



## Archdiocese of San Antonio Office of Communication

### ***Barbara Spinner retires, leaving lasting impact.***

Barbara Spinner has been a leader in fundraising for worthwhile causes in San Antonio for more than twenty years. With a long and distinguished career of significant accomplishments she is announcing her retirement from her current position as Director of Stewardship for the Archdiocese of San Antonio. Ms. Spinner's last day with the archdiocese will be, Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.

In response to her decision, Archbishop José Gomez said, "Barbara Spinner has achieved so much in support of numerous vital projects in the Archdiocese of San Antonio, we will always be grateful for all that she has done. She has been a tireless servant for the Church and a great friend to many."



Barbara joined the archdiocese in 2004 when she led the successful completion of the \$13 Million Capital Campaign for the construction of Archbishop Patrick F. Flores Residence Hall. She came to the seminary following her work with Father David Garcia to plan and complete the \$18 Million capital campaign for the restoration of San Fernando Cathedral and the construction of two additional buildings.

Referring to her retirement, Spinner said that it is time to turn a new page in her life, "My focus is changing, I want to spend more time with my husband and we want to travel. Even professionally it seems the right time for me to have more independence." She says she plans to continue her work in development as a

consultant.

Spinner began her career in San Antonio in 1989 as Assistant Director of Development for Father Flanagan's Boys Town where she helped with a successful \$600,000 capital campaign and assisted in establishing a local advisory board and expand their donor contacts. She also was the first development director for Providence High School where she served until 1998 when she returned to Boys Town as director of development.

While serving as Development Director for the archdiocese, Spinner did much to advance philanthropy, working with Mr. Ed Benninger and Archbishop Gomez in organizing and establishing the Catholic Community Foundation to support the long term funding needs of the archdiocese. She also helped to begin the Hope for the Future program as a means of raising funds for endowment and tuition assistance at Catholic Schools. She looks forward to continuing to work with the Las Misiones Campaign, and the new





John Paul II High School capital campaign in a consultant role.

Spinner says that the accomplishments over the past three years would not have happened without the dedication and vision of Archbishop Gomez; "It has been a real honor and privilege to work with him. He's always there to listen and give his viewpoint and support. I couldn't have asked for more support than what he gave me." Looking to the future she said, "My hope is that the spirit of stewardship would continue to grow in people's lives, with the understanding that stewardship is our faith in action."

"Barbara Spinner's lasting impact on philanthropy in the archdiocese will be her legacy," said Archbishop Gomez. "I join the people of the Archdiocese of San Antonio in extending my heartfelt gratitude to her. She will remain in our prayers as she begins a new chapter in her life."



Barbara Spinner is a graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio where she earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology. She is married with four children and eight grandchildren. She is a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help parish in Selma.

