



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 Social Ministries

"Christ demands an openness that is more than benign attention," Pope John Paul II told us in that historic address at Yankee Stadium two years ago.

He demands an openness that "is more than token actions or half-hearted efforts that leave the poor as destitute as they were before."

The parable of the rich man and Lazarus, the Holy Father said, must be translated "into contemporary terms, in terms of economy and politics, in terms of human rights."

To implement these papal objectives in our own diocese is the charge of the Division of Social Ministries, directed by Father Charles Mulligan.

The various departments of this division strive to do the basic Christian work of helping the poor, the homeless, the underprivileged, the neglected, the deprived, the hungry, the sick, the institutionalized — in short all our modern-day Lazaruses whose problems so concern the Holy Father and Jesus Christ Himself.

Justice and Peace

This department works to keep diocesans aware of the hardships the needy will suffer as the result of federal budget cuts. It also provides education and training of parish committees and lay leadership.

The Campaign for Human Development this year secured two major national grants to assist self-help groups, one in the rural area and the other for on-the-job training.

The Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation has loaned \$15,000 to Geneva Home Improvement Corporation to develop low-income condominiums.

The Human Life Commission provides education and legislative advocacy on the abortion issue and supports organizations fostering care for pregnant women with problems.

One of the projects of the International Justice and Peace Department has been an exchange of personnel and offering support for developmental projects to our sister diocese of Tabasco, Mexico.

Social Ministries: The Finances

INCOME	EXPENSES	NEEDED FROM APPEAL
\$519,000	\$908,000	\$389,000

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The story of the Diocese of Rochester is the story of people sharing faith, praising God, and rejoicing with one another. It is the story of 183 parishes and many diverse institutions. It is the story of chaplains in jail, in prison, or in psychiatric hospitals. It is the story of skilled response to the needs of troubled families. Every Christian has his or her special talents, skills, riches, time and love to share with others according to the Spirit of God. The work of Social Ministry is building this earth until, freely, it is ruled by the spirit of justice and love. It demonstrates special preference for those with the fewest options according to the example of Jesus Christ.



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— Father Charles Mulligan, division director

Catholic Charities

Among the multitude of human services provided by Catholic Charities, Inc., are community residential facilities at Penn Yan and Lyons. This department works to convene people around social problems, such as to assist homeless, transient people.

The Office of Family Life conducts Pre-Cana programs and it has produced the Family Ministry Task Force report on the Church's ministry to families in the 1980s.

The facilities of Camp Stella Maris are available to 1,000 summer campers and 3,000 off-season campers.

The affiliate agencies of Charities work with refugees, provide services for youths, the elderly, and the chronically mentally ill, and offer adoption services and marriage counseling.

Chaplaincy Services

The division has 27 fulltime chaplains, 15 part-time chaplains and many parish volunteers to serve 26 acute care hospitals, two psychiatric hospitals, three developmental centers, three geriatric facilities, 12 county jails, five state prison facilities and three youth facilities.

This year, the division is helping to establish a magnet deaf parish in downtown Rochester.

Southern Tier

This Elmira office has developed a food salvage bank, distributing more than 10 tons of food per month throughout the five Southern Tier counties. It also provides Christian counseling programs to 150 individuals and has received a major grant to address the problems of teen pregnancies in Schuyler County. This year, the office is beginning Pre-Cana services.

The division also maintains a working relationship with the six major Catholic-sponsored health care institutions in the diocese — St. Mary's in Rochester, St. Joseph's in Elmira, St. James in Hornell, Mercy Health and Rehabilitation Center in Auburn, St. Ann's Home in Rochester and DePaul Community Mental Health Center in Rochester.

The philosophy of social ministry emphasizes Church funding of leadership personnel who, in cooperation with community and governmental resources, develop appropriate funding strategies.