



Development Update

April, 2011

The 2011 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 once again for funding. 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.**

As in the past, CSMA updates will be provided beginning with the May *Development Update*. In the meantime, if you or your parish members have questions or if we can be of assistance in any way, please do not hesitate to contact Dave Spotanski, 618-277-0796, Extension 1071 or Judy Phillips, 618-277-0796, Extension 1141. Thank you again for all you do.

Catholic Community Foundation

Executive Director Jim Mroczkowski reported that the Foundation managed assets of \$26,749,358 as of February 28, 2011. The overall portfolio gained 13.7% in the previous 12 months.

Planned Giving

The IRA Charitable Rollover is once again an option for IRA owners in the Diocese of Belleville. Donors must be 70½ or older on the date of the distribution. The donor may exclude up to \$100,000 for 2011 with the IRA qualified charitable distribution. The donor can count the amount of the distribution toward his or her Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) for the IRA.

There is one simple step to complete the IRA Charitable Rollover: **the IRA owner instructs the IRA custodian to transfer a specific dollar amount (up to \$100,000) to a charity like our parishes, elementary and high schools, diocesan agencies or the diocese itself.** The IRA owner does not include the IRA distribution as income and our parishes, schools and agencies can benefit immediately from the gift. For more information contact Randy Flachsbart, Director of Planned Giving, at 277-8181, Extension 1321, or by e-mail at: rflachsbart@diobelle.org.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry grants totaling \$21,792 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 14 years ago, \$353,399 has been awarded from The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal for ministries/projects that address special needs within the diocese.

Recent Grants Activities

A \$15,000 grant was awarded the diocese for the Vocation Office/seminarian education by the Koch Foundation.

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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