



Special Report

The diocese has begun the second annual Catholic Thanks Giving Appeal in which Bishop Matthew H. Clark goes directly to parishioners for the funds necessary to conduct ministry programs. The goal this year is \$2,550,000. To keep diocesans informed on diocesan activities and programs, the Courier-Journal is running a six-part series on the appeal and the various diocesan ministries.

Division of Social Ministries

The Goal: \$2,550,000

Social Ministries: The Finances

Budget

	Total Diocesan Expenses	Income From Other Sources	Needed from Appeal
Div. Directors Office	\$ 47,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 46,000
Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry	79,000	7,000	72,000
Southern Tier Office of Social Ministry	113,000	25,000	88,000
Catholic Charities, Inc.	\$154,000	79,000	75,000
Camp Stella Maris	201,000	193,000	8,000
Family Life	81,000	29,000	52,000
NFP	7,000	0	7,000
Chaplaincy Services	16,000	0	16,000
Chaplains Parish for Hearing Impaired	34,000	4,000	30,000
Justice and Peace	31,000	0	31,000
Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation	108,000	0	108,000
International Justice and Peace	18,000	9,000	9,000
Human Life Commission	31,000	23,000	8,000
Campaign for Human Dev.	47,000	0	47,000
	29,000	29,000	0
	\$996,000	\$399,000	\$597,000

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I am grateful for the generosity of the people of the Diocese of Rochester. Already, the benefits resulting from last year's drive have sparked new hopes and a timely presence of God's love. It seems to have stimulated new services and new interest in those services. The magnet parish for the deaf has begun its second year at St. Mary's in downtown Rochester. New education programs now train lay leadership in social ministry including a session at Our Lady of Lourdes in Elmira which attracted 50 people. Ten percent of the children at Camp Stella Maris are there on scholarships.

This year's drive allows us to invite Jesuit volunteers to come and work with us. It provides full funding for the Human Life Commission in its approach of pastoral ministry and the ongoing struggle for justice in regard to abortion. It will help in the formation of a Commission on the Handicapped and bring the full range of social ministry to the five-county area served by the Finger Lakes Office of Social Ministry in Geneva. The Catholic Lawyers Guild will be working in a program which brings attorneys on a volunteer basis to those in prison. Your generosity helps our entire community to demonstrate again that love of Christ makes a real difference in our neighborhoods, our cities and our lives.

— Father Charles Mulligan, director, Division of Social Ministries



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Department of Justice and Peace

Composed of various components — The Office of Human Development, Human Life Commission, Bishop Sheen Ecumenical Housing Foundation, Campaign for Human Development and International Justice and Peace Commission — utilizes various means to address today's issues of justice and peace and to alter systems or institutions to make them more responsive to people.

Chaplaincy Services

Facilitates the ministry of the Church among those in our diocese who are institutionalized and enables them to be reintegrated within our communities.

Southern Tier Office

Under the leadership of a local board this two-year-old office plans human service projects and promotes justice efforts in conjunction with the parishes located in the five-county region.

Finger Lakes Office

A new endeavor of the division is the establishment of this office which under a local board plans human service projects and promotes justice efforts in conjunction with the parishes located in the five-county region.

Catholic Charities

Promotes individual and family services throughout the Diocese of Rochester and advocates for the human needs of the poor. Affiliates are: Catholic Youth Organization, Camp Stella Maris, Catholic Family Center, Office of Family Life, De Paul Mental Health Services and Genesee and Charles Settlement, Kinship Group Home, St. Joseph's Villa, St. Ann's Home.

Accomplishments

Handicapped

- established group home care for mentally retarded citizens
- Project Seed — social and recreational opportunities for physically disabled
- L.I.L.A.C. — developed volunteer CADRE to visit the severely disabled in six psychiatric and developmental centers of the Diocese

Institutionalized

- advocated for the rights and resettlement of the incarcerated Haitians and Cubans in the diocese
- Prison Action Core — volunteers working with inmates in Attica and Auburn prisons
- training session for County Jail Chaplains
- sponsorship of a Sister Chaplain at Rochester General Hospital

Family Life

- convened 26 community agencies to develop county wide teenage pregnancy program
- developed a program for the promotion of Natural Family Planning
- 1061 children participated in Camp Stella Maris Summer Program

Counseling

- established three counseling centers in the Southern Tier — Bath, Owego, and Elmira — and one counselling center in the Finger Lakes area — Geneva — to provide individual and family counselling services

Human Life

- Nuclear Disarmament Task Force — educational and action effort on addressing nuclear arms race
- provided diocesan resources to enable our brothers and sisters in Tabasco, Mexico, to lead a fuller life
- Puzzle Project — a hot line/counselling service for women who have had abortions
- strengthened parish contact system to disseminate current legislative action on abortion

Grants

- secured national grant for a community-based organization that works for the advancement of Hispanic people in Rochester
- provided funding for pastoral care efforts for women with troubled pregnancies

Hunger

- established Southern Tier Community Food Bank — 60 tons of food per month distributed to 120 non-profit agencies and food cupboards
- Operation Bread Box — supported three grass roots hunger projects in the Third World

Housing

- spearheaded a convening of community agencies to find both short- and long-range solutions to the single room occupancy problem

Advocacy

- formed a coalition of grass roots leaders to lobby for increases in human services and decreases in military spending
- organized labor leaders and business people in advocating for creation of jobs for the unemployed