


ANNUAL CATHOLIC *Thanks Giving* APPEAL




The Diocese has begun the Fourth Annual Catholic Thanks Giving Appeal in which Bishop Matthew Clark directly approaches parishioners for the funds necessary to conduct essential ministry programs. The goal this year is \$3,038,000. To keep the people of our diocese informed on diocesan activities and programs, the Courier-Journal is running a seven-part series on the various diocesan ministries, which the appeal directly supports.

The Goal: \$3,038,000

Division of Urban Services

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| Expenses | Income | Needed From Appeal |
| \$405,000 | \$59,000 | \$346,000 |

...sharing God's grace
and goodness

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THROUGH THE DIVISION OF URBAN SERVICES --

You assist those in ministry

- by enabling Father Nicholas Menjivar to strengthen parish leadership in the Hispanic community of Geneva and Newark.
- by supporting the seven Mexican missionary sisters who serve ten parishes as well as minister to migrants and elderly.
- by funding both a basic language and cultural initiation program and an immersion program for anyone considering full-time ministry with the Hispanic community.

You help plan for the future

- by providing for a consultant to interpret data being collected by 20 schools in the City of Rochester.
- by supporting a part-time consultant who is evaluating the process and criteria by which \$124,000 is allocated for ministry in our neediest parishes.

You touch the lives of our minority young people

- by funding a three-part Lenten retreat for over 100 Hispanic youths as well as a Revival for Black Youths at St. Bridget's.
- By enabling both the Spanish Apostolate and the Office of Black Ministries to conduct special "Vocation Day" programs for their teenagers.
- by helping establish an Ecumenical Task Force to reach out to Black youths in the Southwest area of Rochester.

**THANK YOU FOR HELPING US BEGIN...
...WE ARE DEPENDING ON YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUING PRAYERS AND GENEROSITY TO FURTHER EMPOWER THE CHURCH IN OUR URBAN AREAS**

BUDGET

| | Total Department Expense | Income from other Sources | Needed from Appeal |
|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|
| Urban Ministry | \$164,000 | —0— | \$164,000 |
| Black Ministries | \$65,000 | \$59,000 | \$6,000 |
| Spanish Apostolate | \$100,000 | —0— | \$100,000 |
| Hermanas | \$76,000 | —0— | \$76,000 |

"You do what you think is right and pay attention to the community and be willing to change if the program isn't what the people want...My vision is to have a really integrated program with the family helping to teach the children."

Rose Boice
Religious Education Coordinator
St. Michael's, Rochester



Saturday religion classes at St. Michael's.



Spanish Apostolate's Mass for the elderly at Mt. Carmel.

"We represent the diocese in the Hispanic community. It's an inter-parish mission, and we prepare programs for evangelization in the Hispanic community, including programs for vocations, the elderly and migrants."

Brother Luis Ruberte
Director, Spanish Apostolate

"I look at Assisi House as a hospitality type of service...we just meet needs here as they come along. People really know that they can come in here and feel at home."

Maxie Venuti Bartolotta
Coordinator, Assisi House



Maxie Venuti Bartolotta, left, with some helpers at Assisi House.

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'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem...How often have I yearned to gather your children, as a mother bird gathers her young under her wings...' (Matt. 23:37)
The City of Jerusalem had a special place in our Lord's heart. The over 300 priests, sisters and lay men and women ministering in the urban areas of our diocese share His special love for people with great human needs and few resources.
Through the Thanks Giving Appeal we turn to the hearts of the great people of this diocese and ask you to join us in our ministry. We count on your continuing prayers and sacrifices as we strive to call forth the gifts of the people of the city and empower them to know and share the Good News of our Heavenly Father's love.
— Fr. John Mulligan, division director

