



Development Update

September, 2009

2009 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

As of August 20, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,165,261 from 7,311 households for an average gift of \$159.38. We are at 67% of our overall goal of \$1.75M. Last year we were at 81% of our goal at this time with 10,305 households pledging their support in the amount of \$1,423,750.



In addition to the parishes listed in previous editions of the Development Update, congratulations to

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Herrin

for exceeding their CSMA financial target.

The diocesan ministries and agencies that rely on the CSMA 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 reconsider supporting this year's appeal. 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 Board of Directors will meet September 3 at the Holy Trinity Parish Center in Fairview Heights at 7:00 p.m. The Foundation's total portfolio was valued at \$22,261,481 as of July 31.

Parish Websites and Planned Giving

Information about bequests, charitable gift annuities, retirement plan assets and beneficiary designation forms is available from the Office of Planned Giving. Call Randy Flachsbart at 618-277-8181, Extension 132, to find out how deferred gifts can support your parish and school 15 to 20 years from now. Randy can customize information on bequests, beneficiary designation forms, charitable gift annuities and retirement plan assets for each parish with a website. Randy can also be reached by e-mail at: rflachsbart@diobelle.org.

Grant Information

Reminder -- Catholic Campaign for Human Development Local Grants Due September 15

All Catholic parishes, schools, diocesan departments, agencies and institutions are invited to apply for funding for local initiatives that address poverty in southern Illinois from the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. Application deadline is September 15, 2009. 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.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITY – PLEASE NOTE: Electric Rate Relief Assistance Offered to Non-Profit Organizations, Religious Institutions, Schools, and Senior Centers

The Ameren Illinois Non-Residential Hardship Assistance Program provides assistance up to \$5,000 to individual non-profits and other qualified organizations that have experienced financial hardships due to the higher cost of electricity.

To qualify, a non-profit organization, school, senior center, church or other religious institution must currently be an active Ameren BGS (Basic Generation Service) customer who has purchased electricity through the Ameren Illinois Utilities since January 1, 2008. Also, the organization must demonstrate the higher rates for electricity have caused a financial hardship.

Applications to this Non-Residential Hardship Fund, which is being administered by the Energy Assistance Foundation, **must be submitted between August 26 and October 7, 2009.** Applications can be completed online by visiting the Ameren Web site

(<http://www.ameren.com>); applications also are available by calling your Ameren Illinois Utility: AmerenCILCO and AmerenCIPS at 1-866-629-2318 or AmerenIP at 1-866-287-8349.

Last year diocesan ministries and programs, parishes and schools received grants totaling \$44,318 so you might want to consider applying if Ameren is your electric service provider. The application form is brief and easy to complete. If you have questions, contact Judy Phillips in the Development Office, 618-277-8181, Extension 114.

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.

Date: Saturday, September 26, 2009

(rain date: Sunday, September 27)

Place: Althoff Catholic High School, Belleville

Time: Registration-7:00 a.m. – 10:00 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

To register as a walker, make a pledge or for additional information: online – www.svdpfriendsofthepoorwalk.org or by phone – contact Diane Cobb, 618-355-5956 or Pat Hogebe, St. Vincent de Paul, 618-394-3568, Ext. 2. Walkers of all ages are needed now – you select how far you walk! All proceeds will be used locally to serve the poor. You may designate which SVDP Conference receives your pledges or you can designate the Belleville Council.

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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