

# 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.*

## Role of the Catholic Charity Appeal Chairperson

As the parish chairperson, you are the link between the Appeal and the people of your parish. Together with your pastor, your responsibility is to see that the overall Appeal plan is appropriate for your parish and that the steps of the plan are carried out within the time frame established for the Catholic Charity Appeal. It is important that you make certain each volunteer knows his or her responsibilities and carries them out properly.

### The Parish Appeal Chairperson(s) must...

- ... organize the structure of the parish Appeal.
- ... supervise every phase of the parish campaign under the guidance of the pastor.
- ... enlist as many volunteer workers as necessary to effectively carry out the primary solicitation and follow-up efforts.
- ... be familiar with all Appeal printed materials, especially the list of ministries and programs funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal.
- ... oversee the distribution of all operative materials necessary for the recruitment and training of all volunteers.
- ... coordinate the follow-up phase in the parish through either personal contact, telephone contact, or direct mail.
- ... support the Catholic Charity Appeal by making a pledge. Motivate and guide volunteers in considering their own financial commitments to the annual Appeal.
- ... recognize the time, talent, and treasure of volunteer workers and Catholic Charity Appeal donors.

## Parish Share Program

Have you considered becoming a member of the 2017 Parish Share Program? If so, pastors are asked to complete an annual Parish Share Form and return to the Office of Stewardship & Development. The 2017 Parish Share Form was mailed to all pastors on December 12, 2016. A copy of the form is also available for download on our website. Last year, a total of \$272,860 was distributed through the Parish Share Program. The deadline to sign up for the 2017 Parish Share Program is Friday, February 10, 2017.

## Website Resources

Looking for a particular resource for your parish's 2017 Catholic Charity Appeal. Just logon to [www.providencediocese.org](http://www.providencediocese.org) and click on the Catholic Charity Appeal tab to experience a user friendly website which provides a variety of informational manuals and guides to assist you and your leadership team in conducting the best Appeal possible in your parish. In addition to manuals and guides, you will also find our Appeal prayer and a listing of key dates for the 2017 Appeal. Not able to attend one of our workshops? A brief video presentation summarizing some important points that will be discussed at our workshops will be available on our website after January 23rd.

## Did You Know?

Through your support of the Catholic Charity Appeal, 732 youth attended 8 multi-parish gathered thematic retreats from over 66 different parishes.

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