



Development Update

April, 2009

2009 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal

As of March 23, 2009, 2,863 households have pledged \$452,149 to the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal for an average gift of \$158. The goal for the 2009 CSMA is \$1.75 million. Your commitment to promoting the good works of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal and encouraging generosity from all your parishioners is truly appreciated!

Thank you, too, for submitting your parish reports in a timely fashion.

Catholic Community Foundation

The Board of Directors of the Foundation met on Thursday, March 5, at Holy Trinity Church in Fairview Heights for their quarterly meeting. Executive Director Bill Knapp welcomed the Foundation's new Investment Consultants, Jerry Rueckert and Elizabeth Monticelli from Hammond Associates in St. Louis, to their first meeting. Bill reported that assets managed by the Foundation for parishes, schools, high schools, cemetery associations and other Diocesan institutions totaled \$21,625,615 as of December 31, 2008.

Planned Giving for Parish Websites

Information on bequests, beneficiary designation forms, charitable gift annuities, retirement plan assets and various other types of deferred giving is available for each parish with a website. Please contact Randy Flachsbart, Director of Planned Giving, at 618-277-8181, Extension 132, or by e-mail at: rflachsbart@diobelle.org for more information.

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry

Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry grants totaling \$17,630 were recently awarded to 19 programs and ministries from all six deaneries of the diocese. A listing of those receiving grant funds is included with this Development Update. Since its inception 12 years ago, \$308,587 has been awarded from the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal for ministries/projects that address special needs within the diocese.

Grant applications and brochures for the 2009-2010 Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry will soon be mailed to all parishes, schools, diocesan organizations and institutions. The deadline for submitting grant applications is **September 1, 2009**. Individuals and organizations, agencies or departments currently funded in part or total by the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal are not eligible. For additional information, a brochure or application form, please contact Ann Bergmann or Judy Phillips at 618-277-8181.

***Rejoicing with you in the Good News of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
We wish you a Blessed Easter!***

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