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CATEGORY I				
ACTION of Greater Lansing	Lansing, MI		8,000	To establish a jail-to-community reentry program with the objective of reducing recidivism rate by 33%
ACTION Network	Gainesville, FL		6,000	Utilize a coalition to provide workshops for at least 400 low to moderate income families which will provide resources and training to rehab their home to make them more energy efficient.
BREAD Organization	Columbus, OH	John Bakle, SM	6,000	Provide support for an effort to pass legislation to regulate the exploitive practices of pay day lenders
Broward Organized Leaders	Hollywood, FL	Frank O'Donnell, SM	10,000	The development of justice ministry networks to focus on housing and healthcare to seek commitments from local decision makers.
Camden Churches Organized for People	Camden, NY	Ted Cassidy, S.M.	10,500	The support of a community organizing campaign to bring about structural changes in the Camden Police Department that will support the implementation of a problem-solving community policing model in the city.
Catholic Network for Volunteer Service	Tacoma Park, MD	Ed Brink SM and Dan Richter	10,000	Support for the CNVS "Forming Faith leaders Project" to promote lay leadership in the church by strengthening volunteer programs.
CLOUT	Louisville, KY	Jim Vogt	6,000	Support the implementation of a 3-year plan to expand organizing work to predominantly African-American areas of Louisville.
Direct Action & Research Training Center (DART)	Miami, FL	Frank O'Donnell, SM	15,000	Continuing support of a formalized training program to develop 28 potential organizers to empower and organize low to moderate income people in the DART network to win justice.
Faith Action for Community Equity	Maui, HI	Maui Marianist Community	10,000	Begin to develop a church-based community organizing project on the island of Maui. To support an organizing committee and the initial gathering to determine the needs of the community.
JAM	Springfield, OH		6,000	To establish a drug court in Springfield to provide an effective solution to substance abuse and drug-related crime through the integrative use of comprehensive supervision, drug testing, judicial monitoring, treatment services and sanctions and incentives.
LEAD	Dayton, OH	Stonemill-Kiefaber Marianist Community	10,000	To support the New Horizons Project which will increase the number and diversity of the LEAD membership in confronting the need for better public transportation and addressing crime/violence in certain areas of Dayton.
Naugatuck Valley Project	Waterbury, CT	Bob Moriarty, SM	10,000	To assist in the development of a healthcare training project directed at immigrant families. The program will provide living wage jobs for healthcare and medical interpretation positions in Naugatuck Valley.
Office of Urban Affairs Of the Archdiocese of Hartford	New Haven, CT	Bob Moriarty, SM	1,500 5,000 matching	This grant will support the work of a Hispanic organizer empowering parish social ministry in Hispanic parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford. Of particular concern are issues dealing with immigration and the civil rights of immigrants.

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Richmonders Involved to Strengthen our Communities	Richmond, VA		6,000	This grant will support a program to go to increase participation from congregations in inner-city Richmond to work on key justice issues. It will also build depth in existing congregations and engage community leaders.
Toledoans United for Social Action	Toledo, OH	Ray Fitz, SM	6,000 matching	To implement a plan to increase the number of city inspectors in order to decrease the number of sub-standard rental houses in Toledo.
CATEGORY II				
Adele Social Justice Project	San Antonio, TX	Bob Donovan SM	500 2,000 matching	Support of an immersion/reflection weekend in San Antonio which will serve as a springboard for ongoing involvement in the MVP, MSJC and Marianist lay communities. The program includes a strong social justice dimension in the Marianist tradition.
Brother David Darst Center	Chicago, IL	Mary Niebler (UD)	4,000	To assist in the development of a retreat program for high school and university students and introduce and explore issues of social justice and the realities of oppression.
Catholic Urban Programs	East St. Louis, IL	John Laudenschlager, SM	4,000	The support of a volunteer program which brings volunteers from throughout the country desiring to share their time and talents with the poor of East St. Louis, IL.
Center for Respite Care	Cincinnati, OH	O-t-R and De Sales Crossing Communities	6,000	A grant to provide a partial match \$40-50,000 challenge grant from Christ Hospital. The Center provides access to healthcare for homeless population as a means for them to become self-sufficient.
Chaminade Secondary School	Karonga, Malawi	Richard Loehrlein, SM	5,000	To provide assistance in the development of a program to utilize students from MIRACLE to help train local farmers and to produce food for Chaminade Secondary School students.
Chaminade University #1	Honolulu, HI	Tom Spring, SM	4,000	PALS Project Enrichment Program – for students in Palolo Valley in coalition with members of the Chaminade University community.
Chaminade University #2	Honolulu, HI	Jerome Bommer, SM	1,500	Kea`au Summer Immersion – support an intense three week program for University students to become acquainted with homeless, native Hawaiian people with the intention of developing ongoing support for the program by members of the University Campus Ministry program.
Equal Justice USA/Quixote Center	Maryland	Brian Halderman	3,000	A project to halt executions in the United States by mobilizing and educating ordinary citizens around issues of crime and punishment. The object is to get a national moratorium on executions through legislative initiatives.
Greater Cincinnati Coalition for the Homeless	Ohio	Bob Donovan	5,000	
Health Care for the Homeless	Nashville, TN	Robert Donovan, SM	2,000 matching	Provide assistance to continue the production and distribution of “Healing Hands”, a newsletter for direct service providers who serve homeless individuals and families.

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Institute for Peace and Justice	St. Louis, MO	Tim Kenney, SM	5,000 matching	A project to focus on empowering new artists in music, dance and the spoken word to articulate the message of Martin Luther King, Jr. in creative ways. The object is to provide role models to young people for choosing alternatives to violence and resolving conflicts.
Instituto Chaminade Marianistas	Peru	Brian Halderman, SM	2,500	To develop a process for systemic implementation of a diagnostic employability measure in tracking progress toward obtaining dignified employment for all students.
Lets Start		Faith Pinter	2,000	Support the development of an educational effort led by incarcerated women which aims to break the cycle of incarceration by using personal experiences to educate the community and inform public policy.
Loyola Academy of St. Louis	St. Louis, MO	Curé of Ars Marianist Community	1,000 matching 2,000	To provide resources to assist low income inner city students as they pursue their high school studies. The money assists students to purchase books and to have fees for extracurricular activities.
Mercy Neighborhood Ministries #1	Cincinnati, OH	De Sales Crossing Community	5,000	To support the expansion of the “Empowerment vs. Entitlement” project by recruiting new participants and to train the Mercy Connections staff.
Mercy Neighborhood Ministries #2	Cincinnati, OH	De Sales Crossing Community	5,000 matching	Support for a GED program which provides individual and small group tutoring support in the development of job readiness, habits and attitudes.
MSJC Death Penalty Issue Team	Texas	De Sales Crossing Community	4,000	To retain summer interns to work with providing legal services to those facing the death penalty.
National Assn.Catholic Dioc. Gay and Lesbian Ministry		David Betz, SM	5,000	The support of a program to increase awareness in religious communities of the needs of congregational members who may be lesbian and gay as well as the needs of those to whom they minister in their various apostolate.
North Cambridge Catholic High School	Cambridge, MA	Michael Kraszewski, SM	2,000 matching	To promote the educational immersion trip for low income students so as to promote awareness of social justice by working with and learning about efforts to restore New Orleans
Our Lady of Nazareth #1	Nairobi, Kenya	Martin Solma, SM	5,000	To provide resources to extend the water system so that students have water for drinking, sanitation and food preparation.
Our Lady of Nazareth #2	Nairobi, Kenya	Marty Solma, SM	3,000	To provide the basic materials for a science lab at Our Lady of Nazareth Primary School.
P. Francis Murphy Peace & Justice Initiative	Baltimore, MD	Frank O’Donnell, SM and Jerry Sullivan, SM	3,500	Funds will be used to publish the results of hundreds of conversations to develop a document called “The Peoples Peace Initiative”.
Pax Christi	Erie, PA	Jim Vogt	1,500	Funds will be used to collate and publish the Peoples Peace Pastoral which was developed in small group meetings during 2007.

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Public Justice Center, Inc.	Baltimore, MD	Frank O'Donnell, SM	1,000 +5,000matching	This grant will support staff time essential to build, strengthen and facilitate two statewide coalitions directed at protecting and strengthening Medicaid and affordable rental housing.
Purcell Marian High School	Cincinnati, OH	De Sales Crossing Community	3,800	Development of the teens "Acting for Peace" program which utilizes high school students teaching elementary students at St. Francis de Sales School about non-violence.
St Martins Church	Mombasa, Kenya	Paul Kageche	5,000	A training program for volunteers to go out into the communities and offer workshops on alternatives to violence.
Vincent Gray Alternative HS	East St Louis, IL	Lawrence McBride, SM	4,000	To initiate an African-American studies program into the curriculum in the school that is made up of low-income African-American students.
CATEGORY III				
Birmingham Area Interfaith Sponsoring	Birmingham, AL		1,000	To support the initial development of a church-based community organizing effort in Birmingham sponsored by the PICO Organization.
Calcutta House	Philadelphia, PA		1,000	Support of a program to work with persons who are living and dying with AIDS.
Catholic Day Care Center	East St. Louis, IL	John Laudenschlager, SM	1,000	Provide tuition assistance to low income working parents for kindergarten in a deeply depressed inner city area in East St. Louis, IL
Christ the King Parish	Columbus, OH	John Bakle	500	Funding for the development of a food purchase program from the Central Ohio Food Bank for the ongoing work of St. Vincent de Paul.
Congregations United for Neighborhood Action	Allentown, PA		1,000	Support of a faith-based community initiative to add seven working groups and train 40 new leaders.
Corporate Accountability International	Seattle, WA		1,000	Education and advocacy around the issue of water, especially in developing countries. Special focus is on US corporations.
EPOCA	Massachusetts		500	
Garden Project	San Antonio, TX	Chas Lohrenz, SM	500	Raising food for the poor. Funds will provide the money needed to buy seeds, plants, fertilizer and other items needed for vegetables. The food is distributed to the St. Vincent de Paul Shelter for the Homeless and the Freddie Garcia Shelter in San Antonio, TX.
Federation of Congregations United to Serve	Orlando, FL		1,000	Funds to be used for the training of a new leader to become part of this faith-based community organizing project in Orange County, Florida.
Inter-Faith Action of Southwest Florida	Immokalee, FL		1,000	Project that educates and organizes people of faith to take action and partnership with the farm workers to improve sub-poverty wages and abusive conditions.
Jubilee USA Network	Washington, DC	Rockaway Park, NY Marianist Community	1,000	Support the Jubilee 2008 Campaign which provides grassroots education that encourages legislators to end Third World debt and to introduce it into presidential campaigns.
Maya Center for Rural Education	Guatemala City	Bill Farrell, SM and Mary Pliska and Max Kintner	1,000	Support of a "Peer Leader Training Program" in rural Guatemala.

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Midwest Coalition for Responsible Investment	St. Louis, MO		1,000	Support of an effort among religious communities to challenge corporations to be accountable and to develop socially responsible policies and practices.
National Farm Worker Ministry	St. Louis, MO		1,000	Support for the National Farm Worker Ministry – an inner-faith organization that supports farm workers who are organizing for empowerment and justice.
People Engaged in Active Community Efforts	Riviera Beach, FL		1,000	Support for the development of a training program to develop justice ministry networks in the community, and to work on the issue of affordable housing in Palm Beach County, Florida.
Project Hope-Proyecto Esperanza	Ohio		1,000	
School of the America's Watch	Washington DC		1,000	Support of the November 2008 vigil gathering to close the School of the Americas at Fort Benning, Georgia.
Sojourners/Call to Renewal	Washington, DC		1,000	The development of a network of churches to participate in public advocacy training which encourages individuals to move from direct service to advocacy. The project will provide resources for preaching, teaching and promoting social justice.
St Louis Interfaith Center on Latin America	St Louis, MO	Myles McCabe	1,000	Provide staff support and create program materials in schools and churches to deal with the environmental impact of free trade agreements as well as immigration issues.
St Vincent de Paul East St Louis	East St Louis, IL		500	Support of the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society in East St Louis.
The Family Center	East St. Louis, IL		1,000	Support of an after school program for at-risk students providing individual remediation and fundamental reading, vocabulary and math basic skills.
Worldwatch Institute	Washington, DC		1,000	Support the Sustainable Communities Project to encourage community leadership in local sustainability initiatives.
Worthy Wage Campaign	Philadelphia, PA		1,000	Project to enable childcare workers to influence public policy by advocating for themselves as key elements in quality early education which is critical to the welfare of our society.