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Top three year-end charitable dilemmas

The end of the year presents an opportunity to put yourself in a better financial position today and in the future. Below are three common year-end dilemmas facing American taxpayers this year. We hope to help you find ways your charitable objectives can work hand-in-hand with your personal financial goals.

DILEMMA 1
How do I deal with those pesky potential capital gains taxes?

Chances are you have had a good year with your stock investments in 2014—a year that saw major stock indices hit all-time highs. Now you may be wondering if you should sell and protect your capital gain.

Immediately reduce or eliminate capital gains taxes by making a gift of appreciated stock to Loyola.

Of course, cashing in your gain comes with a price tag in the form of capital gains tax. If you are in the top income-tax bracket, your realized gain could be taxed as high as 20 percent. Plus you may face an additional 3.8 percent surtax even if you are in a bracket well below the top.

Many charitably minded taxpayers have discovered that they can reduce or eliminate capital gains tax by making a gift to charity. A well-planned gift of stock may let you generate an income-tax deduction based on the full fair-market value of the stock and avoid the capital gains tax. Use of a gift of stock may let you generate an income-tax deduction based on the full fair-market value of the stock and avoid the capital gains tax.

A solution to this dilemma could be a life income plan with Loyola. In exchange for a gift of cash, stock, or other assets, you and/or your spouse would receive payments for life. Loyola has many options, including fixed lifetime payments or payments that fluctuate depending on the total return on the investments held in your particular plan.

In both cases, your payments are likely to be significantly larger than your current cash flow; you may save in taxes; and you will contribute a meaningful gift to support research, scholarships, or educational programs at Loyola.

DILEMMA 2
How do I increase my retirement income?

Perhaps you dreamed of travel and other activities during retirement, but because of low interest rates on cash investments and modest dividends on your stock portfolio, you have less income than you anticipated. You could make cash withdrawals, but then you increase the risk of running low on money. You could sell some of your stocks and invest the proceeds in other securities with a greater return potential, but you would be taxed on the capital gain in the stocks you sold.

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DILEMMA 3
The charitable gifts in my estate won’t produce any tax savings at this new exemption level. What can I do now?

Many taxpayers were delighted when the federal estate-and gift-tax exemption was permanently set at five million dollars, indexed for inflation. That means that fewer than one percent of Americans are affected by those taxes. (Note: Some states have a state estate tax with a lower exemption level, so one could be subject to state estate taxes if not to federal estate taxes.) But it also means that most estates do not realize any tax savings for charitable gifts that take effect upon death.

Creative donors have discovered a way to capture tax savings for their charitable gifts that increases the amount ultimately passing to their heirs: they simply choose to make the gifts during their lifetime. If you are in the position to consider accelerating your gifts, the income-tax savings you create during your lifetime could mean more net assets for your other beneficiaries. Request our free year-end planning guide for more information.

Another strategic and tax-friendly option is to consider which asset you should leave to your heirs and which type of asset you should leave to a charity such as Loyola. Your choice may have an impact on how much your heirs ultimately receive. Read our case study to learn more.

Request our free planning guide, Your Guide to Year-End Planning: 5 Steps You Can Take Today

To receive your copy and get answers to your questions, please choose one of the following options:

• Call the Office of Gift Planning at 312.915.7641
• Request information online at LUC.edu/giftplanning
• Return the enclosed reply card
• E-mail plannedgiving@LUC.edu

For more information on life income plan options:
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Gift annuities may not be available in some states.

CASE STUDY
Make a gift to Loyola and leave more to your heirs

Do you want to support a favorite mission-driven charity as well as your family through your estate? Choosing the right asset to transfer may mean more for both. What many people may not know is that traditional IRAs, 401(k)s, or 403(b)s make excellent deferred gifts to charity. Withdrawals from these retirement plans after death are treated as withdrawals from the estate and are subject to both estate and income tax. However, if you name a qualified charity like Loyola as a beneficiary of your IRA, the gift may escape estate completely!

Meet Sam (BS ’60)

Sam, a widower, would like to leave Loyola’s Department of Chemistry a gift of $100,000, with the balance of his estate going to his two children.

His total estate is worth $800,000 and consists of:

- $100,000 in an IRA
- $300,000 in appreciated securities
- $75,000 in cash investments
- $325,000 in real estate

Sam is considering which asset to give to Loyola and what to leave to his children.

OPTION 1: Give $100,000 from his general estate assets to Loyola through his will and the IRA to his children.

OPTION 2: Name Loyola as the beneficiary of his IRA, and leave his other assets for his children.

By naming Loyola as the remainder beneficiary of his IRA, Sam could save $39,600 in income taxes that would otherwise be due—maximizing the amount he passes to his heirs. (This example assumes that Sam’s estate is not subject to federal and state estate taxes.)