



St. Anne Parish begins expansion

» St. Anne Parish in Broken Arrow has begun an expansion project with two thoughts in mind – to accommodate the some 200 families that have joined the church in the past two years and with an eye to

future growth.

“Broken Arrow is a growing community and we need to be ready to serve those people. This has given us a reason to be intentional with our plans to meet their needs,” said Pastor Father Gary Kastl.

Pledges from a recent three-year parish capital campaign

have put St. Anne Parish on solid financial footing. The parish-level campaign will cover the \$2.5 million cost of the expansion. Funds returned to the parish from the 2014 Rooted in Faith, Forward in Hope diocesan-wide capital campaign will help eliminate an existing \$440,000 debt from previous expansions.

“If everyone fulfills their pledges, we will be debt-free in two years,” said Father Kastl.

Physical improvements include an expanded church entrance and narthex, a new heating and air-conditioning system and expanded parking. Construction will add about 100 seats to the church. Improved facilities is just one of three stated goals of the expansion. Father Kastl said it will also help foster a culture of hospitality and faith formation.

“We are a stewardship parish and we have encouraged parishioners to become part of the expansion by giving their time, talent or treasure. It is truly been a community effort and we have encouraged everyone to claim ownership of this parish,” Father Kastl said.

Construction is expected to be completed in May 2016.

CFEO and Catholic Extension offer annuity program

» Over the past 110 years, Catholic Extension (Extension), a national Catholic nonprofit organization and papal society founded by Rev. Francis Kelley (later to become our own Bishop Francis Kelley), has supported under-resourced and/or isolated Catholic communities across the United States by raising money from donors to invest in people, infrastructure and ministries. The Diocese of Tulsa knows firsthand the legacy and impact of Extension as one of its designated mission dioceses to receive ongoing grant support.

One of the staples of Extension’s long-standing fundraising philosophy has been its charitable gift annuity program. It currently administers more than 4,000 contracts, with these contracts backed by Extension’s \$120 million in net assets. During the course of over 100 years of administering its program, it has never missed a payment!

Recognizing the success of its gift annuity program and seeking a way to utilize its expertise to better serve Catholic dioceses in the United States, Extension recently created its **Catholic Gift Annuity Program**. Through the program, charitable gift annuity contracts, from participating dioceses throughout the country, are pooled together and administered by Extension.

The **Catholic Foundation of Eastern Oklahoma, Inc.** (CFEO), created in 1979, has as its mission to serve as a perpetual endowment of the Diocese of Tulsa comprised of bequests and gifts by members of the Diocese in order that their good works and the work of the Church continue for future generations. The CFEO is excited to announce that it has entered into an agreement to participate in Extension’s new program. While this program is designed to provide funding for the CFEO, it also provides the flex-

ibility for donors to earmark specific Catholic needs within the diocese. For example, a donor could earmark the Diocese of Tulsa; Catholic Charities; Calvary Cemetery; a particular parish or school; or any other local Catholic entity.

What is a charitable gift annuity?

A charitable gift annuity is a simple contract. You make a gift of cash or appreciated stock to Catholic Gift Annuity; in return, you receive fixed payments for life. At your death, the remaining balance of your gift annuity is distributed to the Catholic organization(s) you designated.

What are the benefits?

Receive fixed payments for life; a portion of these payments are tax-free. Receive an income tax deduction for a portion of your gift, as allowable by IRS rules. Join a pool of thousands of Catholics in a financially strong program that helps the Catholic Church.

What are the features?

Secure, convenient deposit of payments into your preferred bank account. Three types of annuities to select from (rates vary): immediate one life; immediate two lives; and deferred. The minimum amount to establish a gift annuity is \$5,000; the minimum age to receive income is 55.

» For more information about the Gift Annuity Program, please contact Suzanne Pisaturo, director of DDF/estate planning awareness, at 918.307.4921 or Suzanne.Pisaturo@dioceseoftulsa.org.

