

CHARITABLE GIFTS
INFORMATION FOR 2011

As the end of the calendar year approaches, please remember that charitable contributions must be applied to the year in which they are received. According to the IRS, a donor must relinquish control of donated funds in order to claim a contribution as a charitable deduction for income tax purposes. To prove that control of the funds was relinquished in a certain calendar year, the contribution must be postmarked or delivered in person on or before December 31 to receive the deduction in that year. This is true regardless of the date on the check. **Since December 31, 2011 falls on a Saturday and January 1, 2012 falls on a Sunday, collections in the parishes that week-end will be sorted by the calendar year in which the funds were received for accurate donor acknowledgment.**