

Your gift to the 2013 House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal provides for health, social and welfare services in southern New Jersey for needy people regardless of race, creed or origin through the following:

**Social and Community Services:**

Catholic Charities  
St. John of God/Archbishop Damiano School  
Nursing Homes

**Lifelong Faith Formation**

**Vocations & Formation of  
Seminarians & Care of Priests**

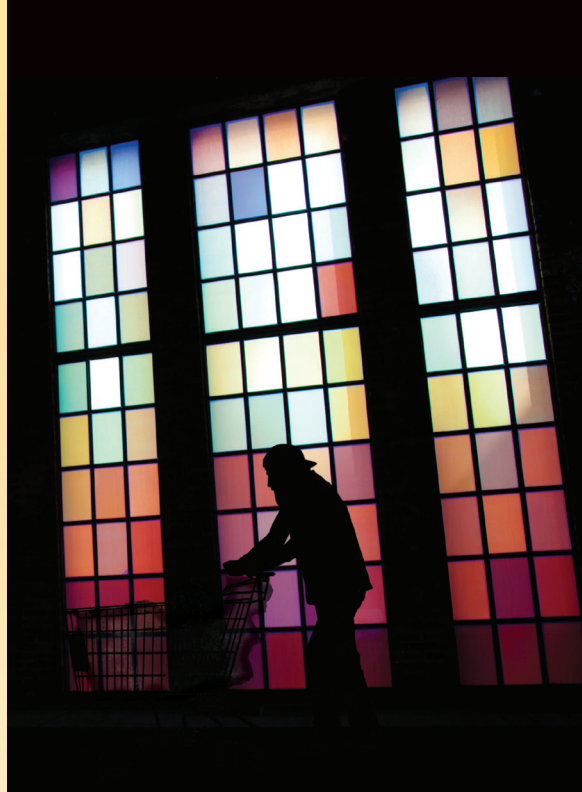
**Youth, Young Adult  
and Campus Ministries**

**Poor and Needy Parishes and Schools**

**Compassionate Outreach – for example:**

Good Counsel Homes  
Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center  
Romero Center

*We ask that you prayerfully consider how the House of Charity provides solace, support and grace to thousands of your brothers and sisters in Christ each year and give generously in support of the 2013 House of Charity – Bishop's Annual Appeal.*



*The people who walked in darkness  
have seen a great light...*

*Isaiah 9:1*



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### A BRIGHTER TOMORROW

José knows what it means to be on the receiving end of donations. He grew up in difficult financial circumstances. He remembers his mother's tears of grateful appreciation when her family's needs were met by the generosity of others. Now, as the Director of Catholic Charities' Family and Community Services Center in Camden County, José sees those tears of joy regularly when he brings donations of used furniture and household items to a struggling family transitioning into a place of their own. You partner with José to lead those struggling in the darkness of manmade or natural disasters out into the light of a more peaceful and promising existence.



### A BEACON FOR SENIORS

When you wonder what will happen to our youth who are growing up in dark and difficult times, you can look to the Youth, Young Adult and Campus Ministries that you fund. You provide light through meaningful opportunities for our young people to grow as responsible and loving Christians. David tells of how he saw Jesus in the faces of the seniors they helped in the "Summer in the City" program at the shore. Zachery expresses the fire that ignited within him as a strong desire to better steward those in need. Kathleen shares her peace in the gratitude she saw on the faces of the homeless whom she served with food from the soup kitchen. Difficult but real life experiences offer opportunities for our young people to be a light to the world, starting now. You are building up our present and our future.



### A NEW DAWN OF LOVE

Who will love the children who are abandoned? Through your gift, you work alongside people like Michelle and Mike who adopted Nicholas, a child born with addictions and other difficulties passed on to him by his biological mother. You are there to help, through the Compassionate Outreach of the House of Charity and Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center. Your gift enables Nicholas to grow and develop with therapy from experts in the Early Intervention program. You provide Michelle and Mike with the support they need to help Nicholas experience the love of two selfless parents and the caring brothers and sisters who are his family. You fill Nicholas' darkness with light.

IN THE TENDER COMPASSION OF OUR GOD  
THE DAWN FROM ON HIGH SHALL BREAK UPON US,  
TO SHINE ON THOSE WHO DWELL IN DARKNESS AND THE SHADOW OF DEATH,  
AND TO GUIDE OUR FEET INTO THE WAY OF PEACE. (CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH)