

Outreach

SS. John & Paul Catholic Church

OUTREACH MISSION STATEMENT

“In order to deepen and expand our outreach and ministries to our parish family with a focus on the poor, sick and elderly. The Outreach Ministry Program has been created to aid parishioners who are housebound or hospitalized and in need of Pastoral visits.”

Vision of Hope, Diocese of Providence, 1995



**Here's what's
happening!**

There are innumerable ways to reach out to a community; in the parish of Saints John and Paul we have used traditional and creative ways to provide:



1. Pastoral visits to parishioners who are Homebound or in Nursing Homes;
Holiday Greeting Card Program;



2. Classroom Supplies for the education of needy students: Apple Tree Project;

3. Transportation to/from Mass for ambulatory parishioners, without other means;



4. Prayers, recognition and honor to individuals serving in the U.S. Military through Military Honor Roll;

5. Training to Extraordinary Ministers

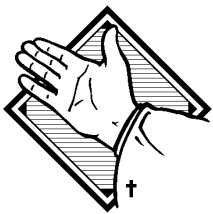


of Holy Communion assigned to the Homebound and Nursing Home patients;

6. Methods to recruit, train, and match-up volunteers for the Neighborhood Friendly Visitor Program;



7. Seminars/Speakers on life-affecting (managing) topics. Past examples include: Brown-bag Rx Review; Social Security Concerns from Senior Perspectives; Geriatric Issues/Solutions presented by Chief of Geriatrics at Roger Williams Hospital... etc.



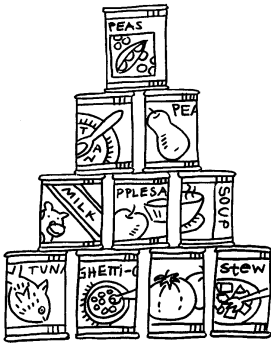
8. The Annual Parish Mission;



CLOTHING DRIVE

9. Collection Drives: Clothing in response to disaster requests; Local Clothing Drop-Sites are updated and posted annually; Survival Kits for the Homeless and Needy; Weekly Collection for the Coventry Food Bank.

10. Community Health and Services; e.g. *To Your Health* Binder; Monthly Blood Pressure Testing "Clinic"; Semi Annual Blood Drive;



FOOD DRIVE

11. Cooperative Efforts between the Outreach Committee and the Senior Youth Group (Summer Spoonfuls Food Drive and Family Ice Cream Social); Boy Scouts (Food Drive); and the After School Craft Club: (monthly, "craft gifts" to isolated seniors and Nursing Home residents);



12. Gifts for needy families through the Giving Tree Project: Celebrating the Birthday Of Jesus Christ.