



# CATHOLIC Thanks Giving APPEAL

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 Educational Ministry

The primary responsibility of the Division of Education is to assist the bishop in the teaching mission of the Church. To do this, Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, director, and her staff work through four departments — General Education, Religious Education, Continuing Education and Parish Council Development and Training.

General Education is composed of the superintendent of schools and five assistant superintendents. They provide direction and management to assure quality Catholic education in diocesan schools.

The director of Religious Education has four staff members and is responsible for the catechetical development of all Catholics as they grow in faith and life.

The goal of the Continuing Education Department is to provide ongoing educational opportunities for professional ministerial staff serving parishes, institutions or the diocese.

Parish Council Development and Training strives to assist parish councils and their committees to establish parish priorities.

### General Education

This department provides direction to diocesan schools in the areas of personnel, curriculum and management. It aims to provide quality Catholic education through professional training and development of principals and teachers.

It also works with parents, community organizations and public school districts.

It develops curriculum for sex education, religion and other academic subjects.

### Education: The Finances

INCOME	EXPENSES	NEEDED FROM APPEAL
\$108,000	\$537,000	\$429,000

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The Division Of Education serves the diocese through the Departments of General Education, Religious Education, Continuing Education and Parish Council Development. Recognition that Catholic education is a lifelong process of deepening our relationship with God through knowledge and understanding of the Word, participation and unity through worship and extension of these gifts through service is the overarching goal of the division.



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— Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, division director

### Religious Education

This department offers catechetical development and opportunities for all people for faith growth and development.

It assists parishes in training and selection of personnel and also provides materials and curriculum for parish programs.

The department serves youths through retreat programs (Seminar, Genesis, Antioch and so forth) and by providing program money for services coordinated through the Youth Commission.

Teacher training programs for volunteer catechists also is a service of this department.

Parishes also are assisted in the implementation of the diocesan sacramental guidelines.

### Continuing Education

To provide continuing education opportunities for professional ministerial staffs of parishes, and institutions in the diocese, this department administers programs for new pastor training, provides programs and workshops for pastoral assistants, directors of Religious Education and school principals, and coordinates educational leadership programs.

### Parish Council Development

This department offers training sessions for the formation and operation of parish councils through special sessions and workshops.