

ADVANCING THE WORD

Verbum Society



Golden Girls Take Center Stage

The Class of 1958 came together for the first part of their 50th reunion in May. At the 2008 graduation ceremonies, alumnae sat front and center resplendent in their golden robes and mortarboards. They enjoyed seeing each student walk across the stage and receive their diploma. President Agnese and Dick McCracken, dean of alumni and planned giving, emeritus, welcomed them back to campus. Much fun was had that weekend, which concluded with a lunch on Saturday in their honor in Dubuis Hall.



Carol Lynn Crozier Keller '58 and Sr. Teresa Grabber '58 enjoy the reception in the McCreless Gallery.

In recognition of their reunion, the class presented the university with nearly \$2,000 for the planned renovation of the Administration Building. Thanks to all alumnae who participated in this wonderful gift!

Attention, Class of 1958, the 50th reunion is not over! Please plan to attend Homecoming Nov. 21–23. A terrific weekend is planned with a special champagne brunch on Sunday honoring your class. We invite **all alumni** to campus



for Homecoming. *Light the Way* will be held on Saturday and the Cardinals football team will scrimmage in the new Benson Stadium.

Golden Girls ride the bus to 2008 Commencement

“Incarnate Word College always celebrated in an exceptional and elegant manner. The Golden Girls Celebration honoring the 50th anniversary of our graduation is no exception. We felt so special and successful because we have our degrees from Incarnate Word! A thirst for knowledge in the Lord has given us the ability to cope in difficult times. We are grateful for the opportunity to be inspired with skills for a lifetime at the University of the Incarnate Word.

Reminiscing with friends and professors was a highlight of the day. We made lasting friendships in 1958. Mother Columkille and Sister Antoninus have gone to their reward, but they would have been proud to be with us; I felt their presence. Praised be the Incarnate Word.”

—Carol Lynn Crozier Keller IWHS '55, BS '58, MEd '87

Strategies for Year-End Tax Planning

The end of the year is a time to reflect on the past and anticipate all that the future holds. It is also an excellent time to consider the advantages that giving has to offer.

Completing a charitable gift by Dec. 31 demonstrates your commitment to making a difference—and can reduce your federal income taxes in the current tax year. Consider the following strategies as you map your charitable and financial goals.

FIRST THINGS FIRST

To begin, make a list of the causes you would like to support. For an idea of tax liability, calculate your income. If, for example, you sold appreciated assets this calendar year, or if for any other reason you may have a larger-than-normal tax bill, move forward some of your anticipated giving for next year to create a larger deduction this year.

GET A CHARITABLE INCOME TAX DEDUCTION

Cash, real estate, personal property and stocks are among the most popular charitable gifts. Depending on the gift, you are generally eligible for a charitable income tax deduction that can be as high as 30 percent to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income.

WATCH THE CALENDAR

All gifts must be completed by Dec. 31 to qualify for an income tax deduction this year. Cash contributions sent by mail are deductible if they are mailed by midnight on Dec. 31. Gifts of securities are deductible on the date they are transferred to the charitable organization's books—not the date you ask your broker to make the transfer. In most states, real estate gifts are considered completed on the date a properly executed deed is delivered to the organization.

To play it safe, give early. To be doubly safe, contact a tax advisor to discuss your giving options and strategies. And feel free to call the University of the Incarnate Word at any time.



On Aug. 25, UIW welcomed more than 880 new freshman—the largest freshman class ever!



Jim and Patricia Van Straten and Dr. Dave Mangelsdorff and Linda Smith enjoy a reception honoring Verbum Society members at the president's home in March. Dave is our newest Verbum Society member, and we thank him for his generosity in establishing a charitable remainder unitrust that will support the A. David Mangelsdorff Professorship of Homeland Security in the H-E-B School of Business and Administration.

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BE GENEROUS AT YEAR-END

Many gifts offer tax benefits in addition to the heartfelt satisfaction that comes from giving at year-end. To learn more, send for our FREE guide by returning the enclosed reply card.



Spreading Joy at Year-End

Few pleasures in life offer more personal satisfaction or endure longer than helping others live better lives.

As you think about holiday gifts for family and friends, remember that making year-end charitable gifts can be one of your most heartwarming experiences.

RECEIVE TAX BENEFITS

In addition to the immense personal satisfaction you gain from knowing that your gift supports our mission, you may also receive tax benefits. Depending on the gift arrangements you choose, you can:

- reduce your income and estate taxes
- increase your spendable income
- avoid capital gains tax
- attain no-cost, worry-free asset management

Make your gifts to the University of the Incarnate Word by Dec. 31 and you will see a tax break for this year (when you itemize deductions on your income tax return).

WAYS TO GIVE

Cash can be used to prepay a pledge or make larger-than-usual charitable gifts. Another option is to donate appreciated securities or give to a plan that provides you with income for your lifetime. Other gift ideas include life insurance you no longer want or need, as well as real estate. Learn more about these ways to give in our free guide—simply request your free copy using the enclosed reply card.

WE CAN HELP

Call our gift planning office for more information about the many ways you can make a difference with a gift to UIW.

TIMING IS EVERYTHING

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- **Cash** contributions sent through the mail are usually deductible if they are mailed by midnight on Dec. 31.
- **Securities** are generally deductible on the date they are transferred (if done electronically) to our books—not the date you ask your broker to make the transfer.
- **Real estate** gifts, in most states, are considered complete on the date a properly executed deed is delivered to us.

New Endowments

- COL. Mary L. Black '65 Scholarship (*through her estate*)
- Development Board Endowed Athletics Scholarship
- Kye Yang and Mar Shee Lee Memorial Endowed Scholarship
(*Dr. Franklin and Lily Lee Chinn '54 and Anna Lee '57*)
- Frances MacIver '62 Endowed Scholarship (*through her estate*)
- Mendell D. Morgan, Jr. Endowment for the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Library (*Mary Helen '46 and Bill Pinner**)
- Leonard E. and Shirley Sterling Scholarship Fund (*through their estate*)

*deceased

For a complete listing of all UIW endowments, please go to:

<http://www.uiw.edu/giving/endowments.html>

or request an endowment booklet from the Planned Giving Office at (210) 829-6071.

Verbum Society

Incarnate Word's Planned Giving Society

In Latin, verbum means *word*. Members of the Verbum Society truly advance the word and the work of the University of the Incarnate Word. Verbum Society members have a significant impact on UIW students and academic programs. Membership is open to all alumni, friends, parents, faculty and staff who name UIW in their will or through their estate plan and/or establish a permanent endowment at the university.

There are many ways to include UIW in your charitable giving or estate plan. And there are many positive benefits—including estate tax reduction, plans that generate income during your lifetime and the joy of helping students!

Verbum Society members receive a personalized scroll, the society's newsletter and invitations to special events, and are listed in various publications.

For more information, or to let us know about your gift to UIW, please contact Diane Echavarria at (210) 829-6071 or dmechava@uiwtx.edu.

Your Support Can Last Forever With an Endowment

Think about the satisfaction you feel when you support a cause you care about, knowing others will benefit because of your generosity. Now think about how you would feel if you could help that cause forever. With an endowment, you can.

GIVE A FOREVER GIFT

Creating an endowed gift will ensure that your good intentions are everlasting. An endowed gift is a donation that is maintained by the University of the Incarnate Word indefinitely. The principal amount will always remain intact because only a portion of the fund is used each year by UIW for the purposes you specify. The other portion remains untouched to help the endowment grow and hopefully keep pace with inflation. In this way, you know that decades from now your endowment will provide benefits similar to those it provided when you created it.

Endowments may be established by a single donation or by gifts over a period of years. You may restrict the use of the funds to purposes that reflect your values. In addition, you have the privilege of naming the endowment to honor a family member, a friend or yourself. By making an endowed gift, you also may encourage others to step forward and support our mission.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

We would be happy to answer any questions you may have about endowments. Contact UIW today at no obligation!

Establishing an endowment is simple.

Call us to get started.



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