St. Matthew's Cathedral
Adopt-A-Family Program
Christmas 2013

St. Matthew's Social Justice Committee is once again sponsoring the Adopt-A-Family program to provide assistance to low-income families in our parish community. We help meet their basic needs by providing grocery certificates, household items, clothing, and toys for the children, among other gifts of necessity. Last year we provided gifts for 53 families, over 90 guests from our Homeless Ministry Program, and 4 homes from the L'Arche Community.

You can help by picking up gift tags with specific gift requests or making a monetary contribution during Masses in November:

1) To participate in the **Giving Tree**, choose as many gift tags as you like from the table at the main entrance of the Cathedral after Mass the weekends of **November 16 & 17**, **November 23 & 24**, and **December 7 & 8**. Please purchase the specific item(s) and return gift(s) wrapped as described on the cards. ***Please do not take a card unless you know you will be able to purchase the gift(s) and bring them to the Cathedral on time.***

2) You can make a **financial contribution** of any amount. Checks are welcome! Please write checks to St. Matthew's Cathedral (add "Adopt-A-Family" in the note line) and put your donation in an envelope clearly marked **Adopt-A-Family Christmas**. Envelopes are available at the main entrance of the Cathedral.

   You can drop off the envelopes with the volunteers at the main entrance after Mass during the same weekends listed above. Your financial contribution can also be sent or turned into the Rectory.

We would like to receive donations by **December 9** to allow time for shopping before Christmas. Any donations that we receive above what is needed for Christmas, will be used to assist the families with grocery gift cards and other emergency assistance during the year.

For more information, please contact Pam Quinn at pquinn505@aol.com. You may also call the rectory at (202) 347-3215.

Thank you for your generosity!