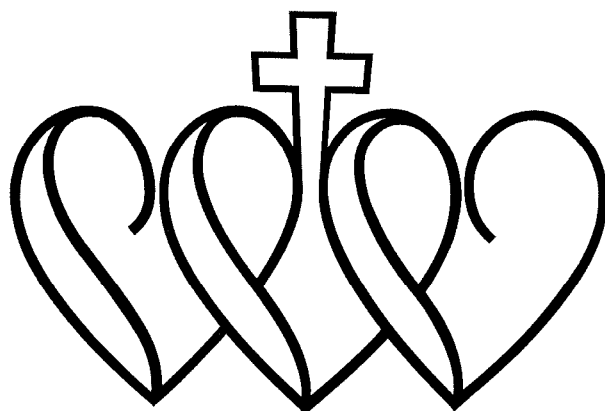


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A Compilation of Stories



A Guide for Parish Leaders

Office of Stewardship & Development

Roman Catholic Diocese of Providence

Rhode Island

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Special Religious Education (SPRED)
21 New Clark Road
Cumberland, RI 02864
658-1174

Mary, the mother of four young children, two of whom have special needs, sought the guidance of the Special Religious Education (SPRED) Program. Her daughter, Theresa, who is six years old, was unable to participate in the traditional Religious Education Program because her developmental disabilities prevented her from learning in this type of setting. She began working with the Diocesan SPRED Office for several months and they have been an invaluable resource. Colleen Touchette, Program Administrator, guided her through the many complicated steps that were necessary to establish a SPRED center on the East Bay where she lived. The training she received has prepared her well as a Core Chairperson for her parish's SPRED center. She states, "Thanks to SPRED, my children will receive their Catholic Sacraments." SPRED allows us to remember and believe that God loves each one of us.

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As a parent of a child with disabilities, it was difficult to always see and feel God's gifts and blessings. Even though we are practicing Catholics, we felt alone. We spent a great deal of time looking for the best for our sons, things that "they had a right to." That was until we discovered SPRED (Special Religious Education). The SPRED Ministry has shown and guided us to the light, the true way. This ministry is not just about bringing children and adults with disabilities together as a community of faith. Rather, it is about remembering and believing that God loves each one of us. SPRED is a beacon of light in our troubled world. It has helped my family remember that the absolute priority in our life is to build up the Kingdom of God on Earth.

**Immigration and Refugee Services
184 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903-4029
421-7833**

After obtaining a medical visa, a young Asian family came to our area to seek treatment for their youngest daughter who was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer that cost her the gift of sight. The medical visa did not permit her parents to work while she continued treatments or to bring her sibling to the United States. This faith-filled family turned to a local parish, who with the help of the Office of Immigration and Refugee Services, worked with the federal government to change his family's visa status. The parents have now been able to find work, bring their other child to the United States and are able to continue to allow their youngest child to receive the medical care she needs. Today, their daughter is recovering and the family is working hard, grateful for their opportunity to remain together.

**AIDS Ministry
184 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903-4029
421-7833**

“I never thought the Church would do this for me!” A young man struggling with AIDS was so overcome by Serenity House that he could not contain his emotions. The new home for AIDS victims is supported by Assumption Parish, other parishes in our diocese, Vision of Hope and AIDS Ministry – a Catholic Charity Fund Agency. This new home, supported in so many ways by so many people, will give our sisters and brothers living with this disease a place of comfort, love, dignity and the presence of God’s love at a time when they need Him the most.

**Saint Martin de Porres Center
160 Cranston Street
Providence, RI 02907-2396
274-6783**

Esmaralda is a 65 year old woman from Guatemala who recently came to Rhode Island with no health care benefits or income. She began coming to our center for the daily hot meal and soon afterwards became a volunteer with the meal site. Esmaralda was able to get a flu shot and pneumonia shot at the center, which was paid for with Catholic Charity funds. She was so ecstatic about our help that she applied to CCAP for senior employment and requested to work in the kitchen of our center. Since she has been at our site we have been able to obtain free health care for her as well as assistance with medication costs. She now has a bus pass and is employed at the Center. Esmaralda was recently diagnosed with diabetes and complained that she may have to quit her job because she did not have shoes adequate enough to support her being on her feet for long periods of time. The staff immediately sprung into action and had her fitted for special shoes. In two weeks she was sporting her new shoes and has not complained of aching feet and legs. To see how grateful she is for our help is priceless. And, of course, we will continue to monitor her ability to obtain medical care, housing and even shoes to wear.

**Saint Martin de Porres Center
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The Saint Martin de Porres Center's registered nurse and caseworker followed up on a call from the neighbor of a very frail 75 year old man who was having seizures and they were afraid for his safety. The nurse advocated on his behalf to locate a doctor to prescribe the proper medication. This man was also living in a known "crack house" in squalid conditions. Saint Martin de Porres staff further helped him find clean and safe elderly housing in which to live, obtained a homemaker to assist him and the services of Meals on Wheels. Saint Martin de Porres Center played a pivotal role in assuring a better quality of life for this gentleman. He visited the center on a daily basis for the last four years of his life. Upon his passing, the center's nurse and social worker made funeral arrangements and were the only two mourners together with his priest at his gravesite.

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“A God send,” described one 68 year old grandmother who was granted custody of her thirteen grandchildren who were abandoned by two of her daughters. This grandmother was referred to Saint Martin de Porres Senior Center by other agencies. The staff at Saint Martin de Porres Center assisted her in finding an apartment, furniture, clothing and food for the children. A determined senior, she knew that she would find help and assistance in Providence because of her deep faith in God. Seniors at Saint Martin de Porres Center, as well as the community, all rallied to lend a helping hand to this faith-filled grandmother who needed help.

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A 78-year-old homebound woman recently suffered extensive fire and smoke damage to her home as a result of an electrical fire. With the support and advocacy of a social worker from the Saint Martin de Porres Center, she was able to relocate temporarily to a friend's home.

Overcome with worry, this frail woman dreaded the prospect of having to live permanently in a nursing home if her home could not be repaired.

The social worker was able to ease her fears and collaborated with her insurance company to oversee the repairs, reconstruction, and cleaning of the home. The only expression of gratitude she could demonstrate, in appreciation for all the assistance she received from the staff at Saint Martin de Porres Center, was to avow, "I will continue to pray for you and your center each day."

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On a cold winter day, a Saint Martin de Porres Hispanic Outreach Worker received a telephone call from a 64 year old Hispanic female. The caller appealed for assistance since she was without heat. The staff was able to find resources for oil to keep her warm over the weekend. On Monday, the worker further helped this needy person apply for Social Security benefits and medical assistance for which she was eligible. This elder was never to go cold again and was able to obtain the care of a physician for her ailments. She was then diagnosed as a diabetic and is now on insulin treatments. The center is further able to provide an exercise regimen and nutrition counseling so that she may reap the benefits of a healthy lifestyle.

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Mr. P. is the sole caregiver for his seventy-three year old spouse who had recently been diagnosed with stage two Alzheimer's disease.

Vowing to single-handedly take care of his high school sweetheart, Mr. P. stated, "It didn't take me long to realize that I had bitten off more than I could chew." Desperately needing some place he could go for support, socialization, and a basic sharing of common experiences with others experiencing the same thing, Mr. P. turned to the Saint Martin de Porres Center Senior in Providence, and suggested that they establish an Alzheimer's caregivers group. Now, loved ones are allowed to accompany their caregiver, when it isn't possible to leave them at home, to a monthly support group meeting. One grateful caregiver who attends the meetings stated, "The creation of the caregiver group is a God-send, and it has literally saved my life. My thanks go out to the Diocese of Providence and to the generous donors to the annual Catholic Charity Fund Appeal."

Community Services and Advocacy
184 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903-4029
421-7833

The Office of Community Services and Advocacy recently received a telephone call from a special education teacher in the Pawtucket school system. The teacher was distraught because she had come across a family with a single mom who was working part time and had four children to feed under the age of 15. The family lived in a rented trailer with deplorable conditions. The immediate problem was that the family was without a working refrigerator. After contacting several agencies to no avail, the teacher stated, “I knew I made the right decision by calling the Church for help.” The staff at the Office of Community Services and Advocacy immediately began making the appropriate contacts and was able to make sure that this family had a working refrigerator by the end of the day. Community Services and Advocacy is also working with the family to locate new living conditions that are safe and affordable.

**Saint Francis House
167 Blackstone Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895-3096
762-5255**

Jim found his way to the Saint Francis House through the kindness of a friend and resident. She convinced him that he would be happy and his prayers would be answered. After losing his wife, Jim was transient. He developed poor eating habits, secluded himself from his neighbors, and succumbed to addiction. Now a happy resident of Saint Francis House, Jim says, "I eat well and have never once had the urge to drink again." He adds, "The staff here provides me with total care on my road to recovery. I am happy here."

**Saint Francis House
167 Blackstone Street
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762-5255**

Molly is a 62-year-old female who suffered from an aneurysm in 1996. She underwent brain surgery and later experienced seizures and a small stroke. She was eventually admitted to Eleanor Slater Hospital Zambarano Unit for rehabilitation. After a lengthy stay, Molly progressed sufficiently to qualify her for residency in Woonsocket at Saint Francis House, a Catholic Charity Fund Appeal agency and one of the premier assisted living facilities in the state that offers low income elderly care. Molly presently enjoys numerous activities; among her favorites are bowling, bingo, and various bus excursions. She was quoted as saying, “Every time the bus goes out, I want to be on it. I want to make up for all the times I couldn’t participate. I missed so much of life.” Molly personifies what Saint Francis House is all about - offering a structured, safe environment wherein the needs of each individual are addressed in an atmosphere conducive to personal and spiritual growth.

**Saint Francis House
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762-5255**

Melinda is a 92 year old widow who came to live at Saint Francis House Assisted Living four years ago. She previously resided in Central Falls in a subsidized housing complex. She was diagnosed with macular degeneration in 1992. The disease progressed until she was determined to be legally blind at which time living alone was no longer an option. Her only source of income was her Social Security Pension. If it were not for Saint Francis House, Melinda would have had to go to a nursing home prematurely. Instead, her days are filled with the activities she enjoys such as attending Mass, taking walks outdoors, participating in exercise class, bowling or playing bingo.

Saint Antoine Residence
400 Mendon Road
North Smithfield, RI 02896
767-2574

Edna, age 87, made the difficult decision to leave her home and enter The Villa at Saint Antoine in April of 2001. Assisted living offered Edna all that she needed, pleasant surrounding, independent living, and supportive services such as dining, assistance with medication, and personal care. Little did Edna know at the time that one year later she would undergo two major surgeries. Edna found herself in need of rehabilitative nursing care and entered Saint Antoine Residence nursing facility for short-term skilled nursing care. Edna, extremely debilitated, faced a huge challenge; succumb to dependency or work hard to regain her strength. She opted for the latter. Edna returned to her apartment at The Villa in September of 2002, a place where she enjoys many friends. Her determination should serve as an example to other seniors who face similar challenges. While Edna's determination and zest for life was a factor in her rehabilitation, she attributes her success to the programs, services, and special people at Saint Antoine that made the difference.

**Francis Ward Endowment Fund
Catholic School Office
One Cathedral Square
Providence, RI 02903
278-4550**

At Saint Patrick School in Providence, over 100 students receive tuition assistance from the Catholic Charity Fund, which extends opportunities for a wonderful Catholic education to families. Thanks to the financial aid made available to them, an immigrant family of five children has been able to attend Saint Patrick School. This hard working family has already celebrated the graduation of their eldest child who is excelling at a Catholic secondary school. Their experience is made possible by a collaboration of caring from those across our diocese who give so generously to the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal.

Office of Comprehensive Youth Ministry
One Cathedral Square
Providence, RI
278-4626

Caitlin is a high school senior from Holy Cross Parish in Providence who returned from the Youth Christian Leadership Institute (YCLI) sponsored by the Office for Comprehensive Youth Ministry. When people began to ask her what the experience was like, her response was, “It was the single best week of my life, which isn’t an exaggeration.” Caitlin explains that during the week she spent at the Youth Christian Leadership Institute, she discovered more about being an effective leader than she had in her four years of involvement with the student council at her school. She continues by saying, “The communication, listening, planning and facilitation skills I have learned will be extremely useful in my leadership positions and in my everyday life.” Caitlin believes that the five days she spent at the leadership institute were not only extremely educational, but were also fun. She explains that the skills were taught in a way that made it enjoyable and allowed all to interact with one another. With this experience, participants were able to open up and get to know one another, forming bonds that they will always share in faith and friendship. Caitlin summarizes, “I left the

institute with 46 new friends, new leadership skills and ideas, and memories that will last a lifetime.”

**Father Marot CYO Center
PO Box 518
53 Federal Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895-0518
762-3252**

Thanks to the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal, Youth Ministry in the Diocese of Providence is able to offer young people in Rhode Island wonderful programs such as the Youth Christian Leadership Institute. This is a weeklong program held at the Father Marot CYO Center in Woonsocket. Thomas, who lives in East Providence, attended this program last summer. He attends Mass weekly with his family. Like every boy his age, Thomas saw no special qualities in his shy nature. After completing the institute, Thomas was able to actively contribute to the life of his parish. The institute prepared him for Christian leadership and community building, among countless other skill sets.

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Lauren is a teenager who is greatly involved in youth ministry activities. She states, “I can honestly say that these opportunities have changed my view of the role of Catholicism in my everyday life. Rather than a once-a-week mass and a few daily prayers, I see it as a beautiful way of opening myself up to friendships, ideas, responsibilities, and quite simply, to Christ. Catholic summer camps, scout awards, and the many activities provided by the CYO center offer me unique ways of interacting with my faith that are simply not possible in any other environment.” In December, 2005, at his Search closing mass, Jamie talked about the narrow gate to heaven. He said, “I had found that gate, and it was the front door of the Father Marot CYO Center. At that time I didn’t know how right I was. My involvement at the center has brought me closer to God and to people who share my faith. I’ve made some of my best friends there, and I feel at home in the CYO family. Even when I seem to be running low, I know that the center can reenergize my faith and

help me continue on. It truly carries Christ's love into the hearts of young people in today's world."

Rejoice in Hope Youth Center
804 Dyer Avenue
Cranston, RI 02920-6714
942-6571

Marie is 16 years old and has always been active in her parish. She heard that the local youth center, Rejoice in Hope, offered a program called "Search." Deciding to attend this weekend retreat, she arrived at the youth center on Friday evening. A bit apprehensive at first, she began to realize that this could be one of the best weekends of her life. Through this weekend retreat, she began to experience what it is like to trust God and one another. During the retreat, Marie listened to talks from people her own age about how to deepen her faith and relationships with God, family, and friends. She joined in the celebration of Mass and returned home knowing that Jesus was calling her to live out her faith at home, school, parish, and wherever else her life leads her. Thanks to the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal, young people like Marie in the Diocese of Providence have programs like "Search" available to them.

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The Youth Christian Leadership Institute is an experience that creates and also expands many horizons. The experience has helped not only spiritually, but taught me life skills as well. I was given the opportunity to meet 20 new friends. During this time I learned to grow in faith with them by reflection, prayer, and even planning our own group assignments. After learning techniques for organization, planning, and handling challenges, I find myself using them everyday. I am currently a coach for the YMCA swim team where I apply my skills for planning workouts and challenging the kids. In this situation I use my Christian values as I stand before them as a role model. I find myself in constant reflection of how they might see God through me. I am also the president for my school's music honor society known as Tri-M. In this I must manage time, plan, create, and organize as we coordinate fundraisers for various things in the community. The Youth Christian Leadership Institute gave me confidence to help team retreats and even organize prayer meetings at the Rejoice in Hope Youth Center. I have gained confidence by practicing my

skills everyday. Once you are given the information needed, expression will come pouring out of you. You will take pride in what you do and what you create as you become your own leader.

Office of Life and Family Ministry
184 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903-4029
421-7833

When Joan's husband first left, she couldn't even say the words "divorced" and "Catholic" in the same sentence. She was astonished to discover a support group for divorced Catholics through the Ministry for Divorce and All Other Losses. She now finds emotional and spiritual support with others who experience the same pain. This ministry has also helped Jim. He was devastated when his wife, the love of his life, died suddenly. Receiving comfort and support in coping with his loss, he states, "The bereavement group was the only group that understood my anger, my sadness, and the deep loneliness I feel every minute of every day. With them I could cry and laugh, and sometimes I did both at the same time." Jim is grateful for the support and encouragement he received from the Church, and now volunteers to help others as a ministry retreat facilitator.

Office of Life and Family Ministry
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421-7833

Soon after the death of his adopted son, a young man's wife asked him for a divorce. Devastated, he turned to his parish. His pastor referred him to the Ministry for Divorced and All Other Losses who, in turn, invited him to participate in a support group. After attending the group for several months, he has begun to rebuild his life through God's love, the help of the ministry staff and others who have given him hope. Today he is confident that a life that once seemed hopeless is moving forward to a brighter future.

**Campus Ministry
Catholic Center
University of Rhode Island
Kingston, RI 02881-1228
874-2324**

When hurricane Katrina hit, I was in the process of moving into my dorm as a freshman at the University of Rhode Island and the world was all about me. It all seemed so far away that it was easy for me to remove myself from the situation. I was aware there was large devastation, but I assumed the government and those who serve our country would come to the rescue of Mississippi and Louisiana and it would be better in no time. The impact of Hurricane Katrina (and Rita too) didn't sink in until four months ago when I decided to join a trip down to New Orleans with a group of students from the URI Catholic Center. My work group spent four days sheet-rocking and insulating two homes belonging to New Orleans natives. Only one out of seven of us had ever done either, so it was a big challenge with a learning curve for the rest of us. We prayed each day at Camp Restore at breakfast and dinner, as well as starting out each day at the job site with prayer and ending each evening with prayer and reflection with our group. Prayer helped us through our trip, especially dealing with the emotional challenges of what we learned and saw. It brought our group together, inspired us to help others, and taught each one of us a little something about ourselves that we may never have

known before. My goals in life still remain the same, but I have set the bar a little higher for myself, knowing that I can do more than just be a bystander to all that goes on around me.

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A senior at Bryant University in North Smithfield, Mike is very active in the Catholic community on campus. He writes, “Campus ministry has had a great impact on my four years at Bryant University. As a freshman, I had the pleasure of meeting with the chaplain who provides a unique connection with the students on campus. Over my four years here, I have seen an increasing number of students receive the Sacrament of Confirmation which shows how much students care about their faith. My faith helps balance my life allowing me to relax physically while I contemplate and give thanks to God who is always with us. By going to Mass and praying to God, it helps me to realize that we are all human beings that experience ups and downs in life. I am now a member of the pastoral council on campus which helps to keep campus ministry a strong and vibrant haven at Bryant University.”

**Interfaith Community Dire Emergency Fund
184 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903-4029
421-7833**

Betty is a 32-year-old single mother of three children ranging in ages from three to ten. She has just recently moved into her new apartment. For the past seven months, she and her children had been living at a local family shelter. The family had become homeless shortly after Betty's husband of 15 years left her. She had been working as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA), but the emotional strain of the divorce had taken its toll. Unfortunately, she lost her job. "It was amazing how quickly we were out on the streets," Betty said. "It only took two months and there we were with no place to go! But thanks to the Interfaith Community Dire Emergency Fund, I was able to get into the family shelter. Dire Emergency even helped me with some of the rental money to help me get back on my feet." Betty adds, "I am just very grateful that Dire Emergency was there when I needed them."

**Catholic Chaplaincy Team
184 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903-4029
421-7833**

A transitional deacon for the Diocese of Providence was assigned to prison ministry for the summer. When asked about this experience, the deacon expressed that it has been a humbling experience for him to bring the love of God to so many men who feel abandoned in so many ways. The deacon was moved by his participation in Mass with the inmates, leading Communion services, doing one-on-one counseling, and praying with the men who were in solitary confinement. In reflecting on his summer assignment, the deacon comments, “It was wonderful to have the opportunity to pray with men who are truly searching for God in their lives. My thanks go out to the priests and laity at the Catholic Chaplaincy Ministry at the Adult Correctional Institution who have shown me how it is to care for those members of society that are, at times, forgotten.”

Project Hope/Proyecto Esperanza
474 Broadway
Pawtucket, RI 02860
728-0515

Shortly after New Year's Day 2008, a man walked into the Project Hope office quite upset that he had failed his US Citizenship Exam. A native of Columbia, Juan had informed us that he had fallen ill due to a mild heart attack at 35 years of age and was out of work on disability. Concerned that he might face an uncertain future upon returning his job, Juan was overcome by fear, stress, and depression. However, help was on the way. An assessment was performed immediately to determine Juan's strengths and weaknesses, and a prescription for success was begun. He visited Project Hope at least twice a week over the course of the next month to practice his English literacy as well as practice responses to various questions on American history and government. Mock interviews were also scheduled throughout that month to prepare Juan for what to expect the next time he was interviewed for his Citizenship Exam. He was encouraged to study hard and attend his tutoring sessions at Project Hope. He was also encouraged to better prepare for his interview by getting proper sleep, eating well, and most importantly, not to be nervous through the process, especially on the day of his

interview. On February 4th, 2008, a quite different Juan, a jubilant Juan, returned to Project Hope waving his well-earned letter of congratulations upon becoming a new citizen of the United States.

Project Hope/Proyecto Esperanza
474 Broadway
Pawtucket, RI 02860
728-0515

Debbie is a twenty-four year old female who called Project Hope looking for help with rental assistance. Debbie had been laid off from her job as an office assistant and had been approved for Unemployment Benefits, but was still waiting for her benefits to be disbursed. Her March rent was due and because she was living paycheck-to-paycheck, she could not make the payment. She had never been late on a rent payment, but she had also never been unemployed before. Her landlord demanded she pay her rent immediately and wanted the money by the end of the week or else he would evict. Debbie had heard about Project Hope and came to us for help. First, we educated Debbie about the eviction process. The “sidewalk eviction” process her landlord had threatened was illegal. We also counseled her about the proper, legal, eviction process and how she could avoid being evicted. Project Hope was able to help Debbie with the portion of her rent that she needed to cover herself until her unemployment benefits began paying. She

was able to stay in her apartment and not be forced to uproot herself.

Debbie's case, in which she lives paycheck-to-paycheck, is just one example of how desperate our clients are, and just how precarious their situations have become.

Keep the Heat On CCFA
184 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903-4029
421-7833

Frank is a 78 year-old widower who lives in a small home in Providence. He lives on a fixed income and relies on his social security payment to survive. Until this year, he could afford his bills, but with the price of heating fuel rising, Frank could no longer afford to pay his energy bill. Frank called the Interfaith Community Dire Emergency Fund in February and asked for help. He was initially a little embarrassed to call since he never had to rely on anyone for assistance before. Thanks to the Catholic Charity Fund Appeal, money from "Keep the Heat On" was able to help Frank with 100 gallons of fuel which kept him and his home warm through the cold winter evenings.

**Keep the Heat On CCFA
184 Broad Street
Providence, RI 02903-4029
421-7833**

Bob and Susan are married and live in a home in a suburban community with their two children. Both worked full time jobs, Susan as a professional and Bob as a salesman. They both have good salaries, but when the economy took a downturn, Bob's commissions dried up. Because Bob's salary was reduced, they could not afford to pay for oil to heat their home. The couple called the Interfaith Community Dire Emergency Fund to see if they could get some help while Bob was looking for a full time job with a steady income. Keep the Heat On, a Catholic Charity Fund Appeal ministry, helped them pay for the delivery of oil to keep their home warm for their children.

**If you would like more information about the
Catholic Charity Fund Appeal,
please call the Office of Stewardship & Development at 277-2121.**