



Development Update

October, 2011

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Update

As of September 28, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,081,814 from 7,094 households for an average gift of \$152.50. We are below where we were at this time last year which was \$1,137,377 in pledges from 7,335 households. **The vitality of our diocesan ministries depends on you and the support of the faithful.** Please encourage your parishioners to give generously.

Catholic Community Foundation

The market value of the Foundation was \$26.0 million as of July 21, 2011. This consisted of \$11.4 million in the Equity Fund and \$14.6 million in the Fixed Income Fund. For the year through July the Foundation gained 4.5%.

Planned Giving

The new tax law included provisions for the IRA charitable rollover in 2011. This is great news for people age 70½ and over who want to make a generous gift to their parish, parish school or other diocesan agency and satisfy required minimum distributions from their retirement plans. Contact Randy Flachsart, diocesan planned giving officer, at 618-277-8181, Extension 1321, or by email: rflachsart@diobelle.org for more information.

Grants and Communications

Extension Calendar Orders

If you have not already done so, we urge you to consider purchasing calendars for your parish through **The Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States of America**, the only organization whose calendars are produced by the Catholic Church for our Catholic community. **Extension's calendar is the only one that gives 100% of its proceeds to benefit poor and isolated Catholic communities across the United States, including their most generous support of our Belleville Diocese.** Currently and in past years parishes, agencies and ministries in our Belleville Diocese have received and continue to receive Extension funding. Three different calendar themes are available for 2012 – *Our Lady Across America*, *Saints of the Americas* and *Stewardship*. A Hispanic calendar is also being offered again this year...*Madre De Nuestro Pueblo*.

For additional information or to order Extension calendars, please call 800-282-5055 or visit the Extension website – www.catholicextension.org. Thank you so much for your consideration; we and our friends at Extension are most grateful.

World Mission Sunday

Just a reminder that the World Mission Sunday collection is scheduled for October 22-23. This is an opportunity to pray for the Church's worldwide missionary work and to offer our financial help in response to the Holy Father's annual appeal for the Mission Church. Please be as generous as you are able.

Recent Grants

The Vatterott Foundation awarded Holy Angels Shelter a \$5,000 grant for operating expenses.

The Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States of America awarded a \$1,890 grant for the diocesan Finance Office's attendance at the 2011 Diocesan Fiscal Management Conference.

Thank you for your ongoing support; if we can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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