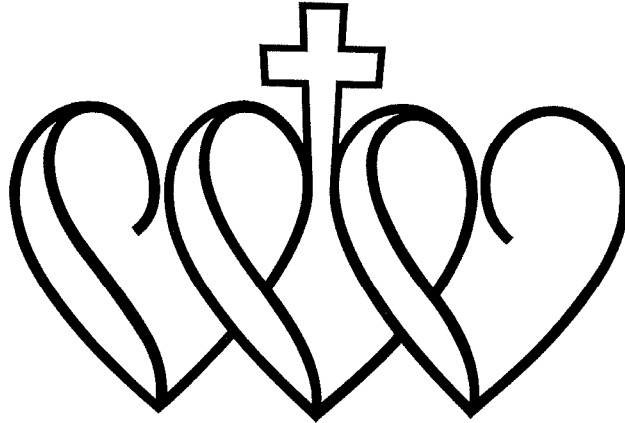


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## CATHOLIC CHARITY FUND APPEAL

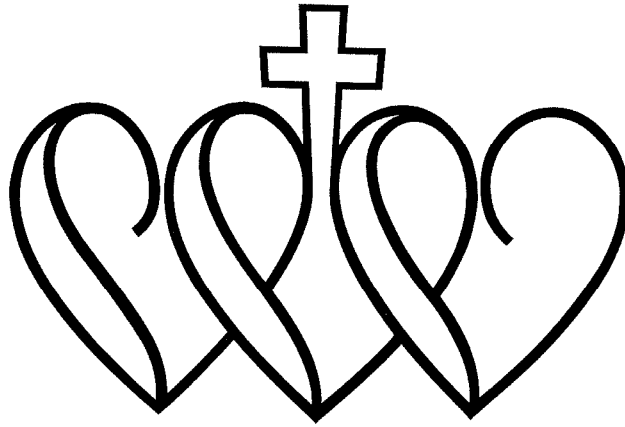


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*2009 Catholic Charity Fund Appeal Prayer*

**Patroness of the Annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal**

**Our Lady of Providence**

Dear Mary, Our Lady of Providence, we turn to you in prayer, and we seek your assistance as we begin our Annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal.

Inspired by your own example of service, we ask that you guide our works of love; help us to offer generous assistance to all who turn to the Church in their time of need.

Through your intercession, may we grow in faith, hope and love; inspire us to be generous in supporting the Catholic Charity Fund, and allow us to see the face of Jesus in all those we serve.

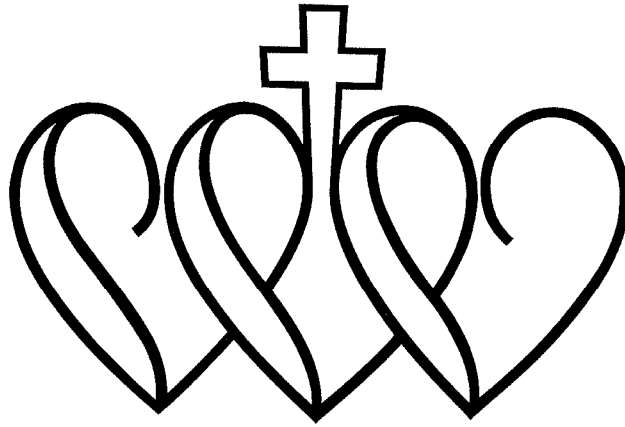
Fill our hearts with a compassionate spirit, so that the Church in Providence may always fulfill your Son’s command to, “Love one another as I have loved you.”

Now filled with hope and confidence we pray: “Hail Mary, full of grace...”

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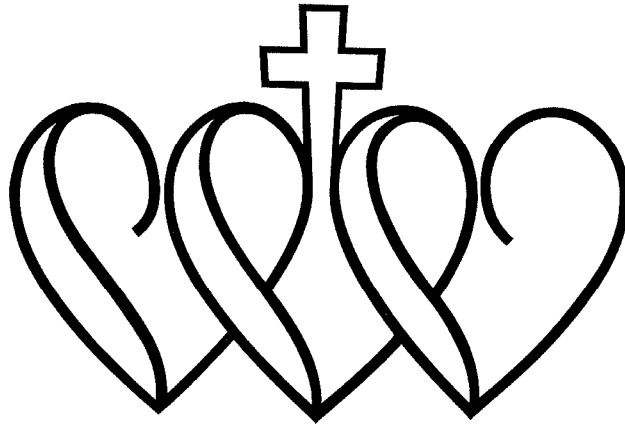
Your gift to the annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal helps to fund our 39 diocesan ministries that provide comfort and support to our sisters and brothers in Christ. Because of you and your unwavering generosity, the Catholic Church in Providence is able to:

- ✓ Care for the poor
- ✓ Promote Peace and Justice
- ✓ Feed the Hungry
- ✓ Foster Discipleship
- ✓ Help the Elderly
- ✓ Embrace Our Diversity
- ✓ Counsel Families
- ✓ Shelter the Homeless
- ✓ Comfort the Sick
- ✓ Bring Hope
- ✓ Educate Our Youth
- ✓ End Suffering
- ✓ Strengthen Faith
- ✓ Support Those With Disabilities
- ✓ Spread the Gospel Message

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Over 200,000 Rhode Islanders Annually*

It is the goal of every Catholic Charity Fund ministry to continue the redemptive work of Christ in our world.

**What We Do:**

1. We teach God’s truth
2. We love our neighbor
3. We serve with grateful hearts

**Why We Do It:**

1. To promote peace and justice
2. To proclaim the dignity of each person
3. To share our values

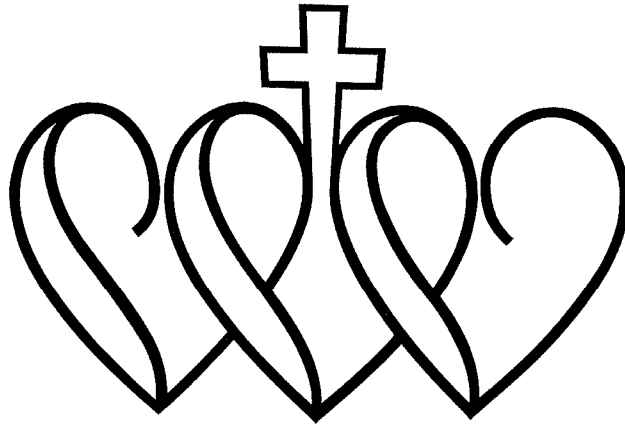
**How We Do It:**

1. Through 39 ministries and programs
2. Through dedicated clergy, staff and volunteers
3. Through living what we believe

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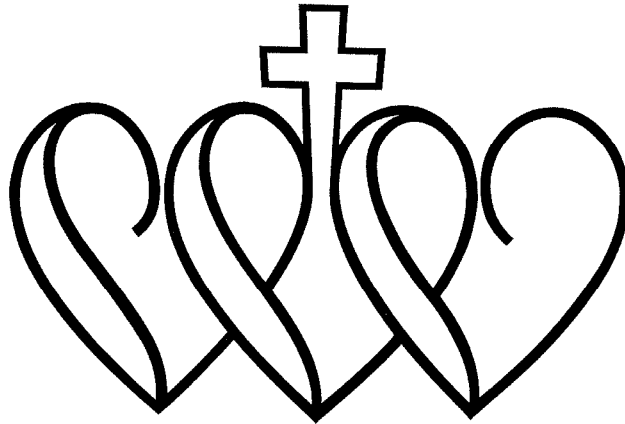
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- Because of you and your generosity to the annual Appeal, over 16,000 students and their families are served through the Catholic School Office. Thank you for your gift.
- At the Saint Martin de Porres Center in Providence, 7,942 elders and low-income families are served annually. Thank you for your gift to the Catholic Charity Fund.
- Your support of the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal will enable the Interfaith Community Dire Emergency Fund to continue to serve 7,200 clients annually. Thank you!
- Through your support of the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal, 4,400 youth attended retreats from over 60 parishes and 12 schools. Thank you for your generosity.
- Your support of the Catholic Charity Fund helps 500 deaf and hard of hearing, 600 developmentally disabled and 300 blind individuals. Thank you for your generous gift!
- Your gift to the annual Appeal impacts the lives of 31,100 children and youth as well as 3,804 volunteer catechists and aides through the Office of Religious Education. Thank you for your generosity!
- Your donation to the Catholic Charity Fund impacts the lives of over 1,646 children who attended the Mother of Hope Camp in Chepachet. Thank you for your generous gift.

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**2009 Catholic Charity Fund Appeal**  
*Still Encourages Your Support*

**IT’S NOT TOO LATE!**

If you have yet to make a gift to the 2009 Catholic Charity Fund Appeal, please call your parish today to make a pledge.

Your gift may be made by check, credit card, or by automatic fund transfer from your bank account.

For more information on ways to give, please contact the Stewardship & Development Office at 277-2121.

Thank you for your continued support that impacts and makes a difference in the lives of those in need within the Diocese of Providence.

If you have already made a gift to this year’s Appeal, THANK YOU for sharing your God-given gift of treasure.

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