

**Pastoral Services Appeal Kickoff**

# The Gift You Have Been Given, Give as a Gift



Each year, through the Pastoral Services Appeal, we are asked to be *family* to one another; to be a community of believers...of one heart and one mind. We are asked to be part of something bigger than our own personal families, larger than our own individual parish communities. Through us—the family of believers—our Church reaches out and extends its ministries to embrace people with various needs.

The PSA provides the “lifeline” that supports vital ministries and services committed to serving our sisters and brothers in all of our 62 parishes and centers and throughout the larger community. Each ministry is a humble extension of the work of Jesus Christ in our world.

I invite you to join me again this year to embody the values of Jesus’ teachings by making a sacrificial gift to our *Journey Together* Pastoral Services Appeal. I assure you of my prayers each day.

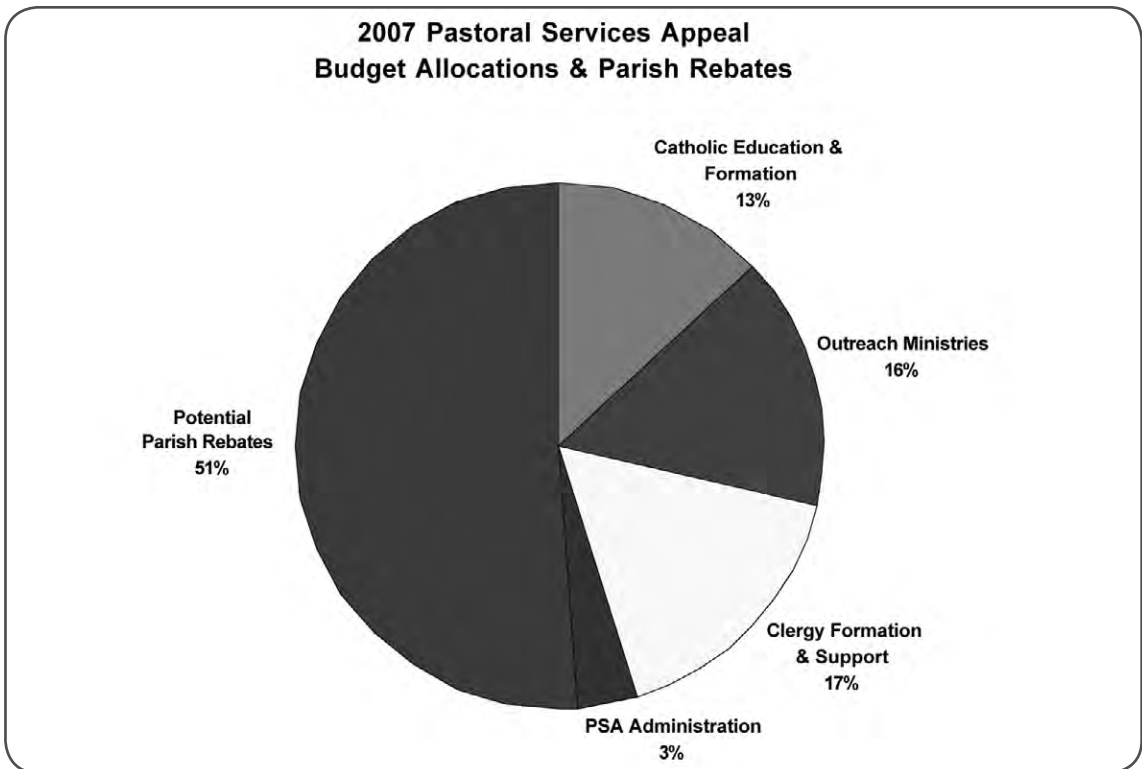
— Bishop Tod Brown

**T**hese words of Jesus, recorded in the Gospel of St. Matthew, give us a specific calling to use the gifts we have been given to build up the body of Christ, which is His Church on earth.

As Catholics, we are sealed by the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Though our Church is a tapestry of people and cultures, it is our common faith that unites us. We come together in our parishes to be formed by the Word of God and to respond to that Word through works of justice and charity.

In making a charitable gift to the PSA, you are assured that 97 percent of every dollar is used directly to support the coming year’s operation of the ministries listed in the PSA brochure, on the diocesan website at [www.rcbo.org](http://www.rcbo.org), and your parish directly through parish rebates.

Pledge envelopes are available at your parish for your convenience in making your pledge. You are encouraged to make a 10-month pledge using the convenient payment options available, including monthly, quarterly and semi-annual payment plans, as well as electronic funds transfer and credit card payments. You may also go online at [www.rcbo.org](http://www.rcbo.org) and make your pledge directly on the secure online giving page indicated by the Journey Together logo on the home page. All pledges made on this site will be credited to the parish of your choice.



**‘Forming Disciples...Building One Church’**

## Collection for the Church in Latin America Set for Jan. 27-28

“**F**orming Disciples...Building One Church” is the theme for the 2007 Collection for the Church in Latin America. The collection will be held in the Diocese of Orange—and in most Catholic parishes throughout the United States—on the weekend of Jan. 27 and 28. Other parishes will take up the collection at another time during the year.

The theme “Forming Disciples” acknowledges the focus of the upcoming Fifth General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean to be held in Brazil in May 13-31, 2007 and pays tribute to the long-standing work of the Committee on the Church in Latin America of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. “Building” continues to call attention to Pope John Paul II’s

apostolic exhortation *The Church in America*. In that historic plea, which he delivered in Mexico City in January 1999, the pope urged all Catholics in the Americas to take responsibility in compassion and solidarity for their brothers and sisters throughout the hemisphere.

Funds from the collection are distributed to dioceses, parishes, religious congregations, seminaries, and other Catholic institutions to assist in the formation of priests, religious, lay ministers, missionaries, pastoral workers, catechists, and youth ministers. In doing so, fellow Catholics in Latin America and the Caribbean—who are rich in faith but lacking in material resources—are not only able to participate more fully in the life of the Church, but are enabled to share it with others as well. **occ**

*Walking with Jesus and the Apostles*

**Pilgrimage at Sea - Holland America Cruise ~ Athens to Venice**  
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