



Development Update

May, 2009

2009 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

As of April 21, 5,539 households have pledged \$832,494 to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal for an average gift of \$150. The goal for the 2009 CSMA remains the same as last year -- \$1.75 million. These results are lagging behind compared to how we were doing at this time last year when we had over \$1,041,866 in pledges and 7,122 donors. The recent press coverage as well as the economy has greatly impacted our ability to generate the resources to fund our ministries and services which are vital to the mission of this local Church. A second mailing will be sent in May to those households that have supported the appeal within the past five years but have not responded to the first mailing, households that have not given to the appeal in over five years and those households that have never given to the Appeal.

Your commitment to promoting the good works of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and encouraging generosity from all your parishioners is truly appreciated! A parish update is included in this packet.

Congratulations to the following parishes that have already exceeded their CSMA financial targets:

Belleville Deanery

Holy Childhood, Mascoutah
St. Anthony, Lively Grove
St. Luke, Belleville

East Deanery

St. Edward, Fairfield
St. Joseph, Elizabethtown
St. Joseph, Equality





East Deanery (continued)

St. Mary, Eldorado
St. Mary, Mount Vernon
St. Mary, Shawneetown
St. Patrick, Enfield
St. Patrick, Pond Settlement
St. Stephen, Flora

North Central Deanery

St. Felicitas, Beaver Prairie

South Deanery

St. Mary, Anna

West Deanery

Our Lady of Lourdes, Sparta
St. Leo, Modoc

Please continue to submit your parish reports in a timely fashion.

Catholic Community Foundation

Executive Director Bill Knapp reported that assets managed by the Foundation for parishes, grade schools, high schools, cemetery associations and other Diocesan institutions totaled approximately \$20,600,000 as of March 31, 2009. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be June 4 at the St. Mary Parish Center in Mount Vernon.

Planned Giving for Parish Websites

Find out how planned giving can help your parish and school. Information on bequests, beneficiary designation forms, charitable gift annuities and retirement plan assets is available for each parish with a website. For more information, please contact Randy Flachsbart, Director of Planned Giving, at 618-277-8181, Extension 132, or by e-mail at: rflachsbart@diobelle.org.

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry

Grant applications and brochures for the 2009-2010 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry have been mailed to all parishes, schools, diocesan organizations and institutions. The deadline for submitting grant applications is September 1, 2009. Individuals, organizations, agencies or departments currently funded

in part or total by the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal are not eligible. Copies of the brochure and application will be available on the diocesan web site after May 1, 2009. For additional information please contact Judy Phillips at 618-277-8181, Extension 114.

Recent Grants Activities

The Koch Foundation, Inc., awarded a \$10,000 grant for seminarian education and a \$15,000 grant to Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School.

Congratulations to Holy Rosary School on receiving an \$8,000 grant for tuition assistance from the George and Mary Kremer Foundation.

Daystar Community Program received a \$15,000 grant from the Helen V. Brach Foundation.

Congratulations to St. Edward Parish, Fairfield, and St. James Parish, Millstadt, recipients of 2009 OCP Parish Grants! Applications for 2010 grants may be submitted until June 30, 2009, and are available on the OCP website: www.ocp.org.

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.

Office of Development Staff

