



Development Update

December, 2009

2009 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

As of November 23, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,228,029 representing 70% of our goal. Cash receipts total \$1,107,488 which is 90% of the total amount pledged. Seven thousand six hundred twenty-nine (7,629) households have pledged their support, 2,777 households less than compared to this time last year.

At this time when many people are considering year-end charitable giving, we hope you will encourage your parish members to include a gift to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal; diocesan agencies and programs and those they serve are depending on your support.

Catholic Community Foundation

As of September 30, 2009, the Foundation managed assets of \$21,586,178 in the accounts from parishes and schools, diocesan high schools, other diocesan agencies and the Diocese itself. Executive Director Bill Knapp asked that all depositors return their new investment agreements to the Foundation as soon as possible.

Planned Giving

Charitable gift annuities through the Catholic Diocese of Belleville may make good sense to donors who are experiencing very low interest rates on rollover certificates of deposits or their savings accounts at banks.

The amount of the annuity payout is based on the age(s) of the income beneficiary and the amount or value of the gift to the Diocese. For example, donors over age 90 receive a payment rate of 9.0% for life and a portion of this income would be tax-free. Please contact Randy Flachsbart at rflachsbart@diobelle.org or call 618-277-8181, Extension 132, for further details.

Extension Society Calendars

If your parish, school, organization or agency purchases calendars, **we urge you to please consider ordering them through The Catholic Church Extension Society.** The Extension Society for many, many years has been one of the largest contributors to our Belleville Diocese, providing grants for agencies and ministries, parishes, schools and programs. **Catholic Extension is the only major calendar producer to use 100% of its proceeds to fund mission dioceses like ours throughout the country.** For additional information about Extension calendars, please call their Calendar Division at 1-800-282-5055 or visit their website, www.catholicextension.org.

Recent Grants Activities

The Subcommittee on the Home Missions (Catholic Home Missions) awarded a \$55,000 grant for the following ministries and programs: Vocation Office/education of seminarians, Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School, Permanent Diaconate, Office of Hispanic Ministry, Newman Catholic Student Center, Office of Worship, Lay Ministry Training, St. Benedict the Black Friary and the Office of Youth Ministry.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development local grants totaling \$9,700 were awarded to the following agencies/programs: Society of St. Vincent de Paul-Belleville Council-\$1,200; Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois-\$2,000; Poverty Services-\$250; Meredith Memorial Home-\$500; Griffin Center-\$500; Catholic Day Care Center-\$500; BEACON-\$500; United Congregations of Metro-East-\$500; Hubbard House-\$500; Catholic Urban Programs-\$500; Daystar Community Program-\$750; Family Enrichment Program-\$1,000; and Holy Angels Shelter-\$1,000.

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry grant applications requesting \$56,834 have been received from 37 organizations, parishes, schools and ministries from throughout the six deaneries of the diocese. Proposals have been sent to all deans and their review groups who will make recommendations for the grants to be awarded. Proposals selected for funding will be awarded grants in March, 2010.

We extend our heartfelt thanks for all you do for us and the people of southern Illinois. May God bless you and those dear to you with His love and peace during this Advent season, at Christmas and throughout the coming New Year.

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