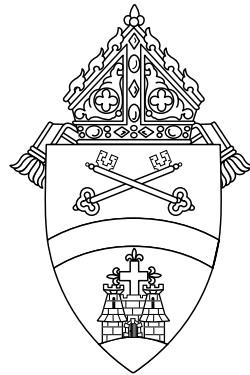


The Mission Statement of the Diocese

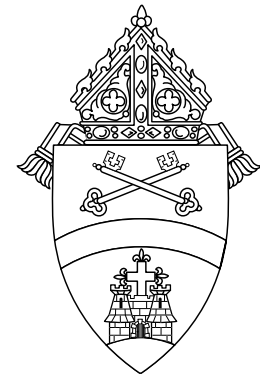
*The Catholic Church of
southern Illinois is a community
of believers, rich in tradition
and diversity. Through Baptism we
are called to be a community of faith
whose members support and challenge
one another to make Christ visible in
our world. We are called to celebrate
our faith in worship,
to nurture our faith
through ongoing formation
of mind and heart, and to express it
in service to others.*



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CATHOLIC SERVICE AND MINISTRY APPEAL

Fund for Ministry



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A Diocese Rich in History

The Roman Catholic Diocese of Belleville comprises the 28 southernmost counties of Illinois. The Diocese was established in January, 1887, with John Janssen installed as the first Bishop. The Most Reverend Edward K. Braxton is the eighth Bishop to serve the Diocese. Approximately 76 diocesan priests assist the Bishop in ministering to the Catholic people of Southern Illinois. The Diocese is also blessed with about 165 religious women and 57 religious priests and brothers who serve in a variety of ministries.

The Diocese is 11,678 square miles with 100,100 Catholics among a total population of 848,743. The Diocese has 124 parishes, five Catholic hospitals, 33 Catholic elementary schools, and three diocesan Catholic high schools. Over 12,500 youth receive Catholic instruction.

Coal mining, oil, lumber, farming and small industry make up most of the traditional industries in the Diocese. However, in recent years oil and lumber have been largely depleted while coal mines have been closed due to a variety of economic factors. Farming continues to be a major industry. The placement of prisons within the diocesan boundaries has provided an additional source of employment.

The Diocese is ethnically diverse with historic roots in the German, Polish, Irish and French communities and the growing presence of the African-American and Hispanic communities.

Many Years of Giving and Serving

The diocesan annual appeal, established in 1970, was previously called the Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) and the Annual Bishop's Appeal (ABA). In 2007 to better reflect the use of funds received, it was renamed the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal. Since its inauguration, over \$49 million has been contributed to the annual appeal by Catholic households to help underwrite the many services that are supplied by the Diocese to the parishes, organizations and people within its 28 counties.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry

The Diocese of Belleville is divided into six unique deaneries with specific challenges and needs which, unfortunately, cannot all be met through diocesan services.

The purpose of the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry is to encourage development and provide funding for unique programs and projects which address special needs within each deanery...needs best identified by the people living there...while promoting the Gospel and Catholic faith throughout the Diocese of Belleville.

While requests for funding of operational and capital expenditures will be considered, priority will be given to those proposals requesting funding for innovative programs and projects which minister to particular local needs. Collaborative projects between or among parishes, schools and organizations are encouraged.

The Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal Fund for Ministry is the outgrowth of a recommendation originally made by the 1989-1990 Diocesan Services Appeal (DSA) Review Committee. It shouldn't be confused with the assistance provided through the diocesan Christmas Collection or the humanitarian aid given by the Knights of Columbus.

Application Process and Timeline

1. Applications for funding must be submitted no later than September 1st of each year. Notification of the grants will be sent in January; grant awards will be presented in March and are a one-time allocation. Recipients may reapply in subsequent years, but no project may receive funding for more than two consecutive years.
2. Each year the money set aside from the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal for the Fund for Ministry will be divided equally among the six deaneries. If a deanery allocation is not entirely awarded in a given year, the

money will be added to that deanery's funds for allocation the following year.

3. Catholic parishes, Catholic schools and organizations in the Diocese of Belleville may apply. Individuals are not eligible.
4. A parish pastor, parish life coordinator or clergy sponsor must write a letter of recommendation for the endeavor.
5. There is no limit to the number of grant requests that may be submitted, but each must include an application and all other items listed on the application form.
6. Organizations, agencies and departments of the Diocese already funded in part or in total by the Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal are not eligible for these grants.
7. Recipients must submit a report outlining program/project progress and explaining how funds have been expended when the project is completed or not later than one year from the time the grant is received.
8. Additional information and applications may be requested from Ms. Judy Phillips at (618) 277-8181.

The Selection Process

In November each dean, with additional deanery leadership, will review all proposals from their respective deanery and offer the Bishop their recommendations for funding.

All those applying for a Catholic Service and Ministry Appeal grant will be notified in January of the proposals selected by the deans and approved for funding. Grant checks will be presented in March.

The Bishop has final decision-making authority in the funding of proposals.

