

# ST BART'S



## **SAMPLE BEQUEST LANGUAGE**

### **LANGUAGE FOR GENERAL PURPOSES**

I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to St. Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York, {or alternatively to St. Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York for the ministry of \_\_\_\_\_}, a religious, faith-based, nonprofit corporation in New York, New York, for its general purposes [the sum of \$\_\_\_\_\_ ] OR [\_\_\_\_\_ percent of all the rest, residue, and remainder of my estate].

### **LANGUAGE FOR ENDOWMENT**

I hereby give, devise, and bequeath to St. Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York, a religious, faith-based nonprofit corporation in New York, New York, [money or property to be bequeathed] to establish {or alternatively to supplement} an endowment fund to be known as {or alternatively none as} the [\_\_\_\_\_ Fund], the income from which shall be for the unrestricted use of St. Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York {or alternatively St. Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York for the ministry of \_\_\_\_\_}.

### **ADDITIONAL LANGUAGE TO PROTECT DONOR INTENT**

If a specific use is stated, the addition of the following language will make certain that the bequest always remains productive:

If, in the judgment of the Vestry of St. Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York, changed circumstances should at some future time render the designated use of this fund no longer appropriate, then the Vestry shall direct use of the fund to further the objects and purposes of St. Bartholomew's Church in the City of New York, giving consideration to my special interest as evidenced by the purpose described above.