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This week is the final part in our 3-part series of the three basic estate planning documents – Healthcare Directives

Healthcare Directives

There are two general types of healthcare directives—a durable power of attorney for healthcare and a living will. In some states, they are combined into one document called an advance directive.

The durable power of attorney for healthcare allows you to select a person who can assist your doctors in making healthcare decisions while you may be incapacitated. You may have a serious medical condition and the doctor will need the advice of another person regarding the best possible care for you. Your designated holder of the durable power of attorney for healthcare can help the doctors ensure that you have high-quality care.

The living will is a second document (in most states) and covers the time before you pass away. In the last days and weeks of life, there are a number of decisions regarding care, nutrition, hydration and resuscitation that need to be made. The living will gives you the opportunity to offer recommendations to medical staff about the types of care to be provided to you at that time.

If you would like more information on Catholic Advance Medical Directives from the USCCB please click **HERE**.

For more information and our step-by-step guide please give us a call at 718-965-7375 x1621 or reply to this e-mail with "Estate Planning" as your subject. To help ensure your will and estate plan reflects your desires, you may also view some helpful videos on our planned giving website –www.cfbqlegacy.org.

We are so pleased that our Catholic churches are once again open to full capacity. We understand that many will not be able to attend in person, the Diocese of Brooklyn will continue to stream masses so that all may join in the celebration of the Eucharist. Please <u>click here</u> for a schedule of streaming and broadcast masses. You can <u>click here</u> to leave your special prayer intention at any time.

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