



The diocese has begun the third 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 \$2,729,000. To keep diocesans informed on diocesan activities and programs, the Courier-Journal is running a seven-part series on the appeal and the various diocesan ministries.

DIVISION OF EDUCATION

The Goal: \$2,729,000

BUDGET

	Total Diocesan Expense	Income from other Sources	Needed from Appeal
Office	\$ 15,000	—0—	15,000
General Education	186,000	19,000	167,000
Tuition Subsidy	140,000	10,000	130,000
Religious Education	258,000	53,000	205,000
Continuing Education	70,000	12,000	58,000
Communication	50,000	25,000	25,000
Youth Ministry	77,000	17,000	60,000

Division of Education

EXPENSES	INCOME	NEEDED FROM APPEAL
\$796,000	\$136,000	\$660,000

General Education Department

Responsible to provide quality Catholic education by assisting the schools within our diocese. This includes recruitment and training of personnel, development of curriculum, supporting a decision making process involving parents and parish representatives and providing management skills. It also reaches beyond to community organizations and cooperative work with the State Education Department and public school districts.

Religious Education Department

Responsible for the catechetical development and ongoing opportunities for all our people to deepen in the growth of knowledge and of faith life. It is responsible for recruiting and training personnel, the development of curriculum and assistance in organizing parish programs.

The department also provides spiritual growth for young people and families through the Youth Retreat Program and Family Camp.

Libraries for audiovisual material and print material are available for parish personnel to preview and use.

Continuing Education Department

Responsible for studying the needs and providing programs in the ongoing education of professional personnel serving the diocese and parishes. It also provides a program for training in the Church's Social mission for those serving at parish or board level.

Youth Ministry Department

Follows the philosophy of providing services to, with, for, and by youth. Along with offering programs on diocesan level, concentration is placed in developing programs for parishes. Recruitment and training of personnel to serve as parish youth ministers has been initiated this year.

“The Division of Education envisions its mission as a ministry of service among and with the people of God who are the Church. This service is directed toward recognizing and supporting growth in Christian life — in homes, in classrooms, in churches, in recreation centers, in institutions — wherever and whenever people gather to speak and to listen, to question and to respond, to learn and to grow. With the bishop who is the master teacher of the diocese, the Education Division strives to heed and to spread the Good News of the Lord. We believe that education strives to enable each person to reach his/her potential in a life time process to understand and to live the Gospel Message.
— Sister Roberta Tierney, SSND, Director, Division of Education
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Accomplishments:

Youth Ministry Office — after four years of study research and planning, the Department of Youth Ministry was established and works with the Diocesan Youth Commission to offer services and training for the youth of our diocese.

Assistant Superintendent for School Planning — Has made it possible to implement the 5 year planning project which has been researched and developed for our diocese. This position also enables us to work cooperatively with the Office of Pastoral Planning and Finance to offer assistance to parishes with schools in the development and monitoring of budgets.

Continuing Education in Religion for Teachers in

Catholic Schools and Volunteer Catechists in Religious Education — has been expanded and required. We believe that the role of the teacher is primary in the success of the teaching mission of the Church. The funds from the Appeal have made it possible for us to offer these programs in all areas of the diocese at times accessible to both full time and volunteer personnel.

Tuition Subsidy Program — for those students who desire a Catholic school education, but are not financially able to afford it. Funds for this program are available through the Appeal, but each year we are forced to limit the number of grants allocated due to lack of funds to meet this need.

New Programs:

The Finger Lakes Office of Religious Education has been opened this summer to provide professional service to the parishes in that area. Following the pattern of the Southern Tier Office of Religious Education, this program provides assistance to personnel responsible for directing programs of Religious Education at parish level.

Coordinator for Teenage Sexuality — this position has been initiated to meet the need and concern for assistance to our various programs and agencies dealing with teenagers and their families in regard to sexuality. This position is also a response to the recommendations of the Teenage Sexuality Task Force commissioned by the bishops of New York.

“Challenge of Peace” — Members of the Education

Department have joined with other groups to develop programs for the educational aspects of the bishop's pastoral. This program will be incorporated with our efforts for education to justice.

Communications — Funds from the Thanks Giving Appeal are used to supplement those which are obtained through the Catholic Communications Campaign in June. Through the efforts of our communications project assistant we will develop new strategies for communication within the diocese as well as strengthen our relationship with the public media. We are also exploring the possibility of various series to be aired on cable television throughout the diocese and will investigate the possibility of moving with some of these series to commercial television.

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