2020 Annual Appeal – Case for Support
Supplementary Information/Statistics on Select Case Elements

Advancing Social Ministries

Fuel & Hunger Fund

- The Annual Appeal funding of the Fuel & Hunger Fund has been essential in helping our parishes and Catholic organizations provide additional support for those in need. In 2019 grants totaling $254,500 were distributed to 104 parishes and Catholic organizations.

Saint Francis Home

- For the second year in a row, the Appeal is providing funding to this ministry serving seniors and disabled adults who have little or no means of income. Although the facility is based in Richmond, residents come from all regions of Virginia. To learn more about their work, visit www.saintfrancishome.com

Segura Initiative

The mission of Segura is to provide access to quality Catholic education to low income Latino children in the Diocese of Richmond by offering tuition assistance and a process for parents to work together with schools to help children succeed. This is accomplished through Segura Advocates who:

Lead Opportunities for Catholic Education
• Recruit students
• Guide through enrollment/re-enrollment process
Create Segura Families
• Help transition to new school and connect with community
• Translate newsletters and documents
• Liaison for parent-teacher conference, meetings, etc.
Support Hispanic culture in our schools
• Hispanic Heritage Month and community activities
• Build cultural competency for ALL students

Ethnic Ministries

The Appeal is helping the Office of Ethnic Ministries in the following ways:

- Building intercultural competencies for volunteer parish leaders which includes certificate programs, additional workshops, retreats and mission experiences
- OneWe (culture and faith) – promoting the culture of encounter and awareness of our diversity in our unity
- Outreach ministry to attend diocesan initiatives/events by subsidizing the participation and collaboration with speakers in Spanish

Migrant Ministry

The Diocesan Office of Ethnic Ministries, with vital support from the Annual Appeal, gains the opportunity to form ministers so that they might work in conjunction with pastors to serve these communities. These opportunities include formation days, manuals, retreats and prayer days.

Cultivating Catholic Leadership

Seminarian Education

- The Diocese currently has 26 men in various phases of preparation for the priesthood. The cost to educate one seminarian is approximately $50,000 per year which includes room & board, tuition and health insurance. A significant portion of this cost is funded by the Annual Appeal.

Lay Ecclesial Ministry Institute (LEMI)

Since 2010, 74 people have participated in LEMI with 32 currently enrolled. In addition, there have been some exciting developments in this ministry.

- Will celebrate 10-year Anniversary of LEMI in 2020
- Nine LEMI candidates expected to be commissioned by Bishop Knestout on June 20, 2020
- The application process began in January for new LEMI class (10 graduate students, 2 Dayton Certificate students) entering in 2020 and graduating 2024
- Have begun process for review of certification standards and procedures by the USCCB
- Subcommittee on Certification for Ecclesial Ministry and Services
- Continuing to explore formation needs of lay leaders in non-catechetical roles, e.g. parish business administrators/business managers, worship/music ministers, Canon lawyers, social service ministers

Campus Ministries

Among the many campus ministry programs being supported through the Appeal, here are some of the highlights:

- Diocesan College Summit
- Diocesan College Women's Retreat
- Transition Program for High School Seniors to College Freshman
- Expansion of Campus Ministry to Community Colleges & New Campuses/Program Dev.
- Fellowship of University College Students – Leadership Initiative – JMU, VT and UVA

Youth and Young Adult Ministries

The following programs receive support from the Annual Appeal:

- Diocesan Youth Conference
- Diocesan Work Camp
- Youth Workers Training Support
- Local Regional/Parish Support of Youth Programs (Southwest Retreat)
- Scholarships for Diocesan Programs (Discovery/CA, Steubenville Retreat, etc.)
- Diocesan Vocations High School Retreat for Young Men (Quo Vadis)
- Diocesan Vocations High School Retreat for Young Women (Fiat Days)
- Diocesan Men's Conference
- Diocesan Women's Conference
- Young Adult Retreat Programs
- Young Adult Mission Week in Wise County
- Theology on Tap Programs
- Young Adult Leadership Training Programs
- Young Adult Support/Resources for Parishes
- Young Adult Parish JumpStart Program

Empowering Parish Communities

Pastoral Support

- Parishes and other ministries across the Diocese are often in need of additional pastoral support, however they cannot afford the cost of an additional full-time priest assigned to their location. The funds from the Appeal will help to offset a portion of the compensation of 6 priests assigned in various roles across the Diocese.

Retired Priests

Providing support for retired priests has been a cornerstone of the Appeal over the years. For 2020, the Appeal will support health insurance premiums and long-term care for retired priests.

International Priests

The funds generated from the Annual Diocesan Appeal will pay for ongoing immigration fees and costs for our current international priests working in our Diocese as well as a 6-month mentorship period for new international priests, as needed.

Home Mission Grants

There is an annual diocesan collection for Home Missions. These funds along with funds from the Appeal are used to make grants to our mission parishes and other smaller parishes for minor repairs and improvements limited to a maximum grant of $10,000. A committee reviews all applications and makes recommendations of funding to Bishop Knestout.

Distance Learning Network

Distance Learning and Ministry Training sites bring broad access to excellent programming for lay leaders, Catholic schoolchildren and ministry training for staff and volunteers serving in parishes and schools. By using the latest in technology, programs can be presented to larger groups no matter where they are located (the Diocese is comprised of 33,000 square miles). Ultimately, these opportunities go a long way to helping people feel more connected with their peers and the larger Church.

Independent Reconciliation Program

From the FAQ:

How is the Catholic Diocese of Richmond funding the independent reconciliation program?

- Bishop Knestout, working with his advisors including the Diocesan Finance Council, has identified several potential sources of funds for the Program, including the Catholic Diocese of Richmond's self-insurance program, investments, and loans as needed. The diocese will not use funds donated to the Annual Diocesan Appeal or the *Living Our Mission* campaign. Nor will it use parish assets, school assets, or any donor restricted contributions or restricted endowments, including those in the Catholic Community Foundation and the McMahon-Parater Scholarship Foundation. The diocese will seek contributions from insurance companies, religious orders and other dioceses when appropriate.

The full FAQ can be found at https://assistance.richmonddiocese.org/frequently-asked-questions/