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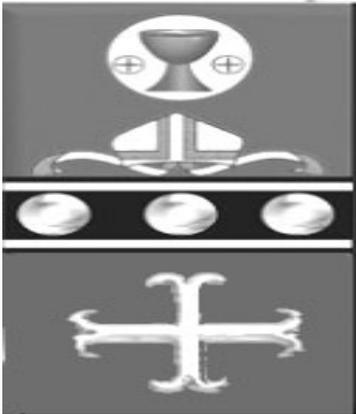
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This Week, 24,300 More American Citizens were tortured to death in U.S. Abortuaries



Proudly displaying the Diocesan coat of arms (Left) and Bishop Adamac's coat of arms (Right) allows Our Lady of Fatima Parish to humbly announce our parishioners' participation in the support of Thirty-two ministries in the Diocese which, unlike individual parishes, are not self sustaining but which, also unlike individual parishes, provide services to the entire Diocese.



2009 Annual Catholic Appeal

The Catholic Ministries listed below do not have an identifiable stable funding source such as a specific membership who make regular contributions to sustain their "operations." These non-parochial entities serve the whole diocese and, at one or several points, each and every Catholic family in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. Simple Justice demands that people (and their families) who receive services [and that's all of us] should "pick-up the tab" for the services either already received or to be received in the future [and that's each of us]. Although the diocese uses the parishes as the collection agencies for the ACA "debt," the parish is not the "debtor," -- at least not until individual parishioners default -- but it is individual Catholic members of the Diocese who are the "debtors." ***Why do you think Bishop Joseph sends each individual Catholic (including pastors) a personal letter of appeal? Dah!*** Look at this list and try to convince yourself there's not at least 15 entities which directly or indirectly touch you or your family members.

Adult Enrichment
Buildings and Ground
Catholic Charities
Campus Ministry
Chancery
Christian Initiation
Communications
Development

Diocesan Shrines
Dmitri Manor
Ecumenical Minister
Education Office
Evangelization
Family Life Office
Finance Office
Fulton County Mission

Information Technology
Inter-Faith Minister
Lay Ecclesial Ministry,
Liturgy Office
Office of the Bishop
Ongoing Clergy Formation
Parish Life Office
Permanent Diaconate

Priestly Formation
Religious Education
Sacramental Preparation
Scouting
Stewardship
Tribunal
Vicar for Religious
Youth Ministry

Read on before you make an appropriately generous Pledge!

How the Annual Catholic Appeal (A.C.A.) works:

- The number crunchers at the Chancery Office review and rework the budgets submitted by the Thirty-two non-parochial diocesan ministries and come up with a realistic total which in turn becomes the A.C.A. Goal for the given year.
- The Chancery staff checks each parishes' Annual Report wherein is recorded the number of living and active (adult) parishioners. Adding all these together they arrive at an accurate number of living and active adult "subjects" of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.
- The total number of "subjects" is divided into the A.C.A. Goal Total for the given year, and a per-capita figure is determined.
- The diocesan support staff goes back to each parish's annual report and multiplies the number of adult parishioners times the determined per-capita figure and arrives at the total number of dollars expected to come from the parishioners pockets, not the parish's coffers.
- Each parish may -- if it chooses to -- piggy-back the A.C.A. effort by adding it's own sum for a local parochial project to the dioceses assessment but no parish income is realized until the diocese is paid in full.

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Annual Catholic Appeal



Although calls for support can be traced to both the Old and New Testaments, the current Diocesan annual campaign began with the Diocesan Development Fund (DDF) in 1980, almost 30 years ago. The DDF was temporarily suspended during the Bishop Hogan's Silver Anniversary capital campaign of 1985-1987. The campaign was re-established as a Diocesan assessment in 1988 by both the Diocesan Finance and Presbyteral (Priests') Councils to fund operating expenses of previously unavailable ministries within the eight counties of the Church of Altoona-Johnstown.

The Diocese, through the Development Office, conducts a direct mail campaign to registered parishioners to ease the impact of the ACA assessment on parish finances. All gifts received through December 31 are credited toward your parish's portion of the Diocesan Goal. Parishes keep 100% of "over goal" receipts.

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Post-abortion healing: 814-884-8000 Confidential, compassionate. For women, men, relatives, friends hurt by abortion. Helpful websites: noparh.org; abortionchangesyou.com; menandabortion.info (not .org); rachelsvineyard.org.

The majority of parishes that exceed goal every year attach a special parish project to the campaign. Promotional expenses for the ACA are held to fewer than three cents for every dollar raised. This means that 97% of your gift directly supports many essential ministries and those among us who depend on them for spiritual nourishment or temporal assistance. Only through the generosity of all Catholics are the Diocesan ministries able to advance the mission of Jesus Christ. We thank you for your ongoing support.

2009 Parish ACA Goal at Our Lady of Fatima

Dear Fr. Zatalava and the Faith Community of Our Lady of Fatima,

Fully aware of economic difficulties faced by parishes and the Faithful throughout our Diocesan Church, I humbly seek your participation in the 2009 Annual Catholic Appeal during this Pauline Jubilee. Before I share your parish's goal with you, it is important that you become aware of cost-cutting measures in the Diocesan Administration. These measures include a reduction in the Diocesan Goal of the Annual Catholic Appeal, and a wage freeze and higher medical insurance deductibles for Diocesan Staff — priests, lay employees and myself included.

Your parish goal is **\$15,144**. All donations received in excess of the parish goal will be returned 100%, to use at the parish, for your particular needs.

Even as we find ourselves burdened with economic hardships, we Catholic Christians remain a people of hope, convinced that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ Jesus.

You remain in my prayers always, trusting that I am in yours. May you continue to be abundantly blessed during your earthly pilgrimage into the Reign of God for your commitment to this Diocesan Church of Altoona-Johnstown.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

(Most Rev.) Joseph V. Adamec Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown

233 *economic unites* affirm their membership in this Catholic Community by accepting envelopes. If each of these units would pledge (and pay off) **\$65.00** we would reach our Parish Goal. If you watch the Money Matters page in the weekly *Fatima Mirror* you are aware that typically only one half of our registered membership uses the envelopes.

I, Fr. JDZ, am turning to that 1/2 of the parish family which pays the bills around here asking each one to make a \$120.00 pledge -- pay it off in 6 twenty dollar monthly payments -- to this year's A.C.A. campaign.

Marking my 65th birthday on May 1, I'm pledging (and paying off) \$650.00 to the 2009 A.C.A. That's enough to cover me, the six parishioners who genuinely can't afford to pledge to this year's campaign, and three of our usual malcontented slackers.