

- Build and repair churches and Christian schools.
- Train and support the next generation of priests and religious sisters.
- Deliver food and medical supplies in countries stricken by war.
- Care for orphaned and abandoned children.
- Shelter refugees driven from their homes.
- Answer the pleas of people serving the church in very poor and sometimes very hostile places.

In performing these works of mercy, you will do as Jesus taught – countering hatred with acts of love. And to those tempted to violence, you will bear witness to the power of the cross – to heal and reconcile the world. **Christians in the Middle East need your help – today!** This is the work of CNEWA, and now more than ever it is vital that you and I undertake it. But I cannot do so without your help. On behalf of the Holy Father, I ask you to send a sacrificial gift today -- \$15, \$ 30, \$75 or more if you can. I promise to put your gift in the hands of those who need it most. Your generosity will be used to strengthen the church and relieve suffering in Christ's name. Sincerely, Gabriel Delmonaco, U.S. National Director.

«When, for love of God, we share our good with our neighbors in need, we discover that the fullness of life comes from love and all is returned to us as a blessing in the form of peace, inner satisfaction and joy.» Pope Benedict XVI.

**Make your check payable to CNEWA and place it in the offertory basket.
Father will mail them in on behalf of the parish.**



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **CHILDREN'S LIBRARY:** Father is beginning to build a collection of spiritual books for the young children of the parish. Please feel free to stop at the rectory to look at the materials already at hand and see what may be appropriate for the age of your child / children. Books may be signed out for a two week period and may be renewed for an additional week if necessary.
- **Thank you so very much to everyone** who donated door prizes for our Turkey Bingo last Sunday and to all the parishioners who helped out in some way. The Turkey Bingo had an impressive turnout. Parents, please turn in your pink sheets ASAP.
- **The George Onda District of the First Catholic Slovak Union** is holding its annual "Stedry Vecer" on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at the Bishop Connare Center, Route 30 East, Greensburg, PA. Mass is at 4 pm in the Chapel followed by our Traditional Slovak Christmas Eve Dinner. Door prizes will be awarded and the Pittsburgh Slovaks will perform. Tickets: \$18 adults / \$12 children 16 & under. Tickets are limited; RSVP prior to November 28th by calling 724-537-7743 after 6 pm.

- **First Time Ever: Catholic Ads Airing Nationally on Prime-Time Network TV**—Starting December 16, CatholicsComeHome.org will begin airing Catholic TV ads nationwide, inviting relatives, friends, and others to return home to the Catholic Church. Pray and spread the word by sharing this link with all Catholics you know. www.CatholicsComeHome.org/Advent

SAVE THE DATES...

- ❖ **Saturday, 3 December** at Saint Vincent College: Andrés Cardenes, former concertmaster of the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra will perform at **8:00 pm** in the Carey Centre. He will perform works by Schubert, Hindemith, Mozart, Lutoslawski, Tchaikovsky, and Kreisler.
- ❖ ***Christmas Craft / Bake Sale, December 3-4, St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church, Uniontown, See poster. Call 724-438-6027 between 9-3:00 for more information.***
- ❖ **Christmas Open House at the Religious Gift Shop**, Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, Saturday, Dec. 3, 10:00 am to 4:30 pm and Tuesday, Dec. 6, 10:00 am to 8:00 pm. Check the poster for details. See Father for a discount card.
- ❖ ***St. Nicholas Charity Event, December 4, St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall.***
- ❖ **St. John Chrysostom in Pittsburgh presents Christmas concerts.** On Dec. 6th at 7:00 pm, Cathasaigh performs and on Dec. 8th at 7:30, the Pitt Men's Glee Club sings carols and other Christmas music. See posters.