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# DIOCESE OF THE MURRAY

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## REGULATION FOR BEQUESTS

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From time to time people may wish to bequeath money or other possessions to the Diocese, a Parish, a particular Church or an organisation or agency operating within the Diocese.

It is most important that the correct wording is used in their Will and that the wishes of the testator are clearly expressed. Ideally, bequests should not be too restrictive in their application; otherwise it may be difficult to comply with the testator's wishes.

It is important, for legal reasons that any bequests to the Diocese, Parish or Church be made in the name of the Synod. The Synod of the Diocese is the only Incorporated Body in the Diocese and is the Perpetual Trustee for the Diocese, Parishes and Churches within its boundaries. The Synod is bound to follow precisely the terms and conditions of any deed of Trust or Will.

### **SUGGESTED WORDING FOR INCLUSION IN WILLS**

**1. For the Diocese without any specific purpose in mind:**

“To the Synod of the Diocese of the Murray of the Anglican Church of Australia Incorporated to be used for such purpose/s as the Diocesan Council for the time being of the Diocese may decide”.

**2. For the Diocese to be used for a specific fund or purpose:**

“To the Synod of the Diocese of the Murray of the Anglican Church of Australia Incorporated for the benefit of..... (here insert the Fund or purpose/s)  
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**3. For a Parish without any specific purpose in mind:**

“To the Synod of the Diocese of the Murray of the Anglican Church of Australia Incorporated for the benefit of ..... (here insert the name of the Parish) to be used for such purpose/s as the Parish Council for the time being may decide”.

**4. For a Parish to be used for a specific purpose:**

“To the Synod of the Diocese of the Murray of the Anglican Church of Australia Incorporated for the benefit of ..(here insert the name of the Parish) to be used for the purpose/s of ..... (here insert the particular purpose or purposes)”.

**5. For a Church without any specific purpose in mind:**

“To the Synod of the Diocese of the Murray of the Anglican Church of Australia Incorporated for the benefit ..... (here insert the name of the Church) to be used for such purpose/s as the vestry for the time being may decide.

**6. For a Church to be used for a specific purpose:**

“To the Synod of the Diocese of the Murray of the Anglican Church of the Church of Australia Incorporated for the benefit of .....(here insert the name of the Church) to be used for the purpose/s of..... (here insert the particular purpose or purposes)”.