

Stewardship of Treasure: Making sense of the various appeals, priorities, needs

This chart, first published in the November 2009 issue of *The Montana Catholic*, is intended to clarify and summarize the various appeals that parishioners are asked to support with financial gifts. This chart explains the main types of appeals and the needs and funding priorities associated with each.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

To provide yearly operational support for diocesan ministries and programs

The Diocese of Helena's Annual Catholic Appeal replaces the former Diocesan Offertory Program, or DOP. The Annual Catholic Appeal for 2010 began this fall and is ongoing. Money given through the Annual Catholic Appeal goes to an array of diocesan programs, including social outreach, faith formation, pastoral outreach, media communications, diocesan tithing, world wide Church needs, and support for priestly vocations.



DIOCESAN *from Age to Age* CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

To provide a source of long-term funding support for the diocese and parishes

The from Age to Age campaign was a diocese-wide capital campaign that extended throughout 2008. Some of the income from the campaign is used to support youth and young adult ministry, care of senior status priests and individual parish projects chosen by each parish.

Other proceeds are endowed with the Foundation for the Diocese of Helena to provide a constant, reliable source of funding for the Guatemala Mission, Priestly Formation and Development and Youth and Young Adult Ministry. The pledge redemption phase is five years.



PARISH CAPITAL/ 'PIGGYBACK' CAMPAIGNS

To provide funding for individual parishes' building and capital needs

In the last decade, eight parishes in the diocese advanced capital campaigns to raise funds for a variety of building projects. Most of these projects have been completed and the parishes are in the final stages of redeeming the pledges to those campaigns.

Last year, five parishes chose to run their own capital campaigns in conjunction with the from Age to Age campaign. Those parishes guaranteed they would raise a fixed amount of money for *from Age to Age*. All funds raised over that goal will stay in the parish in support of a specific project named in the campaign.



NATIONAL COLLECTIONS

To provide funding for charitable and social welfare work at home and abroad

Eight national collections take place in parishes throughout the diocese. The collections are: Peter's Pence, Operation Rice Bowl, Black & Indian Missions, Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Home Missions, World Mission Sunday-Propagation of the Faith, Catholic Campaign for Human Development and Retirement Fund for Religious. These funds are collected at the parish and sent to the diocese. The diocese then sends 100% of the funds to the charity. As a result of our status as a mission diocese, many of our parishes are recipients of funding from three of these collections.



REGULAR OFFERTORY

To provide funding for parishes' operational needs

Weekly stewardship offerings from parishioners remain in the parish where they are given and support parish needs such as programs for spiritual formation; staff salaries and benefits; facilities; and outreach to local organizations and individuals.