

# Stewardship Bulletin Announcements

## Bequests

- Would you consider leaving (parish name) in your will? Contact the Diocese of Sioux City Office of Communications & Development to learn more about how this simple step today can leave a legacy tomorrow.
- Please remember the *Smith* family in your prayers. Our parish recently received a gift in memory of Mrs. *Smith* who passed away last month. Our eternal gratitude to her and her family for remembering the parish in her estate plans.
- Are your estate plans in order? Contact the Diocese of Sioux City Office of Communications & Development for a free copy of "The Estate Planning Guide." This workbook contains information about planning a funeral, dividing assets, living wills, etc. The book is free to all parishioners who request one!

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## Charitable Gift Annuities

- Do you want more income for your retirement years? Do you want to earn 4.7% up to 9.0% while making a gift to your parish, Catholic school, Catholic Charities or other Catholic entity?

The Diocese of Sioux City is licensed through the State of Iowa to act in the interests of donors and Catholic entities in the Diocese of Sioux City to administer Charitable Gift Annuities.

Donors must be 65+ years old and invest a minimum of \$10,000. Depending on the donor's age, the return on investment can be quite substantial and provide competitive rates of return (as well as potential significant tax savings to donors).

Check with your financial advisor or contact the Office of Communication & Development more information: 712-233-7513 or email [kristiea@scdiocese.org](mailto:kristiea@scdiocese.org)

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## Diocesan Annual Appeal

- The Catholic Charities office in our community receives a substantial amount of funding from the Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA). Thousands of people from throughout Northwest Iowa depend on Catholic Charities for help during their greatest time of need. Your contributions to DAA help make their services possible.
- Totus Tuus was a huge success at our parish in 2016! This program provides much needed faith-formation for the young people of our parish each summer. We are grateful for those who contributed to the Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) that helped make Totus Tuus possible!
- Did you know there are \_\_\_\_\_ students enrolled in our Religious Education program for the 2016-17 school year? Our thanks to the many teachers and volunteers who dedicate countless hours to providing this ministry. Our parishioners' contributions to the Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) also provide the resources our teachers & volunteers need to make this a spectacular program!
- Our parish is blessed to have "Bob & Sue" and "Tom & Cathy" who volunteer as Sponsor Couples mentoring those who are about to be married in our church. The Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) supports their efforts!
- The diocesan Marriage Date Night is coming up on (date) in (location). Please make plans with your spouse to attend. Your contribution to the Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) supports these efforts!
- Please continue to pray for the seminarians currently studying for the priesthood from the Diocese of Sioux City. Your contribution to the Diocesan Annual Appeal (DAA) supports the work done in the Office of Vocations. Learn more at [www.thinkingofpriesthood.org](http://www.thinkingofpriesthood.org)

## **Farmland Donations**

- Consider gifting farmland to your parish, school, or the Diocese of Sioux City. Farmland donations can be in the form of a Charitable Gift Annuity which can decrease the amount of capital gains taxes as well as provide income for life.

For more information about how this process works, contact the Diocese of Sioux City Office of Communication & Development at 712-233-7513 or e-mail [kristiea@scdiocese.org](mailto:kristiea@scdiocese.org)

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## **Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation**

- Did you know you can receive a state tax credit worth 65% of your gift by making a contribution to the Monsignor Lafferty Tuition Foundation? That's right—give \$1,000 and receive a tax credit of \$650.

Anyone with an Iowa tax liability is eligible to give! The Diocese of Sioux City has approximately \$3 million tax credits for donors and tax credits are available on a first-come, first-served basis. (Last year, the tax credits were sold out in early December.)

To learn more, contact the Diocese of Sioux City at 712-255-7933 or e-mail [kristiea@scdiocese.org](mailto:kristiea@scdiocese.org).

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## **Planned Giving**

- Do you own stock which has appreciated greatly since you acquired it? You may be able to make a gift to your parish and receive immediate tax benefits as well as annual income. Contact the Diocese of Sioux City to learn more.
- Don't cancel life insurance you no longer need. By naming your parish as beneficiary, you'll provide lasting financial support and possibly qualify for tax benefits as well. Leave a legacy by calling your insurance agent for more information. It costs nothing to change the beneficiary on your policy and it can be done in less than five minutes.
- Will your estate be eaten up by taxes? It doesn't have to happen. Planned giving programs can help you avoid gifting the state when you didn't intend to, as you preserve your Catholic heritage. Contact the Diocese of Sioux City.
- Gifts of Stock Avoid Capital Gains Tax. If you own appreciated stock or property, you may wish to consider giving the stock or property to the parish rather than cash. You are able to deduct the full value of the stock, avoid the capital gains tax and make a substantial gift to the parish. A good steward uses his or her assets in a way that does the most good. For more information on how you might do this, contact the Diocese of Sioux City.