

Our Catholic Schools: Education and Formation for Virgin Islands Youth!



Ss. Peter and Paul School



St. Patrick School



Ss. Mary School



St. Joseph High School

The Bishop's Appeal 2011 will provide valuable assistance to our four Catholic schools. Our schools are fully accredited by the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and have a long legacy in the Virgin Islands for creating a nurturing environment where our students learn the truth of the Gospel, the power of knowledge, and the self-discipline required for achievement.

Tuition alone does not completely cover the actual costs of educating a student at one of our Catholic schools. The Bishop's Appeal 2011 will help by providing funds for tuition assistance, textbooks, science lab supplies and other programs for the students. With this support, nearly 900 students this year alone will receive a strong foundation for a lifetime of faith, confidence and service.

Catholic Charities: Assisting and Encouraging Our Neediest Neighbors



The Bishop's Appeal 2011 is committed to helping Catholic Charities of the Virgin Islands (CCVI) bring help and hope to those who are less fortunate and have nowhere else to turn.

In 2010, CCVI provided emergency food, clothing, shelter and counseling, including:

- *49,510 meals to hungry adults and children.
- *114,536 nights of shelter for those who had nowhere else to go.
- *Counseling and referral services in a safe environment for over 787 individuals suffering from mental illness.

*The Mobile Street Outreach brought nearly 10,000 meals, clothing, telephone, medical, psychological and social services to our homeless.

In addition, CCVI has advocated legislatively for the needs of the hungry and homeless of our community.

Donate to the Bishop's Appeal today and enable CCVI to continue to provide these and many more services in 2011!

Outreach: Sharing God's Message Beyond Our Church Walls

Your generous gift also helps to evangelize through Catholic television and radio, the *Catholic Islander* and Light of Christ Retreat Center and youth ministry. Your charity will ensure the future of priestly ministry in our diocese by helping to pay the educational expenses of our seminarians. Your gift also helps parishes that are affected by the difficulties of the current economic climate. For the first time, a small part of the Bishop's Appeal will provide for future growth of the churches.



Light of Christ Retreat Center hosts workshops and seminars, and provides housing and meals for extended retreats.



The Office of Youth Ministry trains youth and adults in youth ministry and provides retreats.



The appeal helps with the costs of books, travel and tuition for our seminarians.



Catholic communications, including television, radio and The Catholic Islander are subsidized by the appeal.