

# Archdiocese of Detroit

## **Special Archdiocesan Collection Raises Over \$300,000 In Hurricane Relief for St. Ignatius Parish, Grand Cayman**

A special collection taken up at the request of Cardinal Adam Maida for the recovery needs of St. Ignatius Parish, Grand Cayman Island, following the destruction wrought by Hurricane Ivan, has raised thus far over \$300,000.

“We’re extremely grateful to the people of the Archdiocese of Detroit for their generosity,” said Fr. Michael Molnar, pastor of St. Ignatius Parish. “We’ve already spent about \$200,000 as we continue to install new metal roofs on the school, church and rectory.”

The roofs are an upgrade of the original shingle roofs blown off by the hurricane. Fr. Molnar indicated the metal roofs alone would cost \$450,000. “We’re also trying to replace the school books, desks and school supplies destroyed by Ivan,” he added.

The high school (grades 10-13) and the preparatory school (grades K-9) have both reopened, but with only about half the amount of students they had before the hurricane. “Many families left the island following the hurricane and are only now slowly returning,” Fr. Molnar explained.

The Detroit archdiocese accepted pastoral responsibility for the Church in the Cayman Islands in 2000 at the request of Pope John Paul II. Located in the western Caribbean, the Cayman Islands are 480 miles south of Miami.

The special collection for St. Ignatius Parish was taken up in parishes throughout the Archdiocese of Detroit on September 25-26 and returns continue to come in. Individual contributions are also accepted. Persons wishing to contribute to the relief effort, should send a check (indicate *Cayman Relief*) to:

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