



Development Update

November, 2010

2010 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Update

As of October 20, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,142,006 from 7,353 households for an average gift of \$155.31. Last year, at this time, we had pledges amounting to \$1,191,553 from 7,392 households and were at 68% of our goal. A mailing to lapsed donors...people who have not donated to the Appeal within the last four years...will drop in early 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 heartfelt thanks to Father Jerry Wirth and the parishioners of St. Joseph Parish, Olney, and Father Robert Zwilling and the parishioners of St. Barbara Parish, Scheller, who recently met their parish financial target for The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal.

Please see the updated deanery reports included with this mailing for your parish results.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Year-End Report to the Laity, prepared by the Agency Allocation and Accountability Committee, has been distributed to all parishes in the diocese. We hope you will have an opportunity to read the report which details how your gifts to the Appeal were allocated in 2009-2010. A copy of the report is also available on the diocesan website – www.diobelle.org.

Catholic Community Foundation

Executive Director Jim Mroczkowski reports that as of September 30, 2010, the Foundation managed assets of \$24,202,391. The total fund was up 3.8% in September and is up 10.4% for the last year.

Planned Giving

Does your parish mention planned giving in your weekly bulletin? The following bulletin inserts can be used, if appropriate, for your upcoming bulletins:

“Would you consider (name of parish/school) in your will or trust?”

“Please support (name of parish/school) in your estate plan.”

“You can support (name of parish/school) through your will or trust.”

Please contact Randy Flachsbart, Director of Planned Giving, at 618-277-8181, Extension 132, or by e-mail: rflachsbart@diobelle.org for other planned giving information for your parish.

Grants and Communications

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Collection

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development collection is scheduled for November 20-21. 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.

*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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