

April 10, 2016

IRA Charitable Rollover Provision

The Federal Government has made permanent the IRA Charitable Rollover provision, allowing parishioners to make donations to qualified charities (including Catholic parishes and agencies) directly from their IRA. This provision helps donors who are more than 70 ½ years old and are thus required to take a minimum distribution from an IRA but would prefer to not have the income added to their taxable income. **This provision will benefit, for example, donors who do not itemize their deductions, those who exceed deduction limitations, or those impacted by the Alternative Minimum Tax.** The gift must come directly from the IRA to the charity, and the donor cannot receive any benefits in return (for example, this cannot be used to pay tuition, purchase a table at a dinner, purchase an auction item, etc.). The donor cannot take a charitable deduction for this gift, because their gift does not count towards their income.

With April 15 we think about our individual income tax situation, now would be a good time to take advantage of the new law that has been made permanent so you can better plan your contributions.

Please speak to your IRA plan administrator to ensure that the process is followed correctly.

St. Bernard Volunteer Minister Spotlight

Last weekend we published the first volunteer minister spotlights. The plan is to spotlight ministries monthly to introduce who, what and why parishioners share their time and talent with St. Bernard parish and other community organizations.

If you would like to nominate a Volunteer Ministry or Individual Volunteer for future Spotlight articles, please contact any of the members of the Stewardship Committee.

Tom and Lori Kasel, Laura Templin, Doris Mielke, Father Gregory, Mary Lou Wildung and Roger Storms

We are pleased to announce that the following young people have completed preparation for their Confirmation. They will be confirmed on Saturday, April 16th at the Basilica.

Please keep them in your prayers.

Joseph Hennen *
Richelle Hoen
Nicholas Holliday
Megan Jacques *
Luke Lamberton
Ashley Louwagie
Abbie Luskey
Maxwell Meuleners *
Wallace Michels
Melissa Miller *
Alex Pederson
Steven Schmieg
Gabrielle Strand
Curtis Urness *
Mary Wenisch
Jack Wickenhauser *
Nathan Worm

Their Sending Mass is at:

Ascension on Saturday, April 9, 5:00 pm

St. Bernard's on Sunday, April 10, 10:00 am.

*St. Bernard Faith Formation Students