



Happy New Year!

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Spotlight on Pius X Alumni

A Giving Heart

This story was told about Megan Slattery '06 by Father Thomas Dunavan.

A little more than one year ago, Hispanic ladies from my parish twice prepared an entire Mexican dinner for the UNL students (enough to feed 150 people each time) in order to raise money for these students to travel to Washington D.C. for the Pro-Life trip. The first time, I delivered the food and had a chance to be at the Newman Center, and enjoy the meal and meet some of their students. Megan Slattery was one of those students. She asked me some questions about my parish. In Tecumseh at St. Andrew Parish, 25% of the registered families are Hispanic, and easily 30% of the parish population are Hispanic. Almost all of the Hispanics are from Mexico, but several come from Guatemala, El Salvador, or even South America. She found out about St. Andrew School, which although very tiny, fulfills a niche to teach the children of these immigrants the English language and get them ready for the next level of their education. Our school is pre-K through 6. We have only about 20 students in the school. She was amazed at what we did, as I described children at age 3-4 coming to school speaking only Spanish, and leaving our school entirely ready for Junior High and what lies ahead.



Megan is a Speech Pathology Major and found it enthralling. We also have 90% of our students eligible for the free or reduced lunches offered by the federal government. I described how many homes had little or no reading material, as parents only had 3-8th grade education and spent much time working. Basically nothing in the home is printed in English.

Megan took this to heart and asked if she could do something for our children. It was

entirely her idea and came over a 20 minute conversation during an evening meal at the Newman Center. Two weeks before Thanksgiving at Husker Catholic Live, the fundraiser for the Newman Center, she found me and said she had something to deliver to Tecumseh to St. Andrew School. She had about 3-4 books for each student in our school that she collected over the past year. On December 17th, 2010, she came to Tecumseh with Michelle Gerber, also a speech pathology major, from Valley, Neb. They came to morning Mass and delivered books to each classroom. What an example and what a blessing! I believe that her story is one of inspiration and should be shared with others.

Note from Kristin Heath, Alumni Director –

I spoke with Megan, and she was so passionate about helping these children. Reading is so special, and she wanted to find a way to help them out. She was assisted by Michelle Gerber and Meghan Spethman '08. Delivering the books to these children and seeing the looks on their faces when they started to flip through the pages of their new books brought so much joy to Megan.

Megan has given these children more than just a few books to read....she has given them compassion, true generosity among strangers, and joy to their CHRISTmas season! She has also shown them an amazing example of how to lead their lives in generosity, to be selfless, and to think of others...even strangers and not just ourselves. She gave a true gift not only to these children, but to our Lord Jesus through her heart!

Megan is the daughter of Alan and Ruth Slattery, parishioners of Cathedral of the Risen Christ Parish in Lincoln.

IRA Rollover Passes For 2010 and 2011

President Obama signed The Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization and Job Creation Act of 2010 into law on Friday, December 17. This bill restores the IRA Charitable Rollover for 2010 and permits its use in all of 2011. **Because it is so late in the year, the deadline for donors to take advantage of this option for 2010 has been extended to January 31, 2011.**

Here are the rules for direct transfers from IRAs to qualified public charities:

- The IRA owner must be 70 ½ years old or older.
- The transfer may not exceed \$100,000 each year.
- The transfer qualifies for the required minimum distribution.
- Distribution must be directed to a public charity, like the Pius X Foundation, either outright or for a specific purpose.
- Distribution cannot be made to a donor-advised fund, supporting organization, Charitable Gift Annuity or Charitable Remainder Trust.
- Transfers must come directly from an IRA trustee to the charitable organization.

New Law Includes Help for Charities

Provision Permits Tax-free Qualified Charitable Distributions from IRAs

Individuals who are 70½ years or older may once again roll over up to \$100,000 from an individual retirement account (IRA) directly to a qualifying charity without recognizing the assets transferred to the charity as income. The provision was included in the Tax Relief

assets transferred to the charity as income. The provision was included in the Tax Relief, Unemployment Insurance Reauthorization, and Job Creation Act of 2010 (H.R. 4853), which was signed into law by President Obama December 17, 2010.

The new law will simply extend the charitable rollover, originally enacted in 2006. The only change to note is that the new law allows donors to make qualified charitable distributions through January 31, 2011 and elect to have them treated as qualified charitable distributions for 2010. Recognizing that the extension of the IRA charitable rollover provision occurs so late in 2010, this change may be of particular benefit to donors who would like to take advantage of the rollover in both 2010 and 2011 but may not have time to make the 2010 distribution prior to December 31, 2010.

Please contact the Pius X Foundation office at 402.488.1046 if you have any questions.

New Pius X Endowment Donation

The Pius X Foundation was recently the recipient of a very generous donation. Estella Oxley of Pleasant Dale, Neb., recently passed away, and left over \$16,000 to the Foundation, which was listed as the beneficiary of a CD.



Estella Delphina Oxley was born September 23, 1915, in Lincoln, Neb., to Eugene & Laura (Meistrell) Sullivan, the oldest of six children. She passed away in Lincoln on Saturday, November 20, 2010, after suffering a stroke in her home at the age of 95. As a young girl, she attended school in Denton and later furthered her education becoming a licensed hair stylist. On October 5, 1936, she was united in marriage to Glenn Oxley in Denton and to this union a son, Stephen and a daughter, Mary Jo, were born.

Estella operated, "Stella's Beauty Shop" in her home in Pleasant Dale and was still fixing hair into her 90s. Stella enjoyed playing cards and attending estate sales and loved to visit with anyone. Stella had a zest for life and a deep faith. She was a member of the St. Mary Catholic Church of Denton.

Pius X High School and the Pius X Foundation extends its deepest sympathy and gratitude to Estella's family and friends. We continue to pray for her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed.

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