

The Loop

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The Loop Newsletter is published by the Office of Stewardship & Development to keep you informed about the annual Catholic Charity Appeal. We will "keep you in the loop" regarding news and events which we hope you will find helpful and informative.

Important Dates for the 2012 Catholic Charity Appeal

Friday, January 20

Are you concerned about your Catholic Charity goal? This is the deadline to submit a parish goal review request.

Friday, February 3

Would you like to participate in the Catholic Charity Appeal Parish Share Program? This is the deadline for signing up for this program.

Week of February 6

The Bishop's Partnership in Charity direct mail letter, signed by Bishop Tobin with a brochure enclosed, will be mailed to prospects during this week.

Week of February 6

The first diocesan direct mail letter to prospects, signed by Bishop Tobin with a brochure enclosed, will be mailed to prospects this week.

Weekend of March 3/4

This is the first recommended In-pew Weekend, including a lay witness presentation, for soliciting gifts at your parish.

Weekend of March 10/11

This is the second In-pew Weekend for soliciting gifts at your parish.

Sunday, April 8

This is Easter Sunday. Your parish involvement concludes on this date. All in-pew gifts should be submitted to Letter Concepts for processing.

Week of April 23

The second diocesan direct mail letter to prospects, signed by Bishop Tobin with pledge card enclosed, will be mailed to prospects, including BPC prospects, this week.

Week of June 4

The final diocesan direct mail letter to prospects, signed by Bishop Tobin with pledge card enclosed, will be mailed to prospects, including BPC prospects, this week.

Catholic Charity Appeal Workshops

Be sure to **save the date** on your calendar. The annual Catholic Charity Appeal Workshops will be held on Monday, **January 23rd** and Wednesday, **January 25th** in the lower level hall of the Cathedral of Saints Peter and Paul in Providence. The workshops are divided into "Novice" and "Advanced" sessions and will take place from 4:00pm to 5:00pm and 6:00pm to 7:00pm on both days. Please note that parish tool kits will be distributed at the workshops.

Clergy Luncheons

It has been a few years since the Office of Stewardship & Development has hosted a clergy luncheon. Therefore, we have scheduled three clergy luncheons during the months of January and February of 2012. Along with the Bishop and members of the Pastor Advisory Committee, Anthony Gwiastowski will speak at the luncheons to update pastors about issues relating to the 2012 Appeal. An invitation to attend one of three scheduled clergy luncheons will be mailed early next month. The locations of the clergy luncheons are as follows:

Saint Elizabeth Church in Bristol

Saint Peter Church in Warwick

Saint Augustine Church in Providence

Did You Know?

Remarkably, a total of 8,958 elders and low-income families are served by the Saint Martin de Porres Senior Center in Providence. In addition, the Center reports that there were 9,118 telephone referrals for assistance.

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