



CATHOLIC FOUNDATION ANNUAL DINNER

Set for November 15

NEW FORMAT EMPHASIZES EDUCATION

By John Sentovich - Director of Planned Giving

The Board of Directors of the *Catholic Foundation for the People of the Diocese of Rockford* invites you to their annual dinner on **November 15 at Giovanni's Restaurant in Rockford from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.** Hors d'oeuvres and dinner will be served. Community Counselling Service, the fund raising company that is conducting the United in Faith Endowment Campaign, is sponsoring the event.



Sandra Behringer

Based on responses to a survey the Catholic Foundation conducted a year ago, this year's gathering will be somewhat different than past participants' meetings. **This year's focus is education:** through a keynote address from a veteran Catholic gift planner, and three breakout sessions: 1) the importance of the Catholic Foundation's asset allocation and diversification; 2) understanding the most common planned giving vehicles; and 3) understanding how your Foundation account generates current and retained earnings in a typical year.

The Annual Dinner is open to all members of the Rockford Diocesan Family, including parishes, schools, diocesan organizations, and donors that have accounts in the Catholic Foundation as well as those that do not but would like to learn more about how the Foundation works.

Our keynote speaker this year is Ms. Sandra Behringer, Director of Gift Planning from the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Ms. Behringer has worked in the Archdiocese for more than twelve years and has been instrumental in helping to grow their Catholic Community Foundation to over 40 million dollars in assets. She brings a wealth of knowledge and insight to our Diocese and will share her various experiences in working with donors and parishes to promote planned and endowed giving. She will also give practical suggestions to us on how we can make planned and endowed giving more of a priority in our parishes, schools and diocesan organizations.

The breakout sessions will also be learning opportunities. Mike LaLoggia, the Catholic Foundation's consultant with First Union Securities, will talk about how the Foundation's diversified portfolio not only gives participants access to top-flight managers, but also why we have been able to outperform the major market indices over the past three years.

Two board members, Jean Jagodzinski and Dick Lamm, will explain how the most common types of planned gifts work and why participants should actively promote this type of gift giving. With a 10 trillion dollar transfer of wealth occurring in the United States in the next five years, there is a tremendous opportunity for gift giving to the Church.

The third session, moderated by several Catholic Foundation Board members, will explain how your account generates earnings each year, how those earnings are allocated, how they are accumulated in retained earnings and how those earnings are distributed in both gain and loss years. Time will also be allocated to the annual decisions form which causes some confusion to our participants.

Please mark your calendars for November 15. It will be time well spent and you should come away with new ideas for promoting your accounts with parishioners and alumni. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to call John Sentovich in the Catholic Foundation Office, 815/964-6711. †

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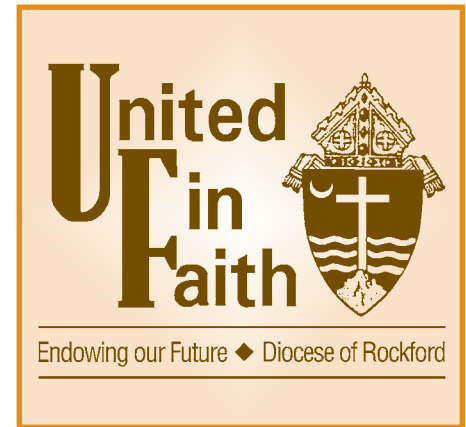
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UNITED IN FAITH ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Bloc II at 130% of its composite goal!

*By David Hougan, Diocesan Director
Office of Stewardship Development*

Thirty-three parishes participated in Bloc II of the United in Faith Endowment Campaign. The active portion of the Bloc II occurred from May to August of 2001. As of the end of September, twenty-nine parishes have exceeded their goal. Of a composite goal of \$10,428,377, these parishes have received pledges for \$13,597,847, which is 130.4% of the composite goal.



St. Nicholas, Aurora	356%
St Gall, Elburn	293%
Sacred Heart, Aurora	277%
St. James, Lee	230%
St. Patrick, Rochelle	206%
SS Peter & Paul, Virgil	173%
St. John the Baptist, Somonauk	157%
St. Patrick, St. Charles	140%

All parishes in this Bloc merit special attention and affirmation. Each parish faced numerous challenges in conducting the campaign. May is known for First Communions, graduations and the end of the school year. Summer is generally a time to relax and gear down the parish activities because many members are on vacation. In spite of these and other challenges, some parishes exceeded their targets by amazing amounts.

A number of parishes in the Bloc had recently completed their own capital campaigns. Their members are already committed to a three to five pledge to meet an extra-ordinary parish need. Some parishes have heavy debt remaining. However, the pastors and lay leaders committed themselves to a full-faith effort of presenting the goals of the United in Faith Campaign to their people and trust that they would respond positively. Some of these parishes and their results are: †

Holy Angels, Aurora	115%
St. Rita, Aurora	132%
St. Joseph, Aurora	110%
Holy Cross, Batavia	108%
Christ the Teacher, DeKalb	131%
St. Mary, DeKalb	114%
St. Peter, Geneva	122%
St. Mary, Sterling	137%
St. Mary, Sycamore	119%
St. Mary, Tampico	88%

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCKFORD

*By Bob Pfundstein
Director of Parish Stewardship*

Bishop Doran established the Stewardship Commission of the Diocese of Rockford in 1996. During the past five years the Commission's role has been to provide leadership for implementing Stewardship as a way of life for the people of the Diocese. The four major tasks of this Commission are: first, to define strategies for implementing stewardship at the Diocesan and parish levels; second, to help create materials for stewardship appeals; third, to advise the Office of Stewardship Development staff in their efforts to further the stewardship message; and fourth, to serve as a model for parish stewardship commissions.

The Commission has helped make significant strides in bringing the stewardship message to the people of the Diocese of Rockford. In 1998 the Commission reviewed policies relative to the Parish Tithe and the Conducting of Capital Campaigns. This review led to the *Goals for the Implementation of Stewardship for the Diocese of Rockford*, which were approved by Bishop Doran in May of 1998. The Commission was instrumental in reviewing and discussing the United In Faith Endowment Campaign prior to the Bishop's final approval. Along with these major accomplishments the Commission has also helped the Office of Stewardship Development continue promoting the stewardship message across the Diocese.

There are currently four standing committees and one ad-hoc committee which share the practical tasks of stewardship. These committees are:

- ◆ On-going Education
- ◆ Parish Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure
- ◆ Diocesan Stewardship of Time, Talent, and Treasure
- ◆ Stewardship of Assets – Planned Giving
- ◆ United In Faith Endowment Campaign (Ad-Hoc)

The membership of the Commission is made up of two representatives from each of the seven deaneries, one representative who is a liaison to the Diocesan Finance Council, and the three staff members of the Office of Stewardship Development. The current members are:

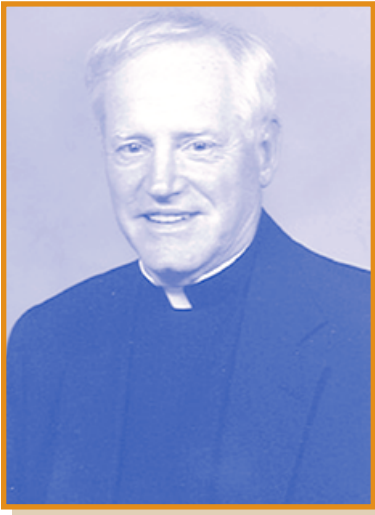
Rev. David Engbarth & Mrs. Gail Quinn	(Aurora Deanery)
Rev. Stephen Knox & Mrs. Leila Rivers	(DeKalb Deanery)
Rev. Joseph Linster & Ms. Diane Honeyman	(Elgin Deanery)
Rev. Msgr. P. William McDonnell & Mrs. Robbin Klein	(Freeport Deanery)
Rev. Donald Ahles & Mr. Anthony Koss	(McHenry Deanery)
Rev. Tim Doherty & Mrs. Penny Wiegert	(Rockford Deanery)
Rev. Daniel Peters & Mr. Phil Bellini	(Sterling Deanery)
Dr. Wayne Lenell	(Finance Council)
Mr. David Hougan	(Staff)
Mr. John Sentovich	(Staff)
Mr. Robert Pfundstein	(Staff)



ST. ANDREW, ROCK FALLS UNITED IN FAITH CAMPAIGN

Msgr. Thomas Dzielak, Pastor

*By David Hougan, Diocesan Director
Office of Stewardship Development*



Msgr. Dzielak

During the active phase of this Bloc, the Northwestern Steel and Wire Mill in Sterling closed its doors and laid-off 1,400 workers. St. Andrew, Rock Falls was one of the parishes in the region conducting the campaign when news of the closing came.

However, with an excellent leadership team and with the inspirational guidance of Msgr. Thomas Dzielak the parish raised \$366,774 in pledges on their \$246,594 target.

Msgr. Dzielak was very supportive of the campaign from the outset and put together a leadership team of committed parishioners. They included:

- Don Rosengren- Chairperson
- Todd Melton- Advance Gift Chair
- Karen Nelson- Recruitment Chairperson
- Rosemarie Pizzarro – Volunteer Campaign Secretary

The parish campaign leaders were concerned, but realized the tremendous opportunity the parish was given through this campaign to raise revenues for their own needs, especially their school. During the campaign each member of the leadership took a turn speaking at weekend Masses about a specific aspect of the United in Faith campaign.

Todd Melton put together a team of nine advance gift volunteers. After conducting a successful Advanced Gift Phase, most members of that phase remained on to serve as area coordinators and to assist in recruiting other volunteers. Their efforts help put together a team of over 30 volunteers for the Special and General phases of the campaign. Karen Nelson personally recruited 20 volunteers for the Special phase and worked tirelessly to make the Special phase a success. The volunteers were eager and enthusiastic

The closure of the steel mill early in the campaign in no way discouraged the parish leadership. They realized that many of their parishioners would be affected, but also realized that their role was to provide parishioners the information about the campaign and the opportunity to participate. Throughout the campaign gifts were regularly received from retirees and former employees of the steel mill. Many times the pledges were for the gift amount requested of them by the Bishop.

Congratulations Monsignor, Parish Leadership Team and the very generous members of St. Andrew Parish. †



St. Andrew Statue, Rock Falls