



Development Update

June, 2009

2009 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

As of May 19, we have received pledges amounting to \$962,984 from 6,109 households for an average gift of \$157.63. We are at 55% of our overall goal of \$1.75M. Last year we were at 66% of our goal at this time with 7,891 households pledging their support. A second mailing was dropped May 22 to those households that have supported the Appeal within the past five years but have not responded to the first mailing, households that have not given to the Appeal in over five years and those households that have never given to the Appeal.

In addition to the 16 parishes listed in the May *Development Update*, **congratulations** to the following parishes that have also exceeded their CSMA financial targets:

East St. Louis Deanery

Immaculate Conception, East St. Louis

South Deanery

St. Rose of Lima, Metropolis

North Central Deanery

St. Barbara, Okawville

West Deanery

St. Mary, Chester

On behalf of the 17 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.

Catholic Community Foundation

Executive Director Bill Knapp reported that assets managed by the Foundation for parishes, grade schools, high schools, cemetery associations and other diocesan institutions totaled \$21,191,421 as of May 13, 2009. The next meeting of the Board of Directors will be June 4 at the St. Mary Parish Center in Mount Vernon.

Planned Giving for Parish Websites

Planned giving information can help your parish and school by placing deferred gifts in a “pipeline” for your use in the future. Customized information on bequests, beneficiary designation forms, charitable gift annuities and retirement plan assets is available for each parish with a website. For more information, please contact Randy Flachsbart, Director of Planned Giving, at 618-277-8181, Extension 132, or by e-mail at: rflachsbart@diobelle.org.

Recent Grants Activities

The Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States of America awarded the Office of Hispanic Ministry a \$20,000 grant.

Suburban Journals’ Old Newsboys Day grants were awarded to:

Holy Angels Shelter -- \$1,000

Griffin Center -- \$2,000

Holy Angels’ grant monies will purchase clothing, medicines, school uniforms and supplies for children staying at the shelter. Griffin Center funding will purchase shoes for children participating in its *Pack ‘em Back to School* 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

