

gift ideas

your year-end blessings with others? Here are some suggestions from Mel Diamse-Lee.

to the needy

giving to the following Catholic non-profit organisations.



Canossaville Children's Home (CCH)

CCH offers residential care to girls between the ages of four and 12 who come from family situations which may put them at risk. Their Student Care Centre provides before/after school care for primary school boys and girls. The home works creatively to give the children emotional and psychological support. This helps in the eventual reintegration of the residents with their families. The home is run under the guid-

ance of the Canossian Daughters of Charity. From now to Dec 31, donations will be matched by the government under the Care & Share initiative.

To donate, make your cheque payable to "Canossaville Children's Home" or go to www.sggives.org for donations via credit card Internet banking. To find out more about the organisation and to contribute, check out www.cch.org.sg □

HopeHouse

HopeHouse serves at-risk youths between the ages of 16 and 21 years who have been rendered homeless, unable to return to their families due to major conflicts or have committed legal offences. Some are referred to HopeHouse by the Ministry of Social and Family Development. The residents receive individualised support that will enhance their life skills and

positive values, eventually enabling them to be integrated into their respective families and to society.

To donate, make your cheque payable to "HOPEHOUSE LTD". Online donations can be made through: <https://www.sggives.org/hopehouse>. To find out more about the organisation and to contribute, check out www.hopehouse.org.sg □



A youth is supervised in learning handicraft-making.



Cambodian flood victims assisted by Charis.

Caritas Humanitarian Aid & Relief Initiatives, Singapore (CHARIS)*

CHARIS is the umbrella body for overseas humanitarian aid by the Archdiocese of Singapore. Its beneficiaries include disaster victims as well as those displaced by civil wars and strife. CHARIS provides basic needs such as food, water, shelter and sanitation. It also provides aid to the poor and needy in non-disaster related situations.

As an entity directly under the Archdiocese of Singapore and whose services benefit needy people outside the country, CHARIS does not receive funding from the government.

To donate, make your cheque payable to "Humanitarian Aid Fund". To find out more about the organisation and to contribute, check out www.charis-singapore.org □

Donors to all the Catholic charities named here, except those marked with an asterisk (*), enjoy tax deductions equivalent to 2.5 times the donated amount.

Please write your name, NRIC number and mailing address at the back of the cheque.

Gift of intimacy

A Christmas present that helps loved ones get closer to God or enhance their marital relationship is surely a blessing.

Cenacle Sisters*

The Cenacle Sisters dedicate themselves towards giving retreats, spiritual direction, pastoral counselling, catechesis and other spiritual formation programmes.

The Cenacle Sisters in Singapore also need a convent of their own to reside in and accommodate small groups for spiritual formation.

Get the "Gift of Prayer" cards or "Gift of a Retreat"



certificate as presents for loved ones. These gifts are valid throughout 2015. For details call 6565-2895 or email cenaclesing@gmail.com. To find out more about the Cenacle Sisters and their programmes, and to make a lasting gift, visit www.catholic.org.sg/cenacle. □

Daughters of St Paul (FSP)*

The Sisters use every available means of communication to spread the Gospel and promote the dignity of all peoples. They operate from a temporary convent in Jurong West and serve the Catholic community in parishes and schools. They also manage the bookshop at the Church of the Risen Christ as part of their media ministry.

The most pressing need of the Sisters is to raise enough funds to acquire a new convent in order to continue staying in Singapore and carry on their media ministry.

To donate, make a cheque payable to "Daughters of St Paul



Building Fund". For fund transfers, write OCBC Account Number: 892189001 (If your bank is OCBC, use 615892189001). To find out more about the Daughters of St Paul and to give a lasting gift, visit <http://www.paulines.org.sg> □

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Singapore (ME)*

ME facilitates weekends for married couples in a good relationship. Through authentic dialogue, couple intimacy is enhanced. ME benefits both the young married couples who want to build a strong marriage foundation and also couples who have been married for many years who want to make their marriages even better.

An ME Gift Voucher, costing \$50, covers the registration fee for a weekend and is valid



for 12 months. During the Christmas season (from now till Jan 15, 2015), vouchers will be available at \$25. To obtain the vouchers, call Shelley Ee at 9636-3952. To find out more about ME and to make a lasting gift, visit www.mesingapore.org. □