

FALL CONFERENCE EDITION

Appeal stands at \$2.2 million

BOISE — With less than three months to go in 2009, the Idaho Catholic Appeal stands at \$2.238 million, 90 percent of goal.

"We are hoping to close the calendar year ahead of where we finished last year," said diocesan Stewardship and Development Director Jim Hughes.

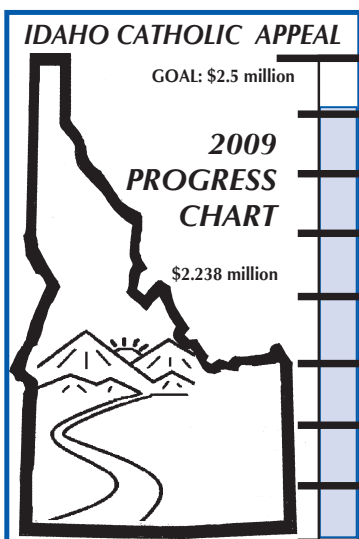
The 2008 Appeal finished with \$2.236 million net, after payouts were given to parishes exceeding 110 percent of goal. Although some payouts for the 2009 campaign were given in June, more than \$70,000 must still go out to 22 parishes, dropping the 2009 net to \$2.168 million.

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Hughes is urging pastors to continue to remind parishioners that it's not too late to make a donation. That's especially important this year because the diocesan Presbyteral Council recommended and Bishop Michael P. Driscoll approved a rule that requires parishes failing to raise 90 percent of their goals to supplement their total from their operating income beginning this year. As of Sept. 10, that would mean pastors from 34 parishes would be writing checks totaling more than \$233,000 to comply with the new rule.

If enforced, the Idaho Catholic Appeal would close the year with a net of \$2.401 million, or 96 percent of the \$2.5 million goal.

"If there are parishes out there that need help or additional materials, they just need to call my office and I would be happy to help them," Hughes said.



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A table for four

By Michael Brown
Editor

BOISE — More than two years in the making, the final version of the All at the Table diocesan pastoral plan was accepted and approved by Bishop Michael P. Driscoll Sept. 15.

The plan contains four "pastoral priorities": Youth and Young Adults, Christ-Centered Communities, Christian Discipleship, and Ordained and Consecrated Life. It reflects a distillation of ideas that began to flow in after Convocation 2007 with the capturing of almost 20,000 comments from Catholics throughout the state. During Convocation 2008, those comments were grouped and segregated into 17 areas, to be distilled further into eight general goals last year.

The bishop asked Chancellor Marcie Wilske to lead a small committee charged with incorporating feedback provided at Convocation 2009 to compress the vision again and arrive at a more manageable number. This version includes appendices that provide timelines, specific guidelines and duties for leaders in parishes and deaneries, the forms needed for implementation and other suggested actions.

"We needed to clarify expectations and clarify how the process is supposed to work," Wilske said.

The final version clearly puts the emphasis on parish life and how it impacts the deaneries and the diocese. Parish pastoral councils will be the moving force that generates the changes that parishioners are seeking, Wilske added.

Helping her were Christine Zapata, director of Multi-Cultural Ministries; Michael Benton, director of Parish Life and Faith Formation; Benedictine Sister Meg Sass,

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PROMISE DELIVERED — Bishop Michael P. Driscoll, seen here in June addressing leaders attending Convocation 2009, accepted and approved on Sept. 15 the final version of the All at the Table pastoral plan.

When the bishop announced his desire to collect ideas from all parts of the state, he was inundated with 20,000 comments. The final plan distilled those into four distinct pastoral priorities. (ICR photo)

Boise to host papal knights

By Michael Brown
Editor

BOISE — For the first time since it was formed in 1993, the Northwest branch of a prestigious group of papal honorees will be meeting in Idaho Sept. 24-28.

The Northwest Lieutenantcy of the Knights of the Holy Sepulcher, also known as the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, will be meeting at The Grove Hotel for its annual meeting. Also attending will be retired Latin Patriarch Michel Sabbah of Jerusalem, former grand prior of this chivalric order.

Mary O'Brien was named lieutenant of the Northwest sector last December, the first woman ever to lead a region

of the order. She reported that 31 new members — the men are titled knights and the women are titled ladies — will be invested during a Mass at St. John Cathedral Sept. 27 at 3 p.m. There are about 500 knights living in the Northwest, and several hundred will be attending this meeting.

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Patriarch Michel Sabbah

A simple thank you

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