


DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 
MINISTRIES STATEMENT February 2010
We Walk(ed) by Faith - Celebrating 100 Years of Stewardship
Based on 2 Cor. 5:7

The Goal of \$770,000 provides partial funding/support for the following:

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP - \$117,000

The Bishop, as part of his ministry to the people of the Diocese of Crookston, visits parishes for Confirmations, etc., and serves on boards, such as the USCCB Administrative Committee, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) and the Board of Directors of the Minnesota Catholic Conference. This helps to defray the cost of travel and other expenses incurred for these ministries.

CHANCERY, GENERAL - \$91,000

The Bishop is assisted in his apostolic ministry by the Vicar General, the Chancellor and a secretary. It also includes normal office expenses such as postage, office supplies, books and periodicals, telephone and building upkeep.

SEMINARIANS/VOCATIONS – \$144,000

The Office of Vocations is primarily responsible for the promotion of vocations and the support, both financially and spiritually, of men who are in the seminary. The office seeks to increase awareness of the vocation of priesthood through various means, including promotion of National Vocation Awareness Week, informational retreat weekends at local seminaries, "Thinking of Priesthood" Day, newspaper articles, and the distribution of vocation posters and prayer cards. The office of Vocations aids those who are applying for entrance into the seminary by assisting with college/seminary applications, and other forms and requirements for admission. Once accepted by the diocese and the seminary, the office becomes responsible for supporting the men in their studies and discernment of the priesthood. Finally, the office coordinates and promotes the seminarian's ordination to the diaconate and priesthood. There are 6 seminarians studying for the Diocese of Crookston.

NEWMAN CENTERS - \$30,000

The Diocese of Crookston has established two campus ministry centers and actively supports these teams, programs and facilities. A Newman Center is located at Bemidji State University and also at Moorhead State University. An ecumenical Cooperative Campus Ministry located at the

University of Minnesota in Crookston is also supported. Campus ministry exists to form Christian community, to foster leadership, to serve, and to be a prophetic voice of the Roman Catholic Church in higher education. The Newman Centers offer opportunities for Eucharistic celebrations, various programs of sacramental preparation, and formation in social justice. Spiritual counseling and sacramental ministry are available at the campus ministry sites.

SCHOOLS - \$18,000

Diocesan scholarships enable adults to pursue knowledge and understanding of theology and church teachings thereby empowering them as leaders in their parishes.

During 2008-09, a total of 14 scholarships were awarded: 7 Mary Scholarships and 7 Pastoral Leadership Scholarships.

The 10 Catholic schools in the diocese are invaluable instruments of evangelization and catechesis as they communicate God's Word to students and families by word and witness. All adults involved in this ministry are strengthened in their leadership roles as teachers, board members and administrators through consultation and in-service workshops provided by the Director of Schools.

FAITH FORMATION - \$50,000

"Why Catholic?" is a 4-year adult faith formation program currently in its fourth season. Audio-visual resources maintained at the Chancery are made readily available to parishes and schools.

The web pages on the diocesan website (www.crookston.org) are excellent links to sources for Catholic news and Catholic theology, e.g., the Vatican and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

SCHOOL GRANTS - \$61,000

School grants are provided as a subsidy for all students from the Diocese of Crookston attending a Catholic school. Sacred Heart School in East Grand Forks received \$100 per student in Grades

9-12; parents of students in Grades 9-12 enrolled in Shanley High School in Fargo receive a \$100 towards a tuition discount.

The nine diocesan elementary schools and the elementary schools in the Fargo Catholic Network attended by Crookston students currently receive about \$50 per student in Pre-kindergarten through Grade 8.

PASTORAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (PLP) – \$10,000

The goal for the Pastoral Leadership Program (PLP) is to provide Catholic adults with the tools needed for leadership, ministry and service to their local parish and community. The PLP provides an opportunity for ministerial formation through courses that meet the national certification standards and formation principles as articulated by Vatican documents and documents from the USCCB. PLP also provides a foundation for training catechetical, liturgical and parish ministers along with guidance in discernment for program participants. It also provides appropriate courses for Hispanic Catholics along with quality theology courses that enable participants to qualify for diocesan certification, lay ecclesial ministry, state certification or ordination to the permanent diaconate.

YOUTH MINISTRY - \$49,000

The Office of Youth Ministry will continue to strengthen its support and availability to parish youth ministry. Events coordinate through the office include: TEC, NET retreats, the annual senior and junior high rallies, the national Catholic Youth Conference and Leadership Camps. Consultation, leadership development, workshops for adult and youth leaders, and training programs for parish youth ministers and youth ministry teams are also provided.

THE WORK OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE - \$11,000

The offices of the Chancery coordinate a variety of events, programs and ministries. Staff and/or financial support are provided for the annual Diocesan Marriage Vocation Sunday Celebration, Disaster Relief Assistance, Adoption Inquiry and Search, Family and Individual Counseling through Lutheran Social Services, also for the commissions established by the Bishop such as Hispanic Affairs and Native American Indian.

The Chancery stays informed of political, legislative, moral and ethical issues on the state

and national level through the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC), the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops (USCCB), Catholic Charities USA (CCUSA) and Catholic Relief Services (CRS). Pertinent information is passed along to parishes for education, information and action. The Chancery office coordinates the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD), both the national and local CCHD grant applications and the annual collection. Through networking with regional non-profit community service providers, the Chancery stays in touch with local issues, e.g., farming, housing, homelessness, living wage and child-care.

WORSHIP - \$64,000

The Pastoral Office of Worship (Liturgy) directs and coordinates the workshop life of the diocese under the leadership of the Bishop. Office personnel serve as resources and presenters for ongoing liturgical formation, education and competencies serving parishes and organizations throughout the diocese.

Workshops are given on the local and diocesan level for extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion, lectors, lay leaders of prayer, cantors, musicians and ministers of hospitality, as well as parish liturgy committees. The RCIA process also falls under the aegis of the Office of Worship.

This office directs the work of three commissions; The Diocesan Liturgical Commission, The Diocesan Catechumenal Commission and the Diocesan Art and Architecture Commission.

TRIBUNAL - \$90,000

After a civil divorce, people in need of an annulment can turn to the Tribunal for study of their marriage. Through its ministry, the Tribunal seeks to bring healing to those who are hurting, health to those who are struggling and communion to those who are separated from the Catholic Church.

REBATES - \$35,000 Once a parish has reached its goal for the Appeal in donations, 50% of everything over the goal is returned to the parish.

