

### Sample Bequest Language

#### For Unrestricted giving for where the need is most:

"I give to Maria College, a nonprofit corporation currently located at 700 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208, or its successor thereto, \_\_\_\_\_ [**written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property**] for its unrestricted charitable use and purpose."

#### To designate you're giving to a specific purpose

- "I give to Maria College, a nonprofit corporation currently located at 700 New Scotland Avenue Albany, NY 12208, or its successor thereto, \_\_\_\_\_ [**written amount or percentage of the estate or description of property**]. This gift should be used for **(state purpose)** if and so long as Maria College determines that the need exists. If Maria College shall determine at the outset or at a later time that the need does not exist, or no longer exists or for some reason it is not possible (or prudent) to administer my gift as originally intended, then Maria College may, in its sole and uncontrolled discretion, direct the use of my bequest for a purpose related as closely as possible to that stated above."

### OR

- you may want to consider: We are aware that circumstances change over time and broad terms such as "If the Board of Trustees of Maria College determines that it is impractical or impossible to use my gift for the purpose stated, the bequest may be used for another purpose that the Board of Trustees, in their sole discretion, believe is consistent with my expressed wishes and interests"

#### For Residuary Bequests:

"I give, devise, and bequeath the rest, residue, and remainder of the property owned by me at my death, real and personal, and wherever situated, to Maria College, a not-for-profit corporation, EIN #14-1463151, located at 700 New Scotland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208, in support of the School's general purposes" (**or "for the purpose of (insert program)"**). In the event you restrict the purpose, please add the following clause, "If the Board of Trustees of Maria College determines that it is impractical or impossible to use my gift for the purpose stated, the bequest may be used for another purpose that the Board of Trustees, in their sole discretion, believes is consistent with my expressed wishes and interests."

#### For Contingent Bequest:

"I give, devise, and bequeath to **(insert your beneficiary's name) (insert dollar amount, or the piece of property, or the desired percentage of the residue of the estate)**. In the event she (or he) shall predecease me or our common deaths occur in such a manner that the order of death cannot be ascertained, then, and in only such event, I direct this bequest to Maria College, a not-for-profit corporation, EIN #14-1463151 located at 700 New Scotland Avenue Albany NY 12208 to be used at the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees of Maria College in support of its general purposes."