

Thank you for your generosity.

Step 3: Make your check payable to (Your Parish Name) National Appeal

By choosing Option 1, I allow Bishop to decide the best way to distribute my contribution among any of the programs in the National, International or Mission Appeal.

Bishop, please distribute my total gift according to your determination of need.

OR

By choosing Option 2, I decided to distribute my contribution to one or more of the four programs of this Appeal.

Please designate my total gift as indicated

Retirement Fund for Religious Campaign for \$30
 Catholic Campaign for Human Development for \$20
 Campaign Catholic University of America for \$20
 My Total Gift \$100

My Total Gift \$100
 Your giving option - 1

My Total Gift \$100
 Your giving option - 2

Step 2: You must clearly state your gift intention by choosing either Option 1 or Option 2 (See examples below.)

Step 1: Fill in the amount of your gift in the box titled "My Total Gift" as shown in the example to the right.

My Total Gift \$100

How do I fill out my National Appeal envelope?



2010 Combined Collection for the Catholic Church at the Universal Level



January 16 - 17, 2010

To learn more: www.stewardshiprockford.org

January 2010

A Message from our Bishop

Dear Friends in Christ,

The National Appeal is one of the three Combined Collections for the ministries of the Church beyond the borders of the Rockford Diocese. The National Appeal supports four Catholic causes which are based in the United States and are striving to bring the message and compassion of Jesus Christ to our country in different ways. They are:

Retirement for Religious (RFR)

Through their past ministry, women and men religious have founded many Catholic schools, hospitals, and many programs that support the neediest among us. Now many are frail and elderly and in need of assistance. This appeal provides some funds for the immediate care of these religious who have given so much.

Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC)

We all need to hear the Good News of Jesus, especially those who have fallen away from the Catholic Church. The CCC funds programs that lift up that lift up the Catholic community and evangelizes the world using numerous forms of electronic media.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD)

For almost 40 years, the CCHD has offered some solutions to poverty by funding low-income community groups all over the U.S. that are finding long-term solutions to the root causes of poverty.

Catholic University of America (CUA)

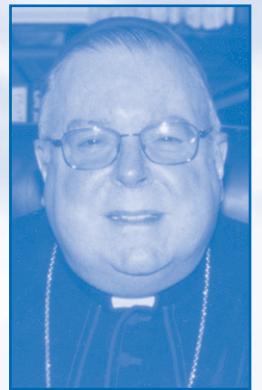
Catholic University of America is the only national university of the Catholic Church and the only higher education institution founded by the U.S. Bishops and chartered by the Vatican. It has a special responsibility to educate the future leaders of the Church and our nation. All the funds received through this appeal will be used for scholarships.

Please be as generous as possible.

With every good wish for you, I remain

Cordially yours in Christ,

The Most Thomas G. Doran, D.D., J.C.D.
Bishop of Rockford



Retirement Fund for Religious

The Retirement Fund for Religious helps senior religious. Your tax-deductible donation supports the care of elderly and frail and helps to provide such basic necessities as prescription drugs and medical services. Women and men religious throughout the country send their abundant thanks and prayers for your donation. For more information, visit this website: www.retiredreligious.org. Last year donors from this Diocese contributed \$218,814 to this cause.



Families are struggling.
Faith is calling.



Join the numbers who care. Support the
Catholic Campaign for Human Development.
www.usccb.org/cchd

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

For nearly 40 years CCHD has embodied Catholic Social Teaching through pursuing justice and upholding the dignity of human person. CCHD funds community projects led by low-income individuals. As more Americans feel the weight of the economic crisis, CCHD needs your support. Because of your generosity, more low-income people in the U.S. will be able to break the cycle of poverty and improve their communities. For more information visit this website: www.usccb.org/cchd. Last year donors from this Diocese contributed \$79,012 to this cause. A fourth of this collection remains in this Diocese to fund projects benefiting the poor.

Catholic Communication Campaign

You can make a difference through your donation to the Catholic Communication Campaign. Half of all donations stay in this diocese to promote Catholic Communication projects. The other half is used nationally in traditional and new media. For more information, please visit the CCC website: www.CatholicCommunicationCampaign.org. Last year people from this Diocese contributed \$70,856 to this cause.



Catholic University of America

Catholic University of America is unique as the national University of the Catholic Church and the only higher education institution founded by the US bishops and chartered by the Vatican. It has a special responsibility to educate future leaders for our Church and for our nation. Your contribution directly benefits students by funding scholarships for those who would not otherwise be able to attend. Grounded in the philosophy of Catholic intellectual tradition, students are well prepared to make a difference in today's world. Last year \$7,500 was sent to CUA from donations given to this appeal.

