



Development Update

September, 2010

The 2010 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

As of August 23, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,125,197 from 7,272 households for an average gift of \$154.73. We are at 75% of our overall goal of \$1.5M. Last year we were at 65% of our goal at this time with 7,255 households pledging their support in the amount of \$1,131,492.

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 Board of Directors will meet on Thursday, September 9, at Holy Trinity Parish Center, Fairview Heights, for their fall meeting. Executive Director Jim Mroczkowski reports that the total portfolio of the Foundation was up 3.8% in July and is up 3.6% year to date.

Planned Giving for Parishes and Parish Websites

Director of Planned Giving Randy Flachsbart has information on bequests, charitable gift annuities, retirement plan assets and beneficiary designation forms that is available to each parish and parish school. Randy can customize news on bequests and other planned gifts for each parish with a website. Call Randy at 618-277-8181, Extension 132, for additional information. He can also be reached 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 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 25, 2010**

(rain date: Sunday, September 26)

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

Walkers of all ages are needed now – so register today. If your parish/Conference is a distance from Althoff Catholic High School, a more convenient satellite walk can be set up.

To register as a walker, make a pledge or for additional information: online – www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org or by phone – contact Pat Hogrebe, St. Vincent de Paul, 618-394-3568, Ext. 2.

Grant Information

Reminder – Special Grant Opportunities

Ameren Illinois Non-Residential Hardship Assistance Program – Deadline September 10

Electric rate relief assistance up to \$5,000 is being offered to non-profit organizations, religious institutions, schools and community centers that have experienced financial hardships due to the higher cost of electricity. To qualify, applicants must currently be an active Ameren BGS (Basic Generation Service) customer who has purchased electricity through Ameren Illinois Utilities since January 1, 2009. Applications can be completed online by visiting the Ameren Web site (<http://www.ameren.com>); information/applications also are available by calling your Ameren Illinois Utility: AmerenCILCO and AmerenCIPS at 1-866-629-2318 or AmerenIP at 1-800-287-8349.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Grants – Deadline September 15

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 \$8,000 will be available with the possibility of additional funding available by the time of the grant award date.

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 1

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 130, or Judy Phillips, 618-277-8181, Extension 114. 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

The Catholic Church Extension Society of the United States of America recently awarded the Catholic Diocese of Belleville four Building the Foundation grants:

Daystar Community Program -- \$25,000
Catholic Urban Programs/Holy Angels Shelter -- \$25,000
Office of Hispanic Ministry -- \$20,000
St. Aloysius-Sacred Heart Parish -- \$20,000

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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