

Living our faith

Diocese of Orange
Pastoral Services Appeal



My dear friends in Christ

"The gift you have been given, give as a gift." These 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.

One of the ways we *Journey Together* to continue the mission of Christ in our diocese is by sharing our gifts through the PSA. My responsibility as a bishop is to ensure that the mission of the Church goes forward and my heart rejoices to see how you have been willing over the years to be instruments of the Lords' love in visible and powerful ways.

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

A young seminarian who receives support in his journey to the priesthood, a young man, committed his life to the faith with the help of a Religious Ed instructor, a young girl receives the Eucharist for the first time after

preparation by a Catholic school teacher, those in need receive care through food distribution, counseling and job search assistance, incarcerated individuals are assisted with developing their relationship with Christ during a most difficult time in their life.

These are a few of the ways lives are changed. Thank you for placing your gifts at the service of others. May the Lord richly reward you always for the sacrifices you offer in His name.

I invite you to join me again this year to embody the values of Jesus' teachings by making a sacrificial gift to the *Journey Together* Pastoral Services Appeal.

Assuring you of my prayers each day, I remain,

Sincerely Yours in Christ Our Savior,

† Tod D. Brown

Most Reverend Tod D. Brown
Bishop of Orange



Your Sacrificial Gifts at Work...

Catholic Education & Formation:

University Youth Outreach	\$97,415
Office of Faith Formation	\$422,206
<small>(Catholic Schools, Parish Religious Ed, Youth & Young Adult Ministry)</small>	
Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs	\$5,000
Institute for Pastoral Ministry	\$337,480
Justice and Peace	\$6,355
Marywood Library/Media Center	\$96,415
Catholic Communications (O.C. Catholic)	\$228,917
Stewardship	\$131,500
Worship & Liturgy	\$119,499
Total	\$1,444,787

Outreach Ministries:

Catholic Charities <small>(10% tithe of the total allocations)</small>	\$530,450
Catholic Deaf Community	\$134,480
Catholic Detention Ministry	\$280,586
Family Life Ministry	\$6,000
Hispanic Ministry/Leadership Training	\$137,321

Outreach Ministries Continued:

Aid to Parishes in Need	\$515,000
Vietnamese Catholic Cultural Center	\$101,487
Total	\$1,705,324

Clergy Formation & Support

Diaconate Formation	\$182,941
House of Prayer for Priests	\$177,681
Seminarian/Clergy Education	\$1,247,239
Vocations	\$225,181
Total	\$1,833,042

PSA Administrative Costs	\$310,019
Parish Incentives	\$80,000
Total	\$5,373,172

Funded by Your Gifts to the PSA	\$ 5,304,500
Net Shortfall	(\$ 68,672)
<small>(Shortfall covered by previous year overage of restricted funds due to diligent efforts to operate within budgets)</small>	

For More information regarding ministry descriptions, go to:
www.rcbo.org/offices/PSA/ministries

Over a quarter million people's lives locally are impacted by the twenty ministries and outreach programs supported by the PSA.

All of the parishes and centers participate in the PSA to provide vital services that any one parish or center cannot provide on its own as well as to reach out to the greater community in Orange County.

Each parish and center has a financial goal and all payments received over that goal are given back to the parish for their own important projects.

The money you give to the PSA directly supports over twenty ministries and outreach programs and cannot be used for any other purpose.

Your Generosity Makes All This Possible



"What Return shall I make to the Lord?"

REFLECT *On the many gifts you have received from God, including your financial blessings,*

PRAY *About how God wants you to use the gifts he has entrusted to your care,*

DECIDE *How you will share your blessings with those in need and to support the mission of the Church in Orange.*

Return the pledge envelope to your parish. You will receive a receipt for your tax deductible gift in January 2008.

100% of all payments over your parish goal will be rebated back to your parish for its own important project.

"Give and it shall be given to you. . . for the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." – Luke 6:38

Your gifts to the 2007 Pastoral Services Appeal are permanently restricted only for the pastoral services and ministries described and cannot be used for any other purpose.

A pledge envelope will be available through your parish. You may choose from the following options:

- Monthly, quarterly, online banking, credit card or electronic funds transfer
- Gifts of stocks and bonds are also excellent ways of giving
- The Pastoral Services Appeal qualifies for many companies matching gifts programs.

Prayer For A Successful Appeal

Creator God,

At Baptism, we accepted the call to follow Jesus. Be with us as we move along on our faith journey.

Send us your Holy Spirit, that we might have wisdom for the journey.

Help us to develop and share our gifts as good stewards, that we may use them in love and service in your Kingdom.

We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

