



Development Update

December, 2010

2010 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

As of November 30, we have received pledges amounting to \$1,171,083 representing 78% of our goal. Cash receipts total \$1,069,735 which is 91% of the total amount pledged. Seven thousand six hundred forty-three (7,643) households have pledged their support, 14 households more than compared to this time last year.

Congratulations and special thanks to Father Michael Mbonu and the parishioners of St. Sebastian Parish, St. Sebastian, for exceeding their CSMA financial target!



At this time when many people are considering year-end charitable giving, we hope you will encourage your parish members to include a gift to The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal; diocesan agencies and programs and those they serve are depending on your support.

Catholic Community Foundation

The Foundation managed assets of \$24,365,663 as of October 30, 2010, according to Executive Director Jim Mroczkowski. The Foundation board will hold its winter meeting on December 9 at Holy Trinity Parish in Fairview Heights at 7:00 p.m.

Planned Giving

Did you know that a 60-year-old person can receive a lifetime payment rate of 5.1% through a charitable gift annuity with the Diocese and that you can direct the remainder of the gift annuity after your lifetime to your parish, elementary school or other institution in the Diocese? Please contact Randy Flachsbart, Director of Planned Giving, at 618-277-8181, extension 1321, or by email: rflachsbart@diobelle.org for more information.

Recent Grants Activities

The Energy Assistance Foundation has awarded Ameren Non-Residential Hardship Assistance Program grants to: Catholic Diocese of Belleville-\$7,706; Catholic Urban Programs-\$1,388; Hincke-Sense Home Residence for Priests-\$3,826; St. John's Day Care Center-\$847.

Congratulations to Sister Julia Huiskamp, D. C., of Griffin Center who was named a Hometown Hero in the Bank of America's 2010 Neighborhood Excellence Initiative; in addition to the award, Sister also received a \$5,000 grant for the Griffin Center program.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry grant applications requesting \$73,992 have been received from 41 organizations, parishes, schools and ministries from throughout the six deaneries of the diocese. Proposals have been sent to all deans and their review groups who will make recommendations for the grants to be awarded. Proposals selected for funding will be awarded grants in March, 2011.

We extend our heartfelt thanks for all you do for us and the people of southern Illinois. May God bless you and those dear to you with His love and peace during this Advent season, at Christmas and throughout the coming New Year.

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