



Margaret Mitchell, her mother, and her brother Stephens.

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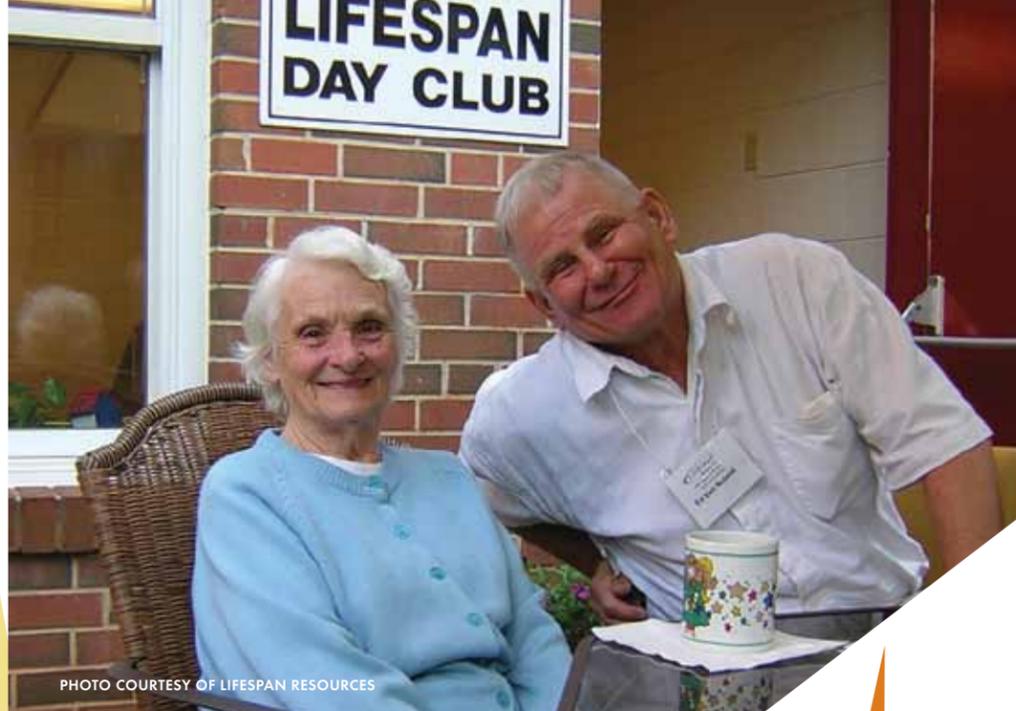


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Morning Coffee at LifeSpan Resources.

For persons with Alzheimer's, a home away from home.

A FAMILY-LIKE ATMOSPHERE EVERY DAY

A grant from The Catholic Foundation will help support LifeSpan Resources' Day Club, a program that provides adults in need of mental and emotional support an out-of-the-home environment.

Day Club members socialize and perform social, creative, intellectual, self-awareness and recreational activities. The activities enhance each member's self respect, increase necessary social interaction, and provide mental stimulation. In addition to these onsite activities, Day Club provides caregivers with a greatly needed respite from the constant demands of looking after someone with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia.

In the past two years, Day Club has gone from being open part-time two days a week to being open full-time four days a week.

"I want everyone to know how important you have been for my wife. I don't know what we would have done without you. One constant is her enthusiasm for Day Club," says a spouse.

The funding provided by The Catholic Foundation will be used to expand programming and update the facility accommodations.

"It's a chance to get together with friends and share – laughing and having fun – something I wouldn't have without Day Club,"

SAYS A DAY CLUB MEMBER.

TIME FOR THE HARVEST, AND TIME TO REFLECT

Fall is harvest time. There is a chill in the air. Coats, hats, and gloves come out of storage. Apple cider is on the table. The crops are in and winter is on its way.

Many of us are experiencing our own personal "harvest years." We've worked hard. Now is time to reap the rewards of what we've sown. Our goal is a bountiful harvest for us and our loved ones.

Seventy-five people were asked what they would change if they had life to live over again. First, they said they would take more risks – eat more ice cream and less yogurt; walk barefoot in the sand. Second, they would work harder on developing and maintaining healthy family relationships. And finally, they would establish a legacy by which they would be remembered.

A legacy is a marker. The Washington Monument is a legacy to the life of George Washington. Arlington National Cemetery has monuments to honor the lives of those who defended this country's freedoms. A legacy is a portrait of our past that hopefully inspires others in the future.

Harvest time provides an opportunity to reflect. What will be your legacy? Participating in your community. Making a gift to your favorite charity. Spending more time with those you love.

Whatever you choose, don't let this time of harvest pass without thinking about creating your lasting legacy.

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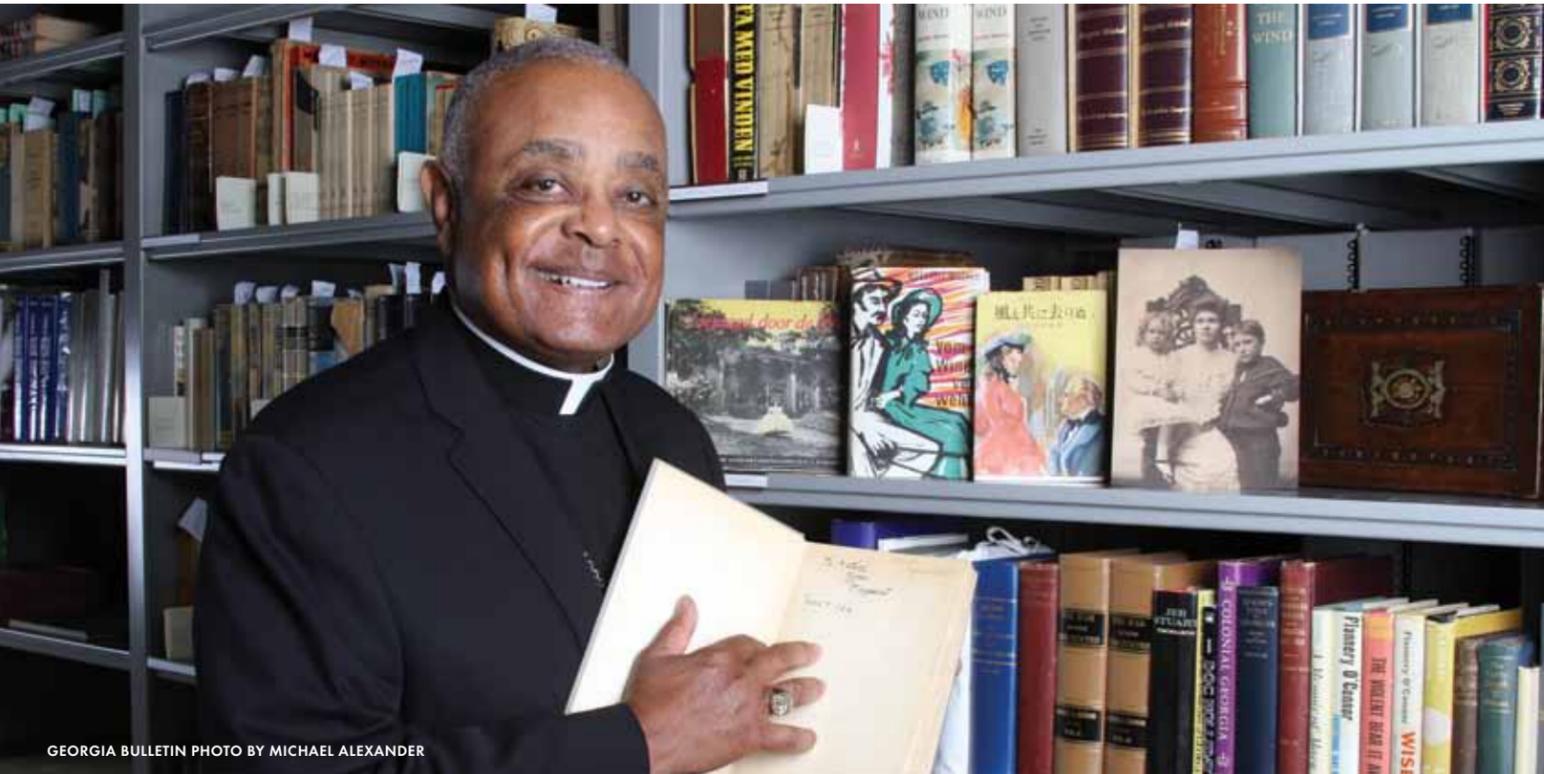
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A gift of many millions that began with “Gone With the Wind”



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“Gone With the Wind” continues to sell approximately 75,000 copies a year in the U.S., according to Publishers Weekly, and appears in other editions around the world.

Through the Catholic Foundation, the Catholics of North Georgia will long reap the benefits of the generous gift left to the Archdiocese of Atlanta by Joseph Mitchell, the nephew of “Gone With the Wind” author Margaret Mitchell. At his death in October 2011, Mr. Mitchell was the last direct descendant of that distinguished family.

In accordance with Mr. Mitchell’s wishes, the Archbishop has designated several Catholic organizations to receive portions of the estate. The Catholic Foundation was asked to create an endowment fund for each parish, mission and school of the archdiocese with a \$10,000 gift apiece from the Joseph Mitchell estate, totaling over \$1 million for the more than 100 entities. In addition, the Archbishop directed \$2 million to create the “Joseph Mitchell Endowment Fund” at the Foundation to benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta.

“We are grateful the Archbishop chose to use a portion of the bequest to ensure that every parish, mission, and school in the Archdiocese has the beginnings of an endowment. It is now up to the rest of us to contribute during our lifetimes or through our wills to help the endowments grow large enough to minister to future generations of Catholics.”

NANCY COVENY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION

“Gone With the Wind”: A first edition (1936)



Top: Joe Mitchell, conveyor of the gift.
Bottom: Margaret Mitchell, his aunt-author.

A lifelong Catholic and a devoted member of the Cathedral of Christ the King, Joe Mitchell left to the archdiocese a multi-million dollar bequest, his home on Habersham Road in Atlanta, several artifacts that belonged to Margaret Mitchell, and his share of the trademark and literary rights to “Gone With the Wind.”

“The Archdiocese of Atlanta has been blessed with a generous gift through the kindness of Joe Mitchell,” Archbishop Gregory said. “This gift is a reservoir of the funds earned through the genius of Margaret Mitchell. The Mitchell family has a proud Catholic legacy, and this gift will allow that legacy and that pride to be shared with many others in the archdiocese.”

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“Now That *my* PARISH Has An Endowment, What Does That Mean For Me?”

GIFTS TO ENDOWMENTS ARE FOREVER GIFTS.

What is an endowment?

What happens to gifts given to the endowment?

The gifts given to endowment funds are never spent. They are protected forever as the “*principal*” of the endowment and are invested. The growth and earnings from the “*principal*” are distributed according to a spending policy – for instance, to the designated parish or school.

The board of directors of the Catholic Foundation is responsible for setting the spending policy and for overseeing the investments. The Catholic Foundation follows the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Socially Responsible Investment Guidelines.

When can my parish or school receive distributions from the endowment fund?

Endowments must reach a size large enough for the endowment to produce distributions to an organization. The current policy of the Catholic Foundation is that an organization endowment must be \$50,000 or more to be eligible for distributions. This means each of the Mitchell endowments need additional funds to begin producing benefits.

What do we do now to help the endowment get large enough to make a difference to my parish?

Immediate gifts of cash, securities, real estate or assets can be given to the parish endowment fund.

When someone dies, family members can request that gifts be made to the parish endowment fund in lieu of flowers.

Gifts may also be made at any time in memory of a loved one or to honor someone during their lifetime. Gifts can be given to honor a couple’s 50th wedding anniversary, or at special sacraments such as a wedding, baptism or a funeral, or even for Christmas and birthdays.

One of the best ways to increase the size of the endowment fund is through gifts from wills or estate plans. Gifts can be made with other assets including retirement plans, life insurance policies, real estate, charitable remainder trusts, charitable gift annuities, and even collections.

Suppose I want to benefit my parish?

Give us a call at 404.497.9440 or email us at info@cfnga.org. We’ll be glad to assist you in creating *your own* Catholic legacy.