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So Faith May Flourish

2008 Catholic Services Appeal (CSA) Update—June 30, 2008

As we conclude the initial phase of this year's appeal promotion in many of our parishes, here are a few points of emphasis regarding *So Faith May Flourish*:

➤ **Eight faith communities have joined the 66 parishes and missions that are over target!**

- St. Agnes, Marion—Rev. Joseph Fix
- St. Ann, Baldwin—Rev. Edward Boucher
- St. Anne, Paris—Rev. Thomas Schiller
- St. Anthony of Padua, Grand Rapids—Rev. Mark Przybysz
- St. John the Baptist, Claybanks—Rev. Phillip Witkowski
- St. Michael, Muskegon—Rev. Thomas Brown
- St. Robert of Newminster, Ada—Rev. R. Louis Staker
- St. Stanislaus, Ludington—Rev. Wayne Wheeler, Jr.

Congratulations to the pastors and leadership teams in all 74 over-goal churches! All 103 parishes and missions have now reported results. A complete status is attached for your review.

➤ **The size of your audience** is one very important point to keep in mind when planning your next round of contact. You want to communicate personally with the very largest group of your members possible to have the best opportunity for success.

However, you may not have unlimited time and energy for personal follow-up. So, where is the best place to focus your attention? Start with your most generous past donors to the appeal and to your own offertory that have not made a CSA gift this year.

We can provide you with a past donor report if you need it, and your own collection records can easily be sorted if they are computerized. Once you have these tools, you will know who your most likely donors are. Make sure that these members hear from you personally.

- *So Faith May Flourish* is prominently featured on our website www.dioceseofgrandrapids.org. Please check it often and promote it to your people.
- Please continue to send all your CSA gifts into our office promptly so that we can enter them for summer billing.

If you have any questions, comments, or need additional materials, please contact Dave Baerwalde in the Stewardship and Development Office by telephone or mail at the address below, or via e-mail at dbaerwalde@dioceseofgrandrapids.org.

Thank you for your leadership and generosity on this key appeal!