



Development Update

April, 2010

The 2010 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

As responses to our first Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal direct mailing are beginning to be returned to the Development Office, **we want to express our sincere thanks to each of our clergy, parish life coordinators, parish chairs, volunteers and staff for your help.** We have heard many positive comments about pastors/PLCs promoting the appeal and lay leaders/parish chairs giving meaningful presentations at Mass and for that we are truly grateful.

We cannot stress enough the importance of your support and commitment to promoting this year's appeal. Diocesan ministries funded by the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal are counting on us for funding, perhaps this year more than ever, as the number of people seeking assistance is at its highest level in recent history. We prayerfully and most sincerely ask you to encourage your parishioners to give to the appeal if they are able. **Please stress to them that every gift – no matter the size – is needed and appreciated.**

A copy of the full-page ad that ran in *The Messenger* is included in this Monthly Mailing. Since we did not produce an appeal poster this year to reduce expenses, we thought perhaps you might consider printing a copy of the ad and placing it on your parish bulletin board as a reminder to your parishioners.

As in the past, CSMA updates will be provided beginning with the *May Development Update*. In the meantime, if you have questions or if we can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact Dave Spotanski, 618-235-1682, Extension 112, or Judy Phillips, 618-277-0796, Extension 114. Thank you again for all you do.

Catholic Community Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Foundation met on March 4 at Holy Trinity Church in Fairview Heights. Executive Director Bill Knapp reported that the Foundation managed assets of \$21,947,328 as of January 31, 2010. For the 12 months ending 1/31/10 the Foundation earned 14.9%.

Planned Giving For Parishes

Planned Giving Director Randy Flachsbart says that information on bequests, beneficiary designation forms, charitable gift annuities and retirement plan assets is available for each parish with a website. Randy is also available to meet with Parish Councils and Finance/Investment Committees to see how planned giving can help each parish. Contact Randy at 618-277-8181, Extension 132, or by e-mail at: rflachsbart@diobelle.org.

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry grants totaling \$23,020 were recently awarded to 32 programs and ministries from all six deaneries of the diocese. A listing of those receiving grant funds is included in this monthly mailing. Since its inception 13 years ago, \$331,607 has been awarded from the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal for ministries/projects that address special needs within the diocese.

The 2010-2011 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry grant application form and brochure are now available on the diocesan website, www.diobelle.org under the "Resources" tab or by calling 618-277-0796, Extension 130 (Ann Bergmann) or Extension 114 (Judy Phillips). The deadline for submitting grant applications is **September 1, 2010**. Individuals and organizations, agencies or departments currently funded in part or total by the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal are not eligible.

Recent Grants Activities

The Office of Hispanic Ministry was awarded a \$10,000 grant by the Koch Foundation for evangelization efforts among the Hispanic people of our diocese.

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

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