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ROCKVILLE CENTRE

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MANUAL AND INSTRUCTIONS**

The Diocese of Rockville
create their Will at no cost

Get peace

Just 20 minutes to create
legally-binding will

Get started now

Already included us in your will? Let us know by
filling out [this form](#).



A gift for you and your future

As a thank you for being a friend of Diocese of Rockville
Centre, FreeWill is delighted to help you create your legal will.
It's 100% free to you, and most people finish in 20 minutes or
less. [We also offer you the ability to create a free revocable
living trust](#).

Start my free will

Step 1: CLICK ON



Start my free will



You will be asked to enter your name and email address to create your free account.

Getting started

Fields marked with * are required.

First name*	Middle name	Last name*	
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
Preferred name			
<input type="text"/>			
Email address*			
<input type="text"/>			

By checking this box, I confirm that I am at least 18 years of age, and that I have read and agree to FreeWill's [Terms of Service](#) &

**Additional
information required
to facilitate your
Will.**

Basic details

Gender*



Birthdate*



Enter the date in mm/dd/yyyy order.

mm/dd/yyyy



Phone number



10 digits, U.S. only, for example (999) 999-9999.

(999) 999-9999

Street Address 1*



You'll be asked your marital status, and to name your spouse. Later in the process, you'll have the option to create a mirror will for your spouse if you wish. Mirror wills are two wills that are almost entirely identical to one another. They're most commonly used by married couples who have similar wishes for their property after they pass away. If your spouses's wishes are similar to your own, you can mirror your will for them, which can make the will-writing process more efficient for both of you.

Are you legally married? ?

Yes No

You will be given the option to create a Mirror Will for your spouse at the Review stage of the will-making process.

Spouse's first name* Spouse's middle name Spouse's last name* ?

[Previous](#) [Save & Continue](#)

The next section asks about dependent children, so you can provide for their care, if needed.

Children and Guardianship of Minors

Do you have any children? ?

Yes No

What are the full legal names of your children?

Holly Winther-Hansen

[Click to add another](#)

Are any of your children under the age of 18?

Yes No

If your minor child is left parentless when you pass away, who would you like to be the child's guardian? ?

Example Relative Sibling [Delete](#)

[Click to add another](#)

This section does the same for your pets, ensuring a plan for their care upon your passing.

Pet Care and Pet Caretakers

Do you have any pets you would like to provide for in your will? ?

Yes No

Please enter a name and description (eg: Felix the black cat), and species for each pet:

▼ [Delete](#)

[Click to add another](#)

How much money would you like to provide for your pets' needs (food, veterinary costs, etc)? (Optional) ?

In order of preference, who should be responsible for taking care of your pets if you pass away? ?

▼ [Delete](#)

[Click to add another](#)

You will be asked to list your assets or do an estimate of your estate depending on your circumstances.

Assets

Listing out major assets helps your executor better handle your affairs by providing information about what assets you have and where they're held. This section may take a while but is completely optional. You can choose to skip this section and return to it later.

How would you like to provide your assets?*

I'd like to list out each of my assets

I'll estimate my total assets for now

Many people work with a professional Financial Advisor. Do you?*

Including your Financial Advisor's details in your estate plan aids your executor by giving them access to expert guidance on managing your assets after your passing.

Yes

No

I would like help finding an advisor

If you choose to estimate your estate – you will be brought to this page.



Basics



Nominees



Assets



Residuary



Gifts



Funeral



Provisions



Review

What is the approximate total value of assets distributed by your will?

This question helps us understand your estate value in relation to state and federal tax law. We may provide additional guidance throughout your estate planning process depending on your response. This estimate should not include any assets distributed out of your will (e.g. Joint accounts, 401(k) accounts, life insurance, etc.).

Less than \$200k

\$200K-\$500K

\$500K-\$1M

\$1M-\$2M

\$2M-\$5M

\$5M-\$10M

More than \$10M

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**If you choose to
list your assets
(recommended)
you click here**



Here is the Page where you will list your assets

Assets distributed by your will (probate)

- Bank accounts solely owned by you
- Real estate solely owned by you or by tenants in common
- Brokerage accounts solely owned by you
- Personal property or valuables

Assets NOT distributed through your will (non-probate)

- Jointly owned bank or brokerage accounts
- Jointly owned real estate or vehicle
- 401(k) accounts, pensions, IRAs, etc.
- Life insurance

Select an asset to add

Add details for each asset you want to include in your will.



Financial account



Retirement account



Life insurance



Real estate



Vehicle



Brokerage account



Cash / Jewelry / Other

Previous

Skip for now

Save & Continue



You'll be given the option to leave a gift to your Parish, the Diocese or a Ministry through the Catholic Ministries Appeal.


The Parish button will drop down for you to pick your Parish.

You will also have the opportunity to leave a gift to any other legal charity.

Leave a gift to Diocese of Rockville Centre

FreeWill is free to you because of the support of organizations such as Diocese of Rockville Centre that work on meaningful issues. Will you consider leaving a gift in support of a cause that is important to you? Click 'No thanks' if you don't want to leave any gifts to charity at this time.

Alongside bequests to your loved ones - and only after they are provided for - you can name your parish or diocese to receive a gift. You have the flexibility to make your gift as a set dollar amount or a percentage of your assets.



Diocese of Rockville Centre → Parishes Catholic Ministries Appeal Choose another nonprofit

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**Here is where you
will create your plan
for your
beneficiaries.**

Progress bar: Basics (checked), Nominees (checked), Assets (checked), Residuary (active), Gifts (checked), Funeral (6), Provisions (7), Review (8)

Primary beneficiaries of your residual estate

A primary beneficiary is first in line to inherit property when you pass away.

Who should inherit your residual estate when you pass away? ?

You will be able to specify on the next page what will happen if any of the beneficiaries specified below do not survive you.

[Create a custom plan](#)


Please specify one or more beneficiaries below

Your distribution must equal exactly 100% to continue

BENEFICIARY	ALLOCATION
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You will be asked whether you'd like your name shared with the nonprofits you included in your plan. If you want to inform us of your gift commitment, you'll want to click, "Sure, let them know." If you choose "No, I do not consent" your gift will be included in your will, but will not be informed of your gift intention. Notifying us and other charities you care about gives us the opportunity to welcome you to our Manus Christi legacy society.

Will you make the work of nonprofits easier by letting them know who you are? 

Anonymous gifts may be less helpful to nonprofits because they often cannot be included in planned giving goals.

Sure, let them know

No, I do not consent

You will have the opportunity to detail your wishes for your funeral and final resting place. In this section there is also a link to resources that we recommend you review.

Funeral Wishes

Here you can choose to include wishes for your funeral and final resting place. The wishes you enter will provide instructions to your funeral executor, but please note that they will not be legally binding. It is recommended that you keep these instructions separate from your estate planning documents, as these instructions usually need to be acted upon quickly prior to asset distribution.

In order of preference, who will be responsible for carrying out your funeral and final resting place instructions?

Full name of first choice

Relationship



[Delete](#)

[Click to add another](#)

What are your wishes for your funeral service?

Directions For Receiving Catholic Sacraments: It is a good idea to provide your family with written directions on a Priest to call to administer sacraments like anointing of the sick and viaticum. You may also want to have a checklist that goes over your wishes concerning funeral arrangements like where to have the wake, details concerning the funeral mass and whether you want masses and prayers said for you after you pass on.

You can use this space to leave a message.

Here is the Resource page that you can review ahead of time at: <https://www.stewardshipli.org/planned-giving>

Catholic Life Planning Resources

Planning for the future is an act of faith, hope, and love. The following Catholic resources are here to support you in making thoughtful decisions that reflect your values—offering spiritual, practical, and pastoral guidance to care for yourself and your loved ones in light of our shared faith.

1. United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB's) End of Life resources ([click here](#))
2. Sacramental Wishes Statement (PDF) ([click here](#))
3. Manus Christi Legacy Society ([click here](#))
4. Catholic Cemeteries Long Island ([click here](#))



After you complete the process, you'll have the chance to review all of your responses, and easily jump back into any sections you'd like to edit.

If everything looks good to you, you can "Save and continue" to finish the process

Review your responses

Please review everything on this page to make sure it is in accordance with your wishes. If you would like to change anything, click the "Edit" button on the corresponding section.

Basic Information	
WILLMAKER NAME	LaurenTEST Winther-HansenTEST
WILLMAKER GENDER	Female
SPOUSE NAME	David Winther-Hansen
MARITAL STATUS	Married
ADDRESS	123 Test St Washington, DC 20001
APPROX. VALUE OF ASSET TRANSFER	\$1M - \$2M

[Edit](#)

Children	
CHILDREN	Holly Winther-Hansen
ARE ANY CHILDREN MINOR?	Yes
GUARDIANS	Example Relative

[Edit](#)

At this point, your plan is fully drafted.

You can easily download your will for easy printing and saving, or you may email your will to yourself, a loved one, or your attorney.

We also offer suggestions for how to pair your drafted plan with an attorney if you wish, or to notify your nominees, like your chosen executor or personal representative.



Last will & testament

Your will is ready to be made official! Download a PDF or, if you already have a verified account on FreeWill, email a copy to yourself. Once you've printed it out, just follow the included instructions to sign and finalize it.

[Download your will](#)

[Email your will](#)

Prefer to see an attorney?

[Download a point summary of your will](#) to review with an attorney. This can save you both time and money!

Resources

- [Reasons you might want an attorney](#)
- [American Bar Association Attorney Finder](#)
- [ACTEC Fellow Search](#)
- [Avvo](#)
- [Our FreeWill Fellows](#)

Looking for a better way to support your favorite nonprofits now?

Giving stock is one of the most tax-advantageous ways to give during your lifetime. Your gift can be up to 20% larger because you avoid capital gains tax and most donors can also claim an income tax deduction for the stock's full market value. It's a win-win way to support the causes you love!

[Learn more about charitable stock donations](#)



Notify nominees

We'll send an email to the nominees named in your will summarizing their roles and responsibilities.

[Enter nominee emails](#)



Sign your will in front of your witnesses

You and your witnesses must sign and date your will in the same session. Then store it somewhere safe and let your executors know where they can find it.

Your downloaded Will document includes cover sheets with easy next steps to execute your will and make it legally binding.

If you have any questions during or after the process, please call anytime and we will walk you through it.

**516-678-5800 ext.
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You're almost done! Follow these instructions to make your will legally valid.

Read

- Read your will carefully, and make sure you understand everything.
- If there's anything you feel like you don't understand, please speak with a lawyer.

Sign

- Find two witnesses. Your witnesses must be at least 18 and mentally competent. Neither witness, nor their spouses, should receive any gifts in your will.
- You and your witnesses must sign and date your will in the same session.
- While in the presence of your witnesses, verbally acknowledge that this is your Last Will and Testament. For example, you could say: "This is my Last Will and Testament that I am signing and it represents my wishes for the distribution of my property at the time of my death." Then:
 - Sign your name on each page of the will using the signature boxes provided. On the last page, also fill in the date where indicated.
 - Then have your witnesses sign and date where indicated.

Keep Safe

- Keep your original, signed will in a safe and accessible place, such as a fireproof box in your home.
- Be careful not to remove any staples from your will, or allow pages to be ripped, as this may raise concerns in the probate court that your will had been altered.
- Notify your executor nominees of the location of your will, and make sure they have access.
- You can make and distribute copies of your signed will for reference to loved ones. However, if your original, signed will cannot be found upon your death, the probate court may raise questions as to whether you intentionally destroyed your original will, and may not accept a copy of your will as proof of your wishes.