



Development Update

November, 2011

2011 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Update

As of October 26, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,103,267 from 7,174 households for an average gift of \$153.79. Last year, at this time, we had pledges amounting to \$1,142,729 from 7,354 households and were at 76% of our goal. Please see the updated deanery reports included with this mailing for your parish results.

A direct mailing to all those who have donated to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal within the past five years will drop in November. **The vitality of our diocesan ministries depends on you and the support of the faithful.** Gifts of any size are needed and truly appreciated.



We would like to recognize and send our heartfelt congratulations and thanks to Father Ignatius Okonkwo and the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, Elizabethtown, who recently met their parish financial target for The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

Catholic Community Foundation

The Foundation managed assets totaling \$23,240,115 as of September 30, 2011, according to Executive Director Jim Mroczkowski. Due to steep drops in the stock market in September, the

Total Fund for the Foundation is down 4% for 2011 (year-to-date) and is down 0.6% for the past 12-month period.

Planned Giving

Through a bill passed by Congress, the IRA Charitable Rollover is available until the end of 2011. A donor who is 70½ or older is required by the IRS to take a minimum distribution from their IRA. Through the law the donor can direct the distribution (up to \$100,000) to a qualified charity like a parish, parish school, diocesan high school or other agency in the Diocese. Contact Randy Flachsbart at 618-277-8181, Extension 1321, or by email at: rflachsbart@diobelle.org for more information.

Grants and Communications

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection is scheduled for November 19-20. Please ask your parish members to donate prayerfully and generously so that those in poverty may help themselves. Twenty-five percent (25%) of monies collected will remain in our diocese for local programs and ministries that serve the poor.

East Side Heart and Home

Congratulations to Family Center's home-building program – East Side Heart and Home – which is a recipient of one of two \$25,000 grants that were recently awarded by Markham Vineyards. East Side Heart and Home was one of 10 finalists in the grant competition, with the two award winners selected based on votes received through on-line voting. A SPECIAL THANKS to each of you who responded to our earlier request for help and took time to vote for East Side Heart and Home; we are most grateful. Grant monies will be used for the program's next house build.

Food/Donations Still Needed

Our friends at Daystar Community Program, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and Catholic Urban Programs asked that we pass along their thanks to all of you who have already responded to their desperate plea for food needed by their food pantries and soup kitchens. For those of you who haven't yet made a donation, the need is still great. If you are able, please consider helping provide for those who are hungry. For additional information or to arrange for pick up of items, please contact: Sherry Miller, Daystar Community Program, 618-734-0178; Pat Hoglebe, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 618-799-8505; or Joe Hubbard, Catholic Urban Programs, 618-398-5616.

Grants

A \$10,000 San Damiano Grant was awarded Catholic Urban Program's Holy Angels Shelter by the Hospital Sisters of St. Francis.

*At this season of the year we remember God's bountiful gifts...
and each of you are counted among the greatest of those blessings.*

Our very best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving!

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