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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Vicariate Outreach Program Guidelines

Programs eligible to receive an award of support from the Vicariate Outreach Program should be an independent 501(c)3 corporation that is pursuing a mission, purpose or outreach that is compatible with the good works of the Catholic Church. Examples include, providing shelter, food and assistance to the homeless and poor, caring for the sick, protecting the unborn, assisting seniors, youth and other individuals with special needs.

Parish sponsored soup kitchens and food banks are also eligible to receive support, provided they are financially challenging for a parish to operate and open to provide outreach to anyone within the community.

With the exception of soup kitchens and food banks, parish programs, and parish ministries, that do not go beyond the scope of the parish are NOT eligible.

Other Program/Organizations not eligible to receive support are those that:

- are already receiving other on-going financial support for the same purposes from the Archdiocese or the Archbishop's Annual Appeal;
- are structured as an LLC or other form, aside from a corporation;
- are parish programs, Archdiocesan schools and scholarship programs;
- are organizations with programs that are publicly and materially opposed to the teachings of the Church;
- are organizations with programs that are pursuing controversial aims that are inflammatory and subject to misunderstanding.

We are asking each pastor/administrator to nominate between 1-4 recipients and assign a percentage to each recipient that totals 100% - with the actual dollar amount to be determined at a later date.

In the event a single candidate is nominated to receive more than \$25,000 in total, the Vicariate Outreach Advisory Committee will allocate the amounts in excess of \$25,000 to other nominees within that Deanery. In the event a candidate is nominated that does not meet the above guidelines, the Advisory Committee will allocate those funds to other nominees.