



Development Update

July, 2010

The 2010 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

As of June 17, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,045,429 from 6,790 households for an average gift of \$153.97. We are at 69.6% of our overall goal of \$1.5M. Last year we were at 59% of our goal at this time with 6,492 households pledging \$1,037,905 for an average gift of \$159.87.

In addition to the 30 parishes listed in earlier editions of the *Development Update*, **congratulations and special thanks** to:



St. Francis Xavier, St. Francisville (East Deanery)
and
St. Francis Xavier, Carbondale (South Deanery)

for exceeding their CSMA financial targets!

On behalf of the 17 agencies, schools and departments that receive funding from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and those they serve, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your personal support and for encouraging your parishioners to contribute to this year's Appeal. Every gift – large or small – is needed and truly appreciated! A parish update is included in this monthly mailing.

Calendars

We realize you have many choices when buying calendars for your parish but we would truly appreciate your consideration of purchasing calendars through **The Catholic Church Extension**

Society of the United States of America. 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. Over the years many diocesan parishes, agencies and ministries have received and continue to receive Extension funding. Three different calendar themes are available for 2011 – Saints, Vocations and Stewardship. For additional information or to order Extension calendars, please contact Tom Finnegan at 800-282-5055 or tfinnegan@catholicextension.org.

Thank you so much for your consideration; we and our friends at Extension are most grateful.

Catholic Community Foundation

The Foundation managed assets of \$23,022,262 as of May 31, 2010. Executive Director Bill Knapp retires on June 30, 2010, after 12 years as the Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese. Incoming CFO Jim Mroczkowski will be the new Executive Director starting July 1.

Planned Giving

There is still no final word on the tax bill in Congress that would permit a 2010 rollover directly from an IRA to a charity like your parish, parish school or diocesan high school. As of late June the House and Senate are close to agreement on the provisions of the tax extenders bill. It is likely to be passed and enacted but has not yet been signed by the President. Please contact Randy Flachsbart, Director of Planned Giving, for more up-to-date information. Randy's email is: rflachsbart@diobelle.org or call him at 618-277-8181, Extension 132.

Recent Grants Activities

Griffin Center, which serves over 600 at-risk children who reside in public housing projects, received an \$18,000 grant from the Dana Brown Charitable Trust.

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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