

Province Annual Fund



In February 2008, Pope Benedict XVI spoke to the Jesuits and said, “The Church needs you . . . to reach the geographical and spiritual places where others . . . find it difficult to reach.” Jesuits have been doing that since their founding by St. Ignatius in 1540, and with God’s grace and your help, they will continue to do so far into the future. That is the reason for our Annual Fund—to provide the resources for Jesuits to respond to the call of Jesus Christ and His Church.

To ensure our success, John and Margarete McNeice (pictured above) have accepted our invitation to serve as the chairs of this year’s drive. They have assembled an impressive committee of volunteers to work with them in this effort, and the committee held its first meeting on September 23 to kickoff the project.

Fr. Charles B. Connolly, SJ, associate director of advancement, celebrated Mass in the chapel; a social and dinner followed in the McDavitt Center. Grace Cotter Regan, executive director of advancement, welcomed the committee and thanked John and Margarete McNeice for their leadership. Fr. Connolly and Suzanne Heffernan, associate director of advancement, presented an outline of the plan for the Annual Fund.

The initial annual fund brochure



Grace Cotter Regan and Dick Horan



Ed Casey and Anne Marie Tippet



Fr. Connolly, Tom Corra and Al Lagan

was mailed to a select group of friends in early October, and it vividly portrayed how three particular Jesuits—Fr. Richard Stanley, SJ, Fr. Kevin White, SJ, and Mr. Thomas Simisky, SJ—have been able to embody the ideal proposed in Pope Benedict’s message: “to reach the geographical and spiritual places where others find it difficult to reach.”

Throughout the coming months, right up until June 30, 2009, the

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

Chairs

John and Margarete McNeice

Helen Boucher

Ed Casey

Tom Corra

Dan Flynn

Dick Horan

Al Lagan

Jack MacKinnon

Jim Mahoney

John Mulcahy

Gil Sullivan

Anne Marie Tippet



Annual Fund will continue to reach out to our many friends across the country. We hope and pray that you will respond with your typical generosity, realizing that it is only with your help that we are able to do all that we do here at home and throughout the world—making the words of Pope Benedict concrete and vibrant in the lives of God’s people.

“My gift to the Jesuits is made with gratitude for the past, but also for insuring a bright future for the very important work of the Society of Jesus for the Church.”

Arrupe Society



Friends of the Jesuits who have remembered us in their wills – and those who have made “planned gifts” – are considered members of the Arrupe Society. It’s a loose designation because we often do not know of their generosity until the official letter arrives from an attorney’s office or from a probate court.

For example, since the start of the current fiscal year on July 1, 2008, we have received three bequests from devoted and dedicated friends of the New England Province and the total of these gifts has exceeded \$125,000. We have expressed our gratitude to the executors and lawyers for these gifts, and we certainly remember the deceased in our daily Masses and prayers.

During the same period of time (since July 1), we have received information from two of our generous friends that the Jesuits will be remembered in their estate planning. Because of this, we are now able to acknowledge these generous donors during their lives; we can offer them a very warm and heartfelt expression of our gratitude—and help them to understand the magnitude of their gifts:

- To educate the young men entering the Society of Jesus by funding their Jesuit formation; more than 30 of these “scholastics” (seminarians) need tuition, room and board, books, retreats,

health care, clothing, and home visits for each of their ten years of preparation;

- To care for the infirm and the elderly at Campion Center, 28 Jesuits in the assisted living accommodations and 35 in the health care center; cumulatively these Jesuits have spent thousands of years of ministering to God’s people and they now need others to minister to them; and
- To provide for Jesuits in ministries such as Eastern Point Retreat House, Gloucester, and the Nativity Schools in Boston and Worcester—the Jesuits assigned to these important works receive no financial recompense, but they need to be housed, clothed, fed, and cared for.



More information on planned giving is available on our website www.sjnen.org where you can click on “Support Our Work” to find the planned giving explanations.

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JESUITS PLANNED Giving

As you plan your year-end giving, have you considered a gift to support the ongoing ministries of the Jesuits?

Cash—Donors who itemize on their taxes receive a full charitable income tax deduction for cash gifts.

Securities/Stocks—Charitable gifts of appreciated stock can eliminate capital gains tax for the donor while providing a valuable gift for the Province.

Bequests/Wills—By becoming a member of the Province’s Arrupe Society, donors can honor and thank those Jesuits who have made a difference in their lives by remembering the Province in their wills.

Charitable Gift Annuities—A charitable gift annuity provides the donor with a dependable income for life, while also ensuring a future gift for the Jesuits.

Insurance—Donors can designate the New England Province as a beneficiary of life insurance policies, IRAs, and other assets.

Charitable Trusts—A trust can be established to ensure the donor’s financial security while providing for the future needs of the Province.

Real Estate—A gift of property is another way to support the work of the Jesuits.