay leaders in their local congregations and communities. This program is called *FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHURCH*. It is an effort to increase endowment funds throughout the Concordia University System with earnings designated for financial assistance to needy students.

If you already have a will, you can ask your attorney to add a codicil to the will to include a special gift *FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHURCH* endowment effort. You can designate the gift for one of the Concordias or the Concordia University System (name and address of the institutions is located inside this publication).

Please consider leaving a portion of your estate in support of *FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHURCH* endowment effort. Your gift will make a difference in the lives of those who serve tomorrow. Be a blessing to others even as the Lord of Life has blessed you!

If you need assistance in developing a portion of your will to support *FOR THE SAKE OF THE CHURCH* endowment effort, please call 1-800-248-1930 and ask for the Office of University Education.