



Development Update

July, 2011

The 2011 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

As of June 23, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,004,445 from 6,438 households for an average gift of \$156. We are at 67% of our overall goal of \$1.5M. Last year we were at 70% of our goal at this time with 6,790 households pledging their support.

In addition to the 24 parishes listed in earlier editions of the *Development Update*, **congratulations and special thanks** to the following parishes for exceeding their CSMA financial targets:

East Deanery

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Kinmundy
St. Joseph, Stringtown
St. Mary, Harrisburg
St. Mary, Mount Vernon

South Deanery

St. Francis Xavier, Carbondale



On behalf of the 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.

2012 Extension Calendars

If you have not already done so, we urge you to consider purchasing calendars for your parish through **The Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States of America**, the only organization whose calendars are produced by the Catholic Church for our Catholic community. **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.** Last year Extension provided over \$14 million to America's Catholic Missions; currently and in past years parishes, agencies and ministries in our Belleville Diocese have received and continue to receive Extension funding. Calendar themes for 2012 include: *Our Lady Across America*, *Saints of the Americas* and *Stewardship*; a Hispanic calendar – *Madre De Nuestro Pueblo* – is also being offered.

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

Executive Director Jim Mroczkowski reports that as of May 31, 2011, the Foundation managed assets of \$26,221,795. While the overall Foundation assets were down 0.9% in May, they are up 4.8% for the period of January 1, 2011, through May 31, 2011.

Planned Giving

Charitable gift annuities allow you to make a gift for the benefit of your parish, school or other diocesan institution and receive lifetime payments that are not affected by the stock market. Here is how it works: A 75-year-old can gift \$5,000 through the Catholic Community Foundation and receive a payment rate of 6.4%, a rate that will never change. He/she receives \$320.00 annually, of which over 72% is tax-free. Contact Randy Flachsbart, Director of Planned Giving, at 618-277-8181, Extension 1321, or by email: rflachsbart@diobelle.org for more information.

Recent Grants Activities

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, Belleville Council, received a \$10,000 grant from the Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities, Inc.

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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