



My dear brother priests:

[Include seasonal message related to Church season or Bishop's style]

I am writing to you today to ask you to review the enclosed information on Catholic Extension's Catholic Gift Annuity Program. You may remember that Catholic Extension is a supporter of the Diocese and has provided a good deal of funding for various ministries over a long period of time. Through our partnership with Catholic Extension, we can offer a Charitable Gift Annuity Program to you and all of our parishioners.

Charitable Gift Annuities allow donors to receive a guaranteed stream of income and then a gift to a beneficiary associated with the Diocese (such as a parish, school, ministry) after the donor dies. It also provides for tax benefits for the donor at the time of the gift and minimize the taxes on the annuity that the donor receives throughout his/her lifetime.

I am hopeful that you would consider creating a Charitable Gift Annuity for yourself and recommending it to your parishioners. I would like to suggest that your gift be for the benefit of the Priests' Retirement Fund (suggest areas that priests like to support – Seminarian education or Seminarian Endowment) or to one of the parishes or schools you may have served. Even though these funds will not be given to the ministry until after the your death, it is still a wonderful way to remember the Diocese, a parish or a school while not impairing the stream of income during your lifetime.

We know that Catholics are establishing Charitable Gift Annuities through other organizations and we will be promoting our Catholic Gift Annuity Program administered by Catholic Extension in various ways. You are also welcome to promote it in your parish as a way to secure legacy funding for the future.

Please call \_\_\_\_\_ at (xxx) xxx-xxxx or email \_\_\_\_\_ if you would like more information about a Charitable Gift Annuity for yourself or information on this program.

(Close with appropriate language from your Bishop.)

Most Reverend XXXX