

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal: Making Christ Visible in Southern Illinois

YEAR-END REPORT TO THE LAITY

July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

A MESSAGE FROM THE ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

September, 2010

Dear Fellow Catholics,

This is our third Year-End Report to the Laity from the Agency Allocation and Accountability (AAA) Committee. Hopefully you will agree that we have accomplished the purpose for which we were created: to ensure that the money you have generously contributed to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal (CSMA) is allocated carefully and accounted for appropriately.

We have put in place a process that provides us with up-to-date, accurate information on the work and needs of each diocesan ministry requesting funding from the Appeal so we may, as a group, make quality recommendations for allocations of CSMA funds to the Diocesan Finance Council and Bishop Braxton. AAA Committee members visit every ministry that has requested Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal monies. In this way the committee may collectively discern the requests of each ministry and make funding recommendations that reflect the thinking of the people of the diocese. This has worked well; for three years our recommendations have been accepted in total by the Finance Council and Bishop Braxton.

We have provided a yearly report to the people of our Belleville Diocese, like this one, that shows how CSMA funds were used. Hopefully you will agree that the AAA Committee has demonstrated accountability of CSMA funds and put in place a process to build trust of The CSMA with the people of our diocese. Our goal is to show you that your contribution was used as intended.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal for the fiscal year 2009-2010 ended with total contributions of \$1,344,977.40. A total of 7,511 donors gave an average gift of \$179.07, an increase from the prior year. We think that our wonderful donors dug deeper in their pockets because they knew the need was great. We know that in these worrisome economic times there are many of you who would like to give but cannot. From those, we hope we can count on your prayers for the continued success of The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal to do God's work in southern Illinois. We have included in this report a breakdown of the funds allocated to each ministry and some statistics which demonstrate why the needs here are so great and how much your support is needed.

Thank you for the great help you have given to the 19 ministries through The CSMA in 2009-2010; we pray that you will help us in our current 2010-2011 campaign.

With sincere gratitude,

Phyllis Dumstorff
Chairperson, Breese

"Whenever
you possibly
can, care for
those in need.
If you can
help your
neighbors
today, never
ask them to
wait until
tomorrow."

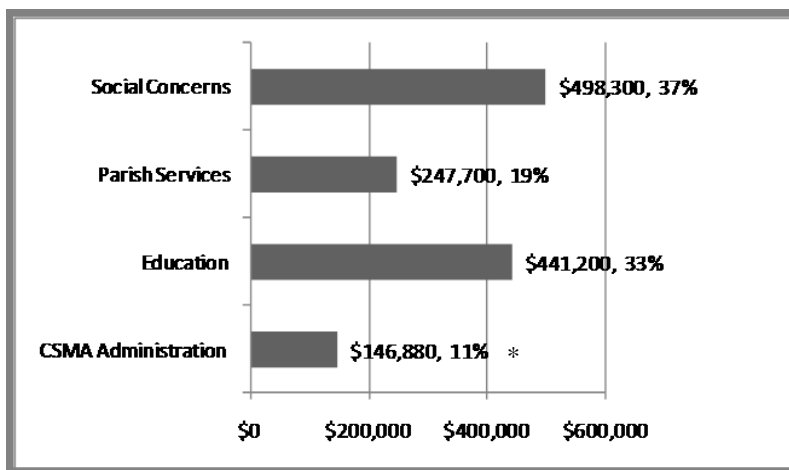
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CSMA Agency Allocation and Accountability Committee Members

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The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

Distributions for Fiscal Year July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010



- \$1,344,977.40 was donated to The CSMA for fiscal year July 1, 2009—June 30, 2010**
- The average gift was \$179.07
- 75% of our total goal of \$1.75 million was met
- A total of 7,511 people participated

On behalf of all those served through your generous support, ***thank you!***

*The percentage of funds spent on CSMA fundraising and administration is 11% — well below the 40% determined to be reasonable by the American Institute on Philanthropy, a charity watchdog organization.

** Includes \$10,897.40 which was collected over the budgeted amount and applied to prior years' CSMA deficits.

Education:

Althoff Catholic High School	\$ 16,000
Gibault Catholic High School	\$ 16,000
Mater Dei Catholic High School	\$ 16,000
Newman Catholic Student Center	\$107,500
Office of Education	\$173,700
Sr. Thea Bowman Catholic School	\$112,000

Parish Services:

CSMA Fund for Ministry	\$ 21,000
Ecumenical Affairs	\$ 800
Office of Grants/Communications	\$ 77,000
Office of Worship	\$ 80,000
Office of Youth Ministry	\$ 54,400
Respect Life Office	\$ 14,500

Social Concerns:

Catholic Social Services	\$ 60,000
Catholic Urban Programs	\$212,000
Daystar Community Program	\$125,000
Griffin Center	\$ 30,000
Office of Hispanic Ministry	\$ 61,000
Prison Ministry	\$ 10,300

The need has never been greater . . .

- ◆ Of the 20 Illinois counties with the highest poverty rates, 15 are in our diocese, including the three highest in the state. Of 20 Illinois counties with the highest rates of child poverty, 16 are in our diocese.
Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research
- ◆ Twenty-four (24) of the diocese's 28 counties are on the Poverty Warning or Watch List.
Source: Heartland Alliance's 2009 Report on Illinois Poverty
- ◆ Of the Belleville Diocese's 28 counties, 22 have unemployment rates greater than 10%. Of the 20 counties in the state with the highest rates of unemployment, half are in the Belleville Diocese; Franklin County ranks third at 14.5%.
Source: Illinois Department of Employment Security, July 2010
- ◆ Budget cuts in Illinois include \$576 million in Human Services and \$34.5 million in Children and Family Services... leaving even more people in need.
Source: State of Illinois Department of Human Services
- ◆ The only mission-designated diocese in the state of Illinois, only 9% of the Belleville Diocese's population is Catholic.
Source: *The Official Catholic Directory*

and we have never been more grateful!