

Some Questions & Answers About Pastoral Center Services.

Q During the past year a special collection was taken in some parishes for the Cambodian Relief. How was that disbursed?

A The amount of the special collection taken for the Cambodian Relief amounted to \$125,000. This was forwarded to the Catholic Relief Service in New York and used for relief efforts in both Cambodia and Thailand, providing direct medical, food, and clothing services to refugees.

Q What happens to the World Mission (Propagation of the Faith) Collection that is taken in October of each year?

A The collection for World Mission Sunday amounted to \$175,000. Fifty-one percent was used for mission efforts outside the United States, forty percent for missionary efforts in the United States, and nine percent for the Church in the Near East.

Q What happens to the money that is collected in May for our own diocesan mission?

A \$103,000 was received and distributed: the Sisters of St. Joseph and Sisters of Mercy to assist their missionary efforts in Selma, Alabama, and South America. Other groups benefiting are the Spanish Apostolate, the Emergency Funds for Rural Projects of OHD, the International Justice and Peace Commission, and the Diocesan Tuition Subsidy.

Q How many chaplains are there in the Diocese of Rochester and who supports them?

A There are 25 chaplains working full time in the Diocese of Rochester. These include 15 diocesan priests, five sisters, three religious order priests, 1 layman, and 1 Protestant minister who works on an interfaith basis. There are 11 chaplains in acute care hospitals, three who minister to the frail, elderly and handicapped; two who work with those with psychiatric and four who work in New York State prisons. We have one full-time chaplain with the Division for Youth and one who is appointed to serve the deaf community. All of these are paid for by the institution itself or the state, with the exception of the chaplain at the University of Rochester Medical Center and the chaplain to the deaf community who are paid by the diocese. We have 12 part-time chaplains serving our county jails, one pastor who works with the Division for Youth, and the diocese is very active in the Rochester Interfaith Jail Ministry. The chaplains to the VA hospitals are appointed on the federal level.

Q How is Catholic Charities, Inc. financed?

A Catholic Charities, Inc. is supported by fees from the member agencies and a bequest received in 1978. These two sources constitute about 90 percent of their income. The other 10 percent is derived from miscellaneous sources. They have not received any financial assistance from the United Way or the diocese. It is important to note that Catholic Charities, Inc. is the planning and coordinating agency for the entire diocese for human services.

Q How is Camp Stella Maris financed?

A Two-thirds of the cost of Camp Stella Maris is paid by campers' fees. About 15 percent of the operation is financed through rentals of the buildings throughout the year. About 20 percent is financed through gifts, sales, and food/milk subsidies. The camp receives no subsidy from diocesan funds.

Q How are special collections distributed?

A Complete reports on special collections are available by contacting the sponsoring department. A quick overview follows:

- 1. Respect Life Sunday.** 133 parishes contributed a total of \$23,500. Forty-three percent was given as grants to support organizations which offer care and support to pregnant women in trouble. About \$4,500 was used for education materials and programs. The remainder was used for staff and office expenses.
- 2. Operation Breadbox.** This program is sponsored by the International Justice and Peace Commission. \$40,500 was received from parishes and other sources. \$16,000 was given to a project in Mexico, \$9,500 to the Philippines, \$5,000 to a project in Africa, \$10,000 to various parishes, organizations and food cupboards to relieve the hungry in the diocese. These ranged from SWEM (an ecumenical organization in the 19th ward of Rochester), the Catholic Worker houses, the House of Concern in Seneca Falls and the OHD food cupboard in Elmira.
- 3. The Small Grants Program of OHD.** This program is funded by the Diocesan Mission Collection at the level of \$10,000. \$6,600 was used to fund small organizations throughout the 11 counties of the diocese other than Monroe. The programs funded at a level of \$500 or less included the Wayne County Community Coop, the Spouse Abuse Task Force in Yates, Ontario, Wayne and Seneca Counties, and Birthright in Owego. \$2,300 was used in Monroe County for groups like the Chocolate City Tenants Association, or St. Bridget's Welfare Rights organization. The remainder was used for emergency relief by the staff of OHD.
- 4. The Courier-Journal/Catholic Charities Christmas Fund.** The Tenth Annual Appeal resulted in donations of \$51,000. Catholic Family Center distributed \$33,000 to needy families. The Office of Urban Ministry distributed \$6,000 to assist city parishes in Rochester for aid to the poor, and OHD distributed

\$6,000 in the 11 rural counties. Catholic Charities, Inc. distributed \$5,000 to needy families in need throughout the year.

Q How were the funds for the Campaign for Human Development distributed?

A The CHD collection totaled \$123,500. About ten percent of the funds were used for office staff and general overhead. \$79,000 was sent to the national office of CHD for distribution across the nation. \$34,000 in local grants was distributed across the diocese — such as the North East Area Block Club Alliance in Rochester, the Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry in Elmira, and the Coalition for Safe Power in Cayuga County. Also, the diocese participated in a national grant of \$60,000, which was used to employ legal advocates to protect the rights of migrant farmworkers in this region.

Q How many campus ministers are there in the diocese and how are they funded?

A There are 27 full and part-time Campus Ministers serving the students, faculty and administration at colleges and universities in our diocese. During this past year the diocese provided a subsidy of \$78,000 towards their \$236,000 budget. The other \$158,000 was raised by the Campus Ministry Parishes.

Q What funds were contributed toward tuition subsidy by the Division of Education?

A The budget for the Division of Education was \$291,000 of which approximately \$49,000 was given as tuition subsidies to the schools in our diocese.

Q What is diocesan tuition subsidy?

A There are three diocesan tuition subsidy programs in existence today. The first program began in 1976 and was a program for secondary Catholic schools. The tuition subsidy program for the elementary Catholic schools in the city of Rochester was initiated in 1977. The program for elementary schools outside of the city of Rochester began in 1979. All three of the programs share a common goal of offering Catholic school education to those who are economically disadvantaged.

Q Who is eligible?

A Each year an announcement of the program is published in the various local papers and the Courier-Journal. At the time of registration, principals are requested to make the program known to those who are applying for entrance into their schools. Forms requesting financial information about the family are completed and submitted to the school of registration. Each principal is then asked to do a preliminary screening of application and to validate the need of the particular family. Validated applications are then sent to the Office of General Education.

Q How are the applicants screened?

A Three separate committees exist to review the applications. All information reviewed is confidential. Applications are then ranked, with those most in need receiving top priority. Based upon this objective, validated information, subsidies are awarded to individual applicants.

Q How are the funds distributed?

A Once the applicants have been awarded the subsidy grant, the receiving school is notified of this award. The school then directly notifies the applicant. Payment is made from the diocesan office to the educational institution to be credited toward the tuition of the family receiving the subsidy.

Q Does everyone who applied for tuition subsidy receive it?

A The figures will show that approximately 50 percent of the applicants receive a subsidy. The number of applicants continues to increase while the cost of education also continues to increase. Therefore, the percent receiving subsidy decreases.

Q How many schools outside the city of Rochester participate in the tuition subsidy program?

A Fourteen schools outside the city of Rochester participate, with 29 schools receiving \$4,996.

Q How many Catholic high schools participate in the tuition subsidy program?

A All Catholic high schools participate in this program, with a total of 165 students receiving \$44,781.50.

Q How do the Catholic elementary schools participate in the Urban Ministry funds?

A Every City-School receives tuition subsidy for individual students. Direct grants were given to Corpus Christi and St. Monica Schools (\$22,500 and \$4,500 respectively); the other schools share \$33,000.

Q How are other Urban Ministry funds used?

A Twelve parishes share \$126,000, used for, among other things, youth ministry, religious education, programs for the elderly, parish outreach, and emergency funds for needy people.

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