

## PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO THE GRANDMOTHERS ADVENT CAMPAIGN!

- The suffering in Africa due to HIV/AIDS is great and the need is urgent. *Grandmothers to Grandmothers* provides food, clothing, and school fees for large numbers of African orphans who have lost their mothers to AIDS, and who are now being raised by their grandmothers. This connection is especially appropriate, since our Parish includes many fortunate people of grandparenting age.
- For the third year, we have joined with St Chad's, our Sister Parish, in this ecumenical Advent action.
- HIV/AIDS is linked to many of the development education issues already on the D&P agenda, including:
  - health care systems in developing countries and the performance of multinational drug companies;
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> World debt and IMF structural adjustment rules that restrict public health programs;
  - the roles and vulnerability of women in African societies;
  - loss of livelihoods and productivity over large areas; and
  - the interrupted transmission of values, skills, and parental love to a whole generation of children.

Please make out cheques to “Blessed John XXIII Parish” and be sure to earmark your contribution to “Grandmothers” by placing it in the D&P contribution envelope enclosed with this bulletin. Contributions before year-end will receive a 2009 tax receipt from the Parish. Contributors can receive a gift card, either blank or with a dedication inscription inside perfect for gift-giving.

