



This year for the first time, the diocese is going to appeal directly to parishioners for the funds necessary to conduct the many ministry programs it directs. Bishop Matthew H. Clark has set a goal of \$2.204 million for the annual appeal, which will take place in November.

In order to inform diocesans on the activities and programs of the diocese, the Courier-Journal is running a series of five features explaining the work and expenses of the principal diocesan divisions.

## Division of Support Ministries

The Division of Support Ministries does exactly that — it supports the work of other diocesan divisions and departments, particularly in planning and finances.

This division provides consultation and goal-setting assistance and offers technical expertise for more efficient achievement not only on the part of diocesan departments but by parish leaders as well.

The division director also is chancellor of the diocese and matters pertaining to canon and civil law are among his responsibilities.

The director also is responsible for working with the diocesan Building Commission for reviewing new parish construction or major renovations.

### Office of Pastoral Planning And Management

#### Planning

Planning provides services designed to encourage participation at parishes. Parish census data, goal planning, research assistance and data processing are offered to all parishes. Parishes can obtain computer-based demographics, such as needs statistics on the elderly, youths, single parents,

## Support Ministries: The Finances

INCOME	EXPENSES	NEEDED FROM APPEAL
\$381,000	\$742,000	\$361,000

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The Division of Support Ministries, as its name implies, comprises those departments that serve other departments, the diocese, parishes and regions. When the division was established, we were entrusted to provide support, information and technical expertise for furthering God's Kingdom here on earth.

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— Father William Flynn, division director.



divorced and other human conditions requiring pastoral attention.

#### Finance

Finance provides assistance to parishes with budgeting, money-management and both property and health care insurance.

The department ensures the financial health and growth of the diocese, always operating under the premise that diocesan growth depends on parish growth.

### Annual Appeal Office

This office organizes the bishop's annual appeal on the diocesan level.

It also is responsible for assisting parishes to tie in to the annual appeal their own special projects for expanding beginning ministerial programs.

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The division also is responsible for the maintenance of the pastoral center as well as providing printing resources to the diocesan departments and parishes.

## The Bishop's Office

Although it is obvious that the Bishop's Office is concerned strictly with matters of the soul, it may be better understood as the nerve center of the entire diocese.

This "office" actually includes three departments — Administration, the Tribunal and Urban Ministry.

### Administration

Bishop Matthew H. Clark's administrative team assists him with the countless details involved in serving as pastor to some 400,000 Catholics in our 12-county diocese. He has a priest-secretary and a layperson secretary who coordinate his calendar and correspondence.

## Bishop's Ministries: The Finances

INCOME	EXPENSES	NEEDED FROM APPEAL
\$93,000	\$546,000	\$453,000

The priest-secretary also serves as diocesan information officer, liaison with regional coordinators and consultative bodies, and he prepares and directs all sacramental functions over which the bishop presides.

The diocese also funds programs conducted by the National Conference of Catholic Bishops and the State Catholic Conference.

### The Tribunal

The Tribunal is the Church court of law,

part of diocesan government. It examines marriages that have failed, to determine whether the relationship was indeed a marriage as understood by the Church.

### Urban Ministry

Bishop Clark's concern for urban problems is expressed through the Urban Ministry Office. In addition to planning assistance, the office provides funding for programs in religious education, Catholic education, ministry to youth and the black and Hispanic populations.