

**GOOD SAMARITAN STEWARDSHIP
ST. MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

PARISH & AIKEN COLLECTIONS

ST. MARY'S WEEKLY AND HOLY DAYS OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES

- ~supports the every day operations of our parish church and school mission
- ~provides very substantial support to our neighbors' needs -- \$171,000.00 to Catholic education, \$7,000.00 to local charities and \$126,000.00 to diocesan charities, all yearly, as shown below

ST. MARY'S BUILDING FUND MONTHLY ENVELOPE

- ~provides savings for the future building needs of our parish

ST. MARY'S "CALVARY" CEMETERY FUND MONTHLY ENVELOPE

- ~provides for the daily operation and long term improvement of our parish cemetery

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC EDUCATION MAINTENANCE FUND MONTHLY ENVELOPE

- ~provides support for the Catholic Education mission of St. Mary Help of Christians School

~and from OUR WEEKLY AND HOLY DAYS OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES:

- ~our Parish also helps support Catholic education with scholarships and subsidies
- ~distributed through and to St. Mary Help of Christians School and Aquinas Catholic High School
- ~totaling **\$171,000.00** per year

"THE CATHOLIC MISCELLANY" SUBSCRIPTION FUND QUARTERLY ENVELOPE

- ~funds our parish's payment of a portion of our parishioners' annual subscription costs

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT De PAUL AT ST. MARY'S MONTHLY ENVELOPE

- ~provides funds for the assistance of the needy in Aiken

THANKSGIVING DAY OFFERTORY ENVELOPE

- ~provides support of Free Medical Clinic of Aiken Co. founded 1998 as outreach of local churches
- ~serving the needs of uninsured individuals with low incomes in Aiken Co.
- ~promotes health education, provides high quality primary medical services and prescription medications, all without charge to eligible Aiken Co. residents

~and from OUR WEEKLY AND HOLY DAYS OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES:

- ~our Parish also helps support:
 - ~ACTS - Area Churches Together Serving - serving the needy of Aiken,
 - ~the Aiken Pregnancy Care Center - serving babies and their mothers, and
 - ~our Vietnam sister parish's cow purchase and calves ministry - serving needy farmers,
- ~totaling **\$7,000.00** per year

SPECIAL DIOCESAN, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL COLLECTIONS

BISHOP'S STEWARDSHIP APPEAL (BSA) FORMERLY DIOCESAN DEVELOPMENT FUND (DDF)

- ~provides the Bishop of Charleston with the funds needed to undertake the longer term and wider ranging ministries and activities that go beyond the every day operations of the Catholic Church of Charleston and of all of South Carolina

and from OUR WEEKLY AND HOLY DAYS OFFERTORY COLLECTION ENVELOPES:

- ~every SC Parish devotes fully 10% of its Offertory for the support of the Diocese of Charleston
- ~our Parish also helps support our sister parish of St. William's of Ward, SC
- ~totaling **\$126,000.00** per year

HOLY FATHER (PETER'S PENCE) ENVELOPE

- ~enables Holy Father to respond with emergency financial assistance to aid the most needy throughout the world—those who suffer as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters
- ~provides the faithful with a tangible opportunity to not only empower the weak, defenseless, and voiceless, but also to sustain those who suffer
- ~produces solidarity with over 1 billion Catholics; provides a quiet but powerful witness of love and deeds; 98 cents of every dollar is used directly for aid

INFIRM PRIESTS ENVELOPE

- ~benefits the retired and infirm priests of the Diocese of Charleston
- ~St. Joseph's Residence - assisted living facility - in Charleston houses our infirm priests
- ~the priests who cared for us when they were well now need our care

SYNOD IMPLEMENTATION ENVELOPE

- ~funds the Diocese of Charleston Office of Planning & Development
- ~for putting into practice the resolutions of the Synod of Charleston
- ~Assisting St. Mary's recently in our Long Term planning and in our Pastoral Council formation

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA ENVELOPE

- ~provides funding for academic scholarships at the University in Washington, DC. founded in 1887 by the American Bishops - the only U.S. university with Pontifical faculties
- ~Students enrolled from 50 states and almost 100 countries in 11 schools: *Theology and Religious Studies, Philosophy, Law, Arts and Sciences, Social Work, Nursing, Engineering, Music, Architecture and Library and Information Sciences*
- ~educating our future church leaders
- ~scholarship help for qualified students who should contact the University and their Pastor

SEMINARIANS OF THE DIOCESE OF CHARLESTON ENVELOPE

- ~19 men are now preparing for the priesthood for the Diocese of Charleston
- ~ one seminarian from St. Mary's
- ~annual cost per seminarian is \$25,000
- ~these men need our support now

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY (PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH) ENVELOPE

- ~2/3 of the world's people have yet to hear the "Good News"
- ~supports work in more than 1,100 dioceses in the Missions
- ~contributing makes us active participants in the Church's mission to all peoples
- ~Pope Pius XI instituted the first worldwide Mission Sunday collection in 1927 to celebrate in all the local Churches the feast of catholicity and universal solidarity so Christians the world over may recognize their common responsibility for the evangelization of the world

ALL SOULS DAY MASS STIPENDS ENVELOPE

- ~provides mass stipends for memorial masses for the dearly deceased of St. Mary's Church
- ~provides mass stipends for mission priests to say memorial masses for St. Mary's deceaseds

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT ENVELOPE

- ~anti-poverty projects in our Diocese (25%) and throughout the United States (75%) – job-creation and educational opportunity programs
- ~currently 35 million Americans live below the government-established poverty line
- ~nearly 50% of applications must be rejected because of insufficient funds
- ~mandated by U.S. bishops to "address the root causes of poverty in America through promotion and support of community-controlled, self-help organizations and transformative education."

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS ENVELOPE

- ~12,000 religious women and men – consecrated religious brothers, sisters and order priests
- ~ in need of skilled care or assisted living costing more than \$400,000,000.00 annually
- ~provides grants to religious institutes in the U.S. that have unfunded past service liabilities
- ~distributes basic, supplemental and special assistance retirement grants to religious institutes based on a formula and criteria approved by the conferences of major superiors and bishops

CHURCH IN LATIN AMERICA ENVELOPE

- ~supports pastoral projects in Latin America and the Caribbean at the continental, regional, diocesan and local levels
- ~evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, youth ministry and catechesis
- ~Limited to program expenses excluding construction costs

CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE ENVELOPE

- ~helps Catholics in Central and Eastern Europe replant the roots of faith after many years of persecution
- ~supports seminaries, social service programs, youth ministry, pastoral centers, church restoration
- ~spreading the Gospel message through mass media
- ~provides an opportunity to help nurture the still fragile restoration of the Church in the region
- ~rebuilding Catholic charities and renewing programs of catechesis and evangelization

BLACK AND INDIAN HOME MISSIONS ENVELOPE

- ~supports ministries of priests, brothers and sisters in their work among Black and Native American peoples, providing mass, sacraments, pastoral programs, educational opportunities
- ~Mandated by the 3rd Plenary Council of Baltimore in 1884, grants to dioceses throughout the United States, supporting and strengthening evangelization programs

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES (formerly AMERICAN BISHOPS OVERSEAS APPEAL) ENVELOPE

- ~builds the Church's international social ministry funding the work of Catholic Relief Services, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc., the USCCB Migration and Refugee Services, the USCC Dept of Social Development and World Peace, and the Holy Father's Relief Fund

HOLY LAND (GOOD FRIDAY) ENVELOPE

- ~maintains the shrines of the Holy Land - a long-standing holy tradition
- ~enables caretakers of the shrines to welcome thousands of pilgrims annually
- ~supports educational and charitable institutions in the Holy Land, educates young men for the Missions of the Custody of the Holy Land in Syria, Jordan, Lebanon, Cyprus, Rhodes, Israel, and Egypt

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL ENVELOPE

- ~From 1998, strengthens the Church where resources are thin and priests are few, in 90 dioceses in Appalachia, the South, the Southwest, the Rocky Mountain states, Alaska, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and the islands of the Pacific
- ~supports 25 organizations and religious communities engaged in home mission work
- ~funds a wide range of pastoral services, including evangelization, religious education, maintenance of mission parishes, training of seminarians, deacons, youth ministers and lay ministers, and ministry with ethnic and migrant groups, especially Hispanics

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTH CAROLINA ENVELOPE

- ~traditional Mother's Day collection - all to the Diocese of Charleston
- ~supports the needs of the poor, pregnant women, homeless, the elderly and immigrants

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN ENVELOPE

- ~through media: educates, entertains, inspires and informs the public about Gospel values
- ~50% of collection remains in the Diocese of Charleston
 - ~supports official internet site
 - ~produces local programming on radio and tv
 - ~produces annual Diocesan Directory and various other publications
 - ~supports an e-mail/fax network with all parishes in South Carolina
- ~50% of collection goes toward nationwide activities
 - ~Catholic Bookmarks - offers a Catholic sensibility of current books
 - ~Faith Works - one hour special programs about individuals living out their faith in unique ways
 - ~"La Familia Unida Esperanza en la Vida"- TV-radio announcements on 450 Spanish language stations reaching more than 28 million Hispanics

DISASTER RELIEF COLLECTIONS TAKEN UP FROM TIME TO TIME

- ~in 2005 - for the relief of the victims of the Tsunami in South Asia - from our parish \$27,000.00