

DIOCESAN ANNUAL APPEAL 
MINISTRIES STATEMENT

February 2009

We are called to build up the Body of Christ

Based on St. Paul's letter to the Ephesians 4:1-16

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP \$173,000

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 \$80,000

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.

DIACONATE - \$7,000

The Deacon Program of the Diocese provides an opportunity for mature, Catholic men to consider the possibility of a vocation to minister within the church. Those wishing to pursue this vocation receive support in their education through the Pastoral Leadership Program of the diocese, including a year of aspirancy and 5 years of education as candidates for ordination.

ADMINISTRATION - SCHOOLS \$51,500

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

During 2007-08, a total of 14 scholarships were awarded: 6 Mary Scholarships and 8 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 \$43,600

Parish catechetical efforts are supported by consultation and on-site catechist formation offered by the Director of Faith Formation. There is also "Why Catholic?", a 4-year adult faith formation program currently in its third season. Teaching materials and audio-visual resources maintained in the Resource Center are made readily available to parishes and schools at an annual fee for an "Unlimited Use" subscription.

The web pages of the Office of the Word located on the diocesan website 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 \$46,500

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY \$34,000

The Office of the Word 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.

OFFICE OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE (including Family Life) \$67,800

The Pastoral Office of Christian Service (OCS) coordinates 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: Commissions on Women, Hispanic Affairs, Social Justice and Native American Indian.

Pastoral ministry, leadership and training are provided for the following programs: BeFriender, Pre-Marriage Seminars, Natural Family Planning, Sponsor Couples, Project Rachel, and the Hispanic Community under the guidance of the Coordinator of Hispanic Ministry.

OCS 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 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 office stays in touch with local issues, e.g., farming, housing, homelessness, living wage and child-care.

OFFICE OF WORSHIP \$30,000

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 \$70,000

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.

NEWMAN CENTERS \$31,700

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

CHANCERY SPECIAL \$75,000

The Diocese of Crookston contributes to the support of the Holy See, as well as the Minnesota Catholic Conference and the US Conference of Catholic Bishops. We also support the Catholic University in Washington, D.C.

REBATES \$29,900

Once a parish has reached its goal for the Appeal in donations, 50% of everything over the goal is returned to the parish.



I beg you to lead a life worthy of your calling with all humility, gentleness and patience, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the one body so that each part, working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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