

# Your CPC pledge truly makes a difference!

If you have not yet made your pledge to the 2013 Catholic Parishes Campaign, please consider the following:

## Your pledge helps to . . .

- Educate and guide both the children and adults of our Catholic community.



- Provide our parishes with services they cannot provide alone.
- Serve the poor and others in need.
- Care for those who serve our diocese.



Only a small portion of the total pledged — less than one percent—is required to administer the campaign.

In other words, 99 cents of every dollar you pledge is used to serve you and your fellow southwestern Indiana Catholics.



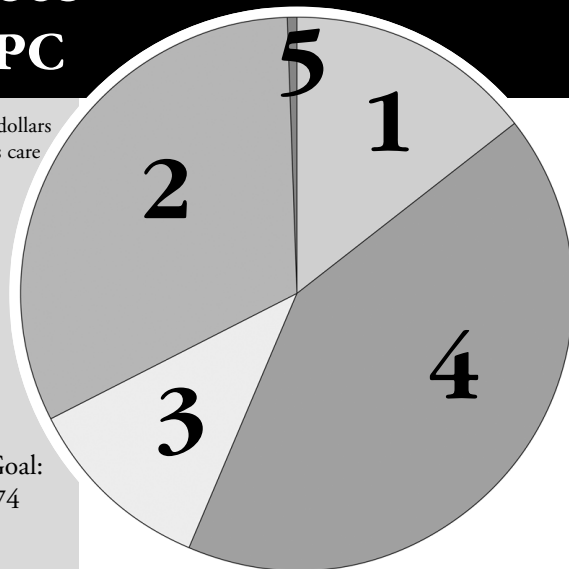
## Here are the services provided by the CPC

Here is an estimated breakdown of the distribution of CPC dollars to CPC-funded offices and departments. This is how Catholics care for each other in the Diocese of Evansville.

1. Educating and guiding children and adults: \$960,186
2. Serving our parishes: \$2,917,000
3. Helping the poor and others in need: \$694,551
4. Caring for those who serve our diocese: \$2,989,910
5. Administering the Catholic Parishes Campaign: \$30,000



2013 CPC Goal:  
\$5,510,174





## Answers to the most common questions about the CPC:

### 1. What is the CPC?

The "CPC" is the Catholic Parishes Campaign of Southwestern Indiana. It's an annual fund drive conducted by each parish to raise money for the parish's diocesan assessment.

### 2. What is the "Diocesan Assessment?"

Each parish is responsible for paying its fair share of the costs of providing diocesan programs, services and other expenses associated with "doing business" as a diocese. In our diocese, the assessment is each parish's CPC goal, the size of which is determined by the number of people who financially support their parish.

### 3. How does the CPC benefit me and my parish?

You and thousands of your fellow southwestern Indiana Catholics are directly or indirectly served through these diocesan agencies and programs. In addition, any money pledged and collected over your parish goal will be returned to your parish for its own programs and services.

### 4. How much should I pledge?

Your CPC pledge is part of your Christian stewardship of treasure. First consider the many ways God has blessed you and your loved ones, then make a generous pledge that says how grateful you are for God's gifts.

### 5. What happens when I pledge to the CPC?

Most people prefer to pay their CPC pledge in five installments throughout the year. To choose this method of payment, simply check the appropriate place on your pledge card. The CPC office will send you a payment reminder in July, September, November and January.

### 6. How much of my pledge is actually used to help people?

CPC campaign expenses are less than 1%. This means that 99 cents of every dollar you pledge will be used for services and programs that benefit the Catholic people of southwestern Indiana.

### 7. How do I pledge to the CPC?

Each parish determines how and when it will conduct its CPC. Your pastor and parish campaign leaders will ask for your pledge at some time during or around your parish's commitment week.

YEAR OF FAITH 2012  
2013

# Your CPC pledge helps your parish and touches the lives of thousands of Southwestern Indiana Catholics through these diocesan offices, programs and services:



## Educating and guiding our children and adults

**1. Catholic Schools Office:** Oversees and coordinates the educational programs and curriculum (academic and religious) of Catholic schools in the diocese; plans and organizes professional development opportunities for school staff; provides a central record keeping system on school staff and other personnel; provides on-going support, consultation, program development and future planning initiatives; provides assistance in the area of policy making, and assists in maintaining safe schools.

**2. Office for Youth and Young Adult Formation:** Coordination, education and support for those involved in local and diocesan-wide programs and services for the young people of our diocese. Includes responsibility for:

- Youth Movements: TEC, Communion and Liberation, Source and Summit, Server Formation and others
- Boy Scouts/Girl Scouts: Small subsidy for specifically Catholic scouting activities and programs such as the Ad Altare Dei medal, Child of God award, etc.
- Campus Ministry: On-campus Catholic programs and services for students at all major state and private colleges/universities within our diocese.

**3. Office for Catechesis:** Responsible for developing spiritual formation and training programs for lay pastoral leadership: Directors of Religious Education, Pastoral Life Coordinators and Pastoral Associates; assists Catholic Schools Office with the spiritual formation of Catholic School principals; provides consultation, support, resources and training for catechists, Catholic School religion teachers and parish volunteer lay ministers.

## Serving our parishes

**4. Activities Department:** Responsible for promoting, scheduling and preparing for countless meetings and other functions within the Catholic Center/Sarto Retreat House complex; includes facilities maintenance and meal preparation for guests and employees.

**5. Chancery:** Central administrative office of the

diocese which includes the Bishop, Vicar General, Chancellor and Treasurer. Responsibilities entail diocesan planning, budget preparation, support for various advisory bodies including Diocesan Pastoral Council, Diocesan Building Commission and Diocesan Finance Council; support for Parish Pastoral Councils; policy development and review; employee compensation management and legal counsel; major building and renovation review; records management and archives; support for Safe Environment Program implementation.

**6. Communications Office/Message:** Preparation and publication of the diocesan weekly newspaper, the Message; assisting parishes in newsletter and brochure publications; coordination of information and activities involving all communications media within the diocese.

**7. Office of Worship:** Coordination and planning for major diocesan and local liturgical celebrations; training and support for those involved in liturgical ministry.

**8. Tribunal:** Central judicial office of the diocese which is directed by the Judicial Vicar. The staff of specially trained canon lawyers is responsible for the work involved in assisting those who petition for annulments and dissolutions of marriage as well as assisting the Bishop in other canonical matters.

**9. Vocations Office:** Recruiting, screening and educating people for the priesthood and religious life.

## Helping the poor and others in need

**10. Catholic Charities:** Wide range of programs and services for people in spiritual, emotional, physical and financial need. Includes Parish and Community Services in English and Spanish such as: Family Life, Pro-Life, Marriage Enrichment and Marriage Preparation; Catholic Social Teaching and Justice initiatives; Individual, Family, Marital, Parochial Schools and Pregnancy Counseling; extensive 14-session program for people on the edge of poverty [Neighbor to Neighbor]; and Emergency Assistance.

**11. Christian Sharing Fund:** \$100,000 set aside

in this coming budget year and administered by Catholic Charities for systemic project initiatives and emergency assistance for the poor and vulnerable throughout the Diocese.

**12. Ministry to the Deaf:** Special religious and liturgical programs for the hearing impaired at designated parishes and for special events.

**13. St. John Parish Subsidy:** Contribution to St. John Parish, Evansville, which assists that parish with its specialized work in the inner city.

**14. Hispanic Ministry:** Needed programs and services for the growing Hispanic population in our diocese.

## Caring for those who serve our diocese

**15. Clergy on Leave/Emergency Assistance:** Support for those members of the clergy who are temporarily unable to serve because of personal or family difficulties.

**16. Council of Priests:** Administrative help and materials needed for the efficient and effective operation of this major diocesan consultative body.

**17. Lay Employees Pension Plan:** Funding for the diocesan retirement plan involving more than 1,000 pension eligible employees throughout the diocese.

**18. Ministry to Priests:** Special training, continuing education and spiritual programs for priests and other ministerial leaders of the diocese.

**19. Permanent Deacons Program:** Programs for recruiting, screening and preparing men for the permanent diaconate; includes after-ordination continuing formation and support.

**20. Priests' Personnel Director:** Administrative and clerical help for the work of the priests' personnel director.