**United Catholic Appeal Overage and the Distribution to the Parish**

Parishes exceeding their United Catholic Appeal (UCA) goal are eligible to receive a portion of the funds that exceed the goal (also called a rebate). The portion of funds returned to the parish is determined by the pastor on the Parish Overage Allocation Form as part of planning for the United Catholic Appeal in the fall. On the form, parishes are asked to donate at least 25% of dollars exceeding the parish goal to the Saint Francis Home Mission Fund. The remaining dollars can be retained by the parish for projects or expenses which the pastor and his advisors deem appropriate.

**Why would a parish contribute more than 25% of excess funds to the Saints Francis Xavier Home Mission Fund?**

The Saint Francis Xavier Home Mission Fund, maintained by the Catholic Community Foundation, provides distributions twice per year and is comprised of monies from parish overages and the endowment fund. Through a grant application process, home mission parishes and schools are eligible to apply for funds to cover unbudgeted needs.

A home mission parish or school is one that is experiencing poverty, or is faced with emergency needs that cannot be remedied through their parish/school budget, yet the needs are vital to the mission of the Church.

More information about the Saints Francis Xavier Home Mission Fund and the grant process is available at <http://www.archindy.org/finance/grant.html>.

**Parishes Who Achieve UCA Goal and Are Entitled to a Rebate**

Parish retained funds are distributed to a parish through their ADLF account. The collection period for funds secured in November 2015 (UCA 15-16) is January 1–December 31, 2016. Starting July 2016, once funds are collected and exceed the goal, the Office of Stewardship and Development and the Office of Accounting Services will execute the transfer of funds to the parish. This will take place each month as long as donor dollars continue to be collected.

Please note: Funds must be collected by the Office of Stewardship and Development before they can be distributed to the parish in the form of a rebate. Only funds that are designated to the ministries defined in the United Catholic Appeal materials are considered eligible to be included in the amount that exceed the parish goal. If a donor specifically designates another ministry that is not defined on the United Catholic Appeal intention card, it will not be included in the calculation of the parish overage.

**How Much Will Go Uncollected?**

Donors to the UCA have proven to be a very loyal group with only 8 – 10 % not paying their pledge in full. We will not know the actual uncollectable rate until the end of the payment period.

**An Example**

Please see the backside of this document for an example how the payment of excess funds are directed to the parish.

**Who Should I Contact with Additional Questions?**

Please contact the Office of Stewardship and Development at 317-236-1591 if you have questions on distribution of funds.

**How Does This Work? An Example**

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| St. John Parish Goal | $50,000 |
| Amount Pledged | $75,000 |
| Amount Collected as of July 2016 | $65,000 |
| Amount Collected as of August 2016 | $70,000 |
| Allocation to St. Francis Home Mission Fund | 25% |
| Parish Retained Rebate  | 75% |

As of July 2016, parishioners have paid $65,000 of the total amount pledged.

 $65,000 Amount Collected

 - $50,000 Goal

 $15,000 Dollars Available for Distribution

 $3,750 $15,000 \* 25% St. Francis Home Mission Allocation

 $11,250 $15,000 \* 75% Parish Retain Rebate

$11,250 will be deposited into the parish’s ADLF account.

As of August 2016, parishioners have paid a total of $70,000 of the total amount pledged.

 $70,000 Amount Collected

 - $50,000 Goal

 $20,000 Total Dollars Available for Distribution

 - $15,000 Amount of Dollars Distributed in prior months

 $5,000 Amount of dollars remaining to be distributed

 $1,250 $5,000 \* 25% St. Francis Home Mission Allocation

 $3,750 $5,000 \* 75% Parish Retain Rebate

$3,750 will be deposited into the parish’s ADLF account.

This will continue until all funds are distributed.