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## Northern Ministries

### *Outreach Ministries*

The outreach ministries of the Adrian Dominican Sisters positively impact thousands of people throughout the United States and beyond. The Adrian Dominican Sisters Ministry Trust Fund continues to grow because of gifts from family, friends, alumni and organizations. There are evident and direct results from the grants given for outreach ministries. A Sister is active in each of the projects supported by the Trust.

### *Breakthrough to Northern Ministries*

Ever vigilant to the needs of today, particularly the poor, the need to build lay leadership in the church, the building of equality among all, and caring for earth, the Adrian Dominican General Council initiated a special Mission Initiative to the Northern Frontier.

One new group of grants from the Ministry Trust Fund supports a collaborative effort with bishops in Alaska and British Columbia where the pastoral needs of the dioceses are great and where there are few resources to address those needs. Nine sisters established communities in each of the three dioceses and will be joined by other sisters in the coming year. They minister in the far north in the areas of education, social service, and health care.

*Will you help support this initiative to the far north with a special gift to the Ministry Trust Fund? Your partnership will bring your presence to these special areas of need.*

### **Ketchikan, Alaska**

**Sisters Barbara Kelley and Mary Kay Moran** live in Ketchikan, Alaska, a remote city with a population of 9,000 that is accessible only by boat or plane. Sister Mary Kay teaches in the Catholic school there and Sister Barbara ministers in pastoral care and communications for the Diocese of Juneau which encompasses all of southeast Alaska.

**Sister Barb assists with Vacation Bible School in Ketchikan, one of the ministries that literally ferries her from one island to another.**

**Sister Mary Kay enjoys time with her students at Holy Name Catholic School, the only Catholic School in the diocese of Juneau.**

## *The Adrian Dominican Heritage Society*

There are many ways a person can support and partner in ministry with the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

One such way is bequeathing the Sisters in estate plans. When a person informs the Congregation that the Adrian Dominican Sisters are a beneficiary in their will or trust, that person is enrolled in **The Adrian Dominican Heritage Society**. Another membership is taking out an Annuity with the Adrian Dominican Sisters.

**The Heritage Society** was established to honor and revere individuals who want their future gift to continue the ministry of the Sisters and/or to help care for the retired Sisters. Their assets will make a significant impact in the future on the lives of those in need. We herald those benefactors and place their names in **The Adrian Dominican Heritage Society**.

Presently there are 106 friends who are members of **The Adrian Dominican Heritage Society**. These individuals are acknowledged in a special section of the Annual Report with honor and gratitude.

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**Sisters Beverly, Tarianne and Jean Marie joined the ministerial team in the vast diocese of British Columbia.**

## **Prince George, British Columbia, northwest Canada**

In Prince George, British Columbia, **Sister Beverly Bobola** serves as a chaplain at Prince George Regional Hospital, **Sister Tarianne DeYonker** ministers in family counseling at the Diocesan Office, and **Sister Jean Marie Lehtinen** ministers at the Domano Renewal Center and Shepherd's Corner Drop-in Center.



## **Anchorage, Alaska**

In Anchorage, Alaska, **Sister Ann Romayne Fallon** is overseeing the building of the fourth Catholic school in Anchorage and is organizing the Catholic schools into a system.



**Sister Jackie Stoll** is a second-year novice with the Adrian Dominican Sisters and ministers to the poor as a nurse practitioner at the Brother Francis Shelter.



**Sister Lorraine Reaume**, a newly professed sister, ministers to the Hispanic population at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish.



**Sister Jo Gaugier** brings her expertise to the Office of Evangelization with an emphasis on adult formation, continuing to build lay leadership in the church.

**From top: Sisters Ann Fallon, Jackie Stoll, Lorraine Reaume and Jo Gaugier. The far north is still considered mission territory in the Church, and our collaborative efforts there will last for generations to come.**

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**Heritage Society members** are remembered daily in the Liturgies celebrated at the Motherhouse as well as in the daily prayers of the Sisters. Each **Heritage Society member** in turn greatly honors the Congregation by including the Sisters in their estate plans. We warmly hold that trust, friendship and charity with appreciation and gratitude.

We remember our founder, St. Dominic's LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT to the Dominican Order, "This is the **heritage** I leave you ... have charity one for another."

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## *Breakthrough IRA Charitable Gift Rollover*

In August 2006, groundbreaking legislation that permits tax-free distributions to charities through individual retirement accounts (IRAs) was signed into law. This section of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 is a win-win for donors and charities.

### **Do I qualify?**

A taxpayer age 70 plus can direct a tax-free distribution from their IRA to the Adrian Dominican Sisters. The provision expires at the end of 2007, so the gift must be made by December 31, 2007.

### **Is it complicated?**

It's simple. Direct your advisor, in writing, to complete the transfer by the end of 2007 to the Adrian Dominican Sisters and list the amount of the gift. The transfer must be payable directly from the IRA to the charity. Allow sufficient time for this to be done.

### **How much may I give?**

The maximum amount for 2007 is \$100,000. Whatever the gift amount, it is not considered taxable income for you as long as it is directed to a non-profit institution — i.e., a 501(c)(3) charitable organization. However, you cannot receive a charitable deduction on your regular taxes for that amount from your IRA.

### **Does my tax advisor know about this?**

Because it's relatively new, many financial advisors are unaware of the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Alert your advisor if that is the case. In fact, one benefactor read an article about the Pension Protection Act in *The Washington Post*, called his broker who had to research the provision, and directed a gift from his IRA to the Adrian Dominican Sisters. For more information, consult your tax advisor or contact the Development Office at 313-882-6307 or DevOffAD@aol.com.

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