

ST. ANNE MISSION

Klagetoh, Arizona

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The Universal Church

One of the great blessings I have come to a deep appreciation of since being assigned to Saint Anne Mission is the universality of the Church.

In spite of being a mission parish with a church that holds barely a hundred people, our work in Klagetoh is known and supported by generous benefactors and volunteers from across this nation. I believe that this situation is largely due to the fact that the *mission* of Saint Anne extends far beyond our local community in Klagetoh.

We have friends from Maine to California. Alaska and Hawai'i as well. In 2014, we welcomed mission groups from the states of Rhode Island, New Hampshire, New York, Mississippi, Louisiana, Missouri, and Arizona.

Many of our visitors, especially those from eastern states, marvel at the expansiveness of the Arizona sky and the broad open spaces of the Navajo Reservation. For my part, I never cease to marvel at the expansiveness of the generous hearts that reach out to aid the less fortunate or the expansiveness of the inquisitive minds that seek to understand another culture.

May God bless you all this Christmas and in the New Year!

Sincerely,

Brother Charles Schilling, SC
Administrator

Saint Mary's High School

Phoenix, Arizona is perhaps best known for its warm weather. But the students and faculty of Saint Mary's High School make us remember that warm hearts thrive there as well. Saint Anne was honored to host a group of fifteen students and three faculty chaperones the week before Thanksgiving. Their projects included renovations at the mission as well as assisting local families with their sheep. They even got to visit with Bishop James Wall from Gallup.



Mission Groups Scheduled

The following groups are currently scheduled to visit in 2015

Brothers of the Sacred Heart Discernment Group
January 4-11, 2015

Mt. St. Charles Academy
Woonsocket, RI
February 14-21, 2015

American Indian Benefit Alliance
Amarillo, TX
March 23-27, 2015

St. Stanislaus College
Bay St. Louis, MS
April 4-11, 2015

Bishop Guertin H S
Nashua, NH
April 25-May 2, 2015

St. Joseph's Academy
Baton Rouge, LA
June 1-8, 2015

SJA / CHS
Baton Rouge, LA
Klagetoh Bible School
June 13-20, 2015

Canisius High School
Buffalo, NY
June 23-July 1, 2015

Hope for the Children
New York, NY
Ganado Bible School
July 11-18, 2015

St. Mary's High School
Phoenix, AZ
November 18-22, 2015

American Indian Benefit Alliance

In mid-September, Linda and Lester Crow of the American Indian Benefit Alliance paid another visit to Saint Anne. They were accompanied by their neighbors as well as their son and his fiancé. The Crows brought with them a trailer full of clothing to distribute as well as cases of canned goods and other non-perishable foods for the Mission's emergency food pantry.



Mrs. Linda Crow helps Ms. Juanita Paul select an item of clothing.

The shelves at the Mission's emergency food pantry are well-stocked following the Crows' visit.



Remembering Brother Will

On September 4, 2014, Saint Anne Mission lost a dear friend with the death of Brother Will McCue, SC. Brother Will lived in Klagetoh from 2001 until 2005. As an ordained Brother of the Sacred Heart, he served the people and the mission through his ministry of the sacraments as well as through his kindness and compassion.

Brother Will, at right, with his faithful cat Tim in Klagetoh. Below, enjoying his garden in retirement in Louisiana.



In 2005, declining health led Brother Will to return to the South for retirement. In his funeral homily, Brother Ray Hebert said: "Whether it was a baptism, a funeral, a marriage, a confession, Will had a way of being human and personal in that liturgical moment, bringing God's loving presence to the people there in a tangible and powerful but gentle way. Will brought peace to so many people by his smile and his sparkling eyes."

He will be missed. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.