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From Berlin to Virginia...A Pilgrim's Journey



Lucie Dilger loved to travel. Whether driving across the state, flying across the Atlantic Ocean, or walking across town, Lucie Dilger was always up for an adventure. In 80 years of life, those adventures led her from a young girl growing up in Germany, to teaching in the public school system of Arlington, VA. According to friends and family, her favorite places to visit had some connection to her Catholic faith. Whether going on retreat in Emmitsburg, MD, attending classes at Christendom College, or driving to her Church to pray the Rosary, she always had God in mind. A long time friend recalls a few trips with Lucie, *"Every time we got in the car for a trip, Lucie would take out her Rosary and invite the group to pray with her. It made the journey feel like a mini pilgrimage."*

Lucie was born in 1935 in Berlin during the rise of Hitler's Nazi regime. As a young child she witnessed years of bombing by the Allied Forces. Lucie grew up as an only child whose parents were deeply committed to their Catholic faith. While in Germany, she met her husband Paul, an attorney from the United States. They married and moved to Virginia where they attended St. Louis Church in Alexandria. She received her Master's Degree in Education from Catholic University and became a German teacher. Lucie was also well known for her love of music, particularly the opera and the Washington Opera Society.

Throughout life, traveling was something that remained close to Lucie's heart. She took many trips with friends and church groups to Ireland, Guadalupe, Mexico, and the Holy Land. She loved to visit and pray at these Holy places. She was very fond of silent retreats and classes that were taught locally such as the Summer Institute at Christendom

College. Ever the student and teacher, she had a passion for continued learning and personal faith formation. *"She was always praying and reading. I was so impressed by how much she knew about our faith. She was constantly trying to learn more about God and the deep traditions of the Church. She made me want to be a better person and a better Catholic,"* says Richard Hunter, a friend of Lucie's from St. James Church where they met while participating in a vespers prayer group. Richard and his wife Pauline were so fond of Lucie, they asked her to be the Godmother of their daughter. *"We always felt a deep connection to Lucie. She was prayerful, holy, and easy to be around. We wanted our daughter to experience those attributes."*

Lucie's generous spirit and dedication to her Catholic faith brought her to make arrangements to name several Catholic organizations in her Trust. Lucie took practical steps to not only plan for her own future but also for the future of the Church she loved so much. Lucie had an attorney draft her Trust that included simple language to name the Catholic organizations that were important to her. She also named the Church as a beneficiary on a retirement account that provided a tax benefit to her estate. These were two simple, yet powerful, testimonies of her commitment to the Catholic faith.

This past March Lucie passed on to eternal life and although her friends and family were sad to see her go, they were grateful to have had her in their lives. With faith and hope in the resurrection, they knew that this new journey was something she had been preparing for all her life.



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Bishop Loverde to Ordain Seven Men to the Priesthood on June 6th



Bishop Loverde and seminarians after
2014 Transitional Diaconate Ordination

“Go for it. The Spiritual life is not a spectator sport!”

That is the advice Deacon Kevin Dansereau gives to those considering the seminary. On June 6th, Deacon Dansereau will join six other men who will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Arlington by the Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde. These seven men come from various backgrounds and have completed the requirements of liturgical, academic, and pastoral studies to be a candidate for Holy Orders. The Class of 2015 each have hobbies and interests that range from music, athletics, and the outdoors, to spending time with family

and friends. The common trait that links these men together is their love for the Church and a calling to carry out the very unique vocation that God has chosen them for. The candidates personal journeys of faith and hard work have been fostered both spiritually and financially by the generous people of the diocese. Just a few weeks from his priestly ordination day, Deacon Joe Farrell gratefully reflects on his days as a seminarian, *“Because of the generosity of the parishioners of the diocese, I was given the opportunity to pray and study for six years in preparation to serve as a priest. This has truly inspired me to give myself in service to those who have been so generous to the Church.”*

Join us!

Diocese of Arlington Priestly Ordinations

Saturday, June 6 at 11:00 am

at

The Cathedral of St. Thomas More, Arlington

*Attendees are asked to arrive early to ensure
proper parking and seating.*

Meet the New Director of Special Gifts

Greetings!

As we consider what it means to be good Christian Stewards, we are reminded more and more of how important it is to properly plan for the future. Managing Gods' gifts or "putting our house in order" is a theme woven throughout the old and new testament. As development professionals we are here to assist you with that mission.

Having our house in order means having a sound **estate plan** that will support our life now and in future years. An estate plan will also provide support and security to our loved ones, and for many, will serve as a way to carry out our charitable intentions. Often times we feel like estate planning is only meant for the wealthy, or that our assets will automatically go to my spouse or children anyway. These myths, and procrastination, can lead to family disorder and even financial hardship on surviving relatives.

Members of the Development Office staff are dedicated to assisting parishioners who wish to properly plan their affairs and possibly include their parish, school, or favorite diocesan program in their estate plans. There are many

ways to make an estate gift but the most common way to make a final act of stewardship is to name the Church as a beneficiary in your Will or Trust. We can offer you several free resources to get you started on this path. Please contact us with your questions and requests, it's time to get started.

Matthew Dwyer, our new Director of Special Gifts joins us as a development professional with over 17 years of experience working for the Catholic Church. He and his family reside in Cheverly, Maryland and attend St. Ambrose Catholic Church.



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THE FOUNDATION
FOR THE CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF ARLINGTON

*Ensuring the Future –
The Seminarian Education Endowment Fund*

Over the years, the Office of Vocations has had tremendous support from parishes, schools, and the generous benefactors who have sacrificed their time, talent, and treasure to supporting our seminarians.

In recent years, more families within our Diocese are selecting estate planning as a way to support the Church well into the future. By designating a diocesan ministry such as Vocations as a beneficiary in their Will, they are improving the way in which we support and care for our future priests. In 2011, the **Seminarian Education Endowment Fund**, or SEEF, was created to “encourage and foster giving in support of seminarian education.” The SEEF was established with an initial gift of \$250,000 from the Coleman family of Clifton, VA, and has since grown to over \$350,000. This endowment is a permanently restricted perpetual endowment held at the *Foundation for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington*. To learn more and to consider designating SEEF in your Will or Trust go to: www.arlingtondiocesefoundation.org



SEEF
*Matching
Gift Challenge*

Make a contribution to the SEEF today and see your gift double. As a result of a recent matching gift commitment, *the next \$100,000 worth of donations* made to the SEEF will be matched dollar for dollar. Please consider a donation today to help educate our future priests!

Save the Date!

**2015 Catholic Heritage
Circle Dinner**

Please join the Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde for the 2015 Catholic Heritage Circle Dinner. Contact the Planned Giving office to be added to the invitation list.

Saturday, November 14, 2015

START YOUR ESTATE PLAN BY REQUESTING THESE HELPFUL RESOURCES...



- A Catholic Estate and Personal Planning Workbook
 - A Catholic Advance Medical Directives Booklet
 - A free, no-obligation proposal of the benefits of creating a Charitable Gift Annuity
- My/our date(s) of birth : _____ / _____ (suggested age: 65 & older)



- I am considering a bequest to my parish and/or the diocese and request approved bequest language
- I have already made provisions in my estate or a bequest to my parish and/or the diocese and would like information about membership in the *Catholic Heritage Circle*
- Information on establishing a Donor Advised Fund within *The Foundation for the Catholic Diocese of Arlington*

- I have already made provisions in my estate plans for a bequest to my parish and/or the diocese.

Heard You Need A Will? ...Here's Why.



A Will or Trust is your opportunity to help the people and organizations that mean the most to you; to organize your investments, real estate and other property; and to save taxes for your heirs. It's the most important opportunity you'll have in your life to tell the world what you want and how you want it done.

On the other hand, if you die without a Will or Trust, your property may be taxed and distributed according to the rules and formulas of your state's "intestacy" law. Consider the following pitfalls of passing away without a proper plan in place:

- **Your Spouse:** The state will pay your surviving spouse a fixed percentage of your estate. Want to provide more for him or her? Without a will you won't be able to do so.
- **Your Children:** If you have minor children, you want to be able to provide for them financially and choose the individuals who will serve as their guardians should your death be untimely.
- **Your Personal Representative:** A personal representative, or executor, is the trusted individual or institution you've chosen to administer and distribute your estate. But if you don't have a Will or Trust, the court will name an administrator for your estate, who likely will have no incentive to save taxes or speed up distributions.
- **Your Church:** You've made contributions to your parish, school, or the diocese over the years, are committed to the work they do and feel that you have a stake in their future. Without a Will or Trust, your support of those charities ends when you die. The state makes no provision for charitable gifts from your estate.

Now, let's end on a positive note. There's still time to make sure that your wishes will be taken into account after you've died. Begin to make your plans today. Contact the Diocese of Arlington for a list of attorney's that specialize in Estate Planning. You'll experience real peace of mind when your will is complete.

IRS CIRCULAR 230 NOTICE: We encourage you to seek legal and tax advice in connection with gift and planning matters, as neither the Catholic Diocese of Arlington, nor any of its employees, can provide any legal or tax advice.



The Diocese of Arlington Catholic Heritage Circle (CHC) honors the Christian generosity of those who are providing for the future of the Church. Membership in the CHC is open to anyone who names the diocese or any of its parishes, schools, programs, agencies, or organizations in their estate plans.

Through membership in the CHC, you will have the opportunity to be further involved in the activities, ministries, and faith of the diocese.

These opportunities include:

- Invitation to the annual CHC dinner hosted by His Excellency, the Most Reverend Paul S. Loverde.
- Invitation to daytime outings which are selected in response to input received from CHC members.
- Special correspondence from the Bishop that updates you on diocesan activities and future plans.

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