



Development Update

September, 2011

The 2011 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

As of August 29, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,064,872 from 6,924 households for an average gift of \$154. We are at 71% of our overall goal of \$1.5M. Last year we were at 75% of our goal at this time with 7,274 households pledging their support.

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



St. Joseph, Equality (East Deanery)

for exceeding their CSMA financial target!

The diocesan ministries and agencies that rely on The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal urgently need your help. If you have not had an opportunity to do so recently, please consider making an announcement during your weekend Masses asking your parishioners to consider supporting this year's appeal if they have not already done so. Please remind them that the only people affected by their lack of participation are the people who rely on them the most...the poor, the elderly, the young and the infirm.

A parish update is included in this monthly mailing. Thank you for your support.

Catholic Community Foundation

The Foundation managed assets of \$26,004,327 as of July 31, 2011, according to Executive Director Jim Mroczkowski. Year to date, the Total Foundation Fund has grown by 4.5%.

Planned Giving

A “double tax benefit” can help donors who use appreciated stock for charitable giving to their parish or parish school. Here’s how it works: a donor wants to give 100 shares of stock to his parish with a current fair market value of \$5,000. The stock was purchased one year ago for only \$1,000. Today, that donor can deduct the full \$5,000 on this year’s income tax return. The \$4,000 capital gain is not taxed even though it “inflated” the charitable deduction. Thus, avoiding the capital gain makes it possible to give stock at a lower actual cost to a donor than making a cash gift. For more information, contact Randy Flachsbart, the Diocese’s Director of Planned Giving, at 618-277-8181, Extension 1321, or by e-mail at: rflachsbart@diobelle.org.

St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor® Walk—Reminder!

Walkers and pledges are still needed for the Society of St. Vincent DePaul Belleville Council’s SVDP Friends of the Poor® Walk. This would be a wonderful service opportunity for the young people of your parish and/or school. Many people walk to honor someone or in memory of a loved one or parish member. All proceeds will be used locally to serve the poor. If your parish has a St. Vincent de Paul Conference, 100% of funds raised stays in your parish Conference to help you in your work with the poor. If your parish does not have a St. Vincent de Paul Conference, you can walk for the SVDP Belleville Council or another parish Conference of your choice.

This walk is for EVERYONE – young and old. You can walk a little or walk a lot! You can gather pledges and have someone else do the walking! You can walk the track or walk in the park!!!

Date: **Saturday, September 24, 2011**

(rain date: Sunday, September 25)

Place: **Althoff Catholic High School, Belleville***

Time: Registration-**8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Registration Fee: **NONE**

How You Can Help: **Register as a Walker**

Make a Pledge to a Walker

Invite a Friend to Walk or Pledge

***Or in your own community**

Walkers of all ages are needed now – so register today.

Don't forget, if your parish/conference is a distance from Althoff Catholic High School, feel free to set up a more convenient satellite walk.

To register as a walker, make a pledge or for additional information: online – www.svdpfriends-of-the-poor-walk.org or by phone – contact Pat Hoglebe, St. Vincent de Paul, 618-394-3568, Extension 2.

Grant Information

Reminder – Special Grant Opportunities

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Grants – Deadline September 30

Grant applications are now available for funding local initiatives that will address poverty in Southern Illinois. All Catholic parishes, schools, diocesan departments, agencies and institutions are eligible to apply. This year grant awards up to \$12,000 will be available.

Additional information and application forms are available at <http://www.ccsil.org> or by contacting: Kathy Mulvin—618-532-3223 or Michael Schuette—618-526-7203.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry – Deadline September 30

The brochure and grant application form for The CSMA Fund for Ministry are available on the diocesan website – www.diobelle.org – under the “Resources” tab. Copies are also available by contacting Ann Bergmann, 618-277-8181, Extension 1301, or Judy Phillips, 618-277-8181, Extension 1141. Individuals and organizations, agencies or departments currently funded in part or total by The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal are not eligible.

Recent Grants Activities

Serra International has awarded a \$4,000 grant to the Serra Club of St. Clair County for its Student Vocation Program.

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.

Office of Development Staff

Ann Bergmann Randy Flachsbart Judy Phillips Dave Spotanski Nancy Wade