



# Development Update

**December, 2011**

## **2011 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal**

As of November 29, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,113,372 representing 74% of our goal. Cash receipts total \$1,014,824 which is 91% of the total amount pledged. Seven thousand two hundred twenty-nine (7,229) households have pledged their support, 343 households fewer than compared to this time last year.

Congratulations and special thanks to Father Thomas Flach and the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, Marion, for exceeding their CSMA financial target!



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**

The Catholic Community Foundation managed assets of \$24,406,155 as of October 31, 2011, according to Executive Director Jim Mroczkowski. The Total Fund (equities and fixed income) is up 1.6% for the year.

## **Planned Giving**

Did you know that if you have a will you can include or update a bequest to your parish, parish school, diocesan high school or other diocesan agency without the need to execute a new will? Through a simple “codicil” or amendment you can add bequests to those already included in your will. You should rely on your attorney to draft your will and any desired codicils. For more information contact Randy Flachsbart, the Diocese’s Planned Giving Director, at: [rflachsbart@diobelle.org](mailto:rflachsbart@diobelle.org) or by phone at: 618-277-8181, Extension 1321.

## **Diocesan Christmas Collection**

The 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Christmas Collection is to be taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. All monies collected will be utilized in the coming year to provide emergency assistance to those in need throughout the diocese. In 2011 \$93,082 has been distributed through requests made by 47 diocesan parishes and agencies. Please encourage your parishioners to be as generous as they are able.

## **Recent Grants Activities**

The Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States of America has awarded a \$5,000 grant to Daystar Community Program and a \$5,000 grant to the Belleville Diocese in recognition of Daystar Director Sherry Miller being named one of six finalists for the Lumen Christi Award, which is presented to an individual who best exemplifies the “Light of Christ” through his/her service to others.

The Catholic Church Extension Society has also awarded grants totaling \$406,660 to the following:

St. Theresa of Avila Parish, Salem--\$135,460 three-year grant (\$49,320-year 1; \$44,320-year 2; \$41,820-year 3) for the salary and benefits of a woman religious for a director of faith formation position

Catholic Urban Programs--\$123,000 three-year grant (\$41,000 per year) for the salary and benefits of a development position

Office of Hispanic Ministry--\$60,000 three-year grant (\$20,000 per year) for the salary of an administrative assistant position

St. Aloysius/Sacred Heart Parish, Royalton/Zeigler -- \$60,000 three-year grant (\$20,000 per year) for the salary of a pastoral associate/coordinator of religious education

Daystar Community Program--\$20,000 one-year grant for the purchase of a cargo van

Holy Family Parish, Cahokia--\$5,000 one-year grant for their St. Vincent de Paul community outreach program

Griffin Center--\$3,200 one-year grant for computer software – “ Efforts to Outcomes”

### **The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry**

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry grant applications requesting \$61,647 have been received from 32 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, 2011.

*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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