

Outreach and Advocacy Committee 2011-12

Charter/Charge: To identify and maintain active outreach programs that respond compassionately to the needs of the disadvantaged and the members of our community and to actively advocate for social justice for all.

Goal 1: Judiciously raise, administer and disperse funds the community allocates for outreach programs through Project Share, the monthly Poor Box, our adoption of a sister parish in Haiti and Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

- Review Project Share applications in accordance with guidelines, make recommendation for funding and provide information to the community regarding grant recipients and awards.
Budget: \$30
- Identify organizations to be recipients for Poor Box donations and provide information to the community regarding recipients and allocations
- Haiti Subcommittee: Provide financial and spiritual support for our sister parish in Haiti through various activities.
Budget: \$200
- In concert with the pastor, make recommendations regarding distribution of Parish's rebate from the Annual Appeal.

Goal 2: Heighten community's awareness of local needs and participation in various outreach activities.

- Plan and coordinate specific parish-wide outreach projects: Christmas Projects (Giving Tree and Adopt-a-Family), Clothing drives, Easter projects, etc.
Budget: \$550
- Encourage volunteerism in outreach efforts, e.g., UCAN, prison ministry, annual Springfield Hospital bingo party, etc.
- Provide supplies for Prison Ministry activities (e.g., bibles, pamphlets, magazine subscriptions for evangelization effort and materials for storybook program).
Budget: \$1020
- Update service opportunity listing on parish website on an annual basis.

Goal 3: Increase community understanding and participation in advocacy events

- Encourage participation in various advocacy efforts e.g. Letter writing campaigns, rallies on social justice issues, such as affordable housing, elimination of homelessness, etc.
 - Represent parish on Baltimore County Community for the Homeless (BCCH)
 - Provide notices in the bulletin advising community various advocacy events
 - Represent parish at various conferences
Budget: \$50
 - Maintain memberships in advocacy organizations
Budget: \$100

Goal 4: Care for specific needs of parishioners as they arise.

- Caring and Sharing subcommittee: Provide notices in the bulletin informing the community of this ministry and maintain list of volunteers who are willing to provide meals to parishioners recovering from surgery, an illness or other unforeseen circumstances.

Total budget proposed: \$1,950