

St. Paul's Montrose donates Christmas offering to New Hope campaign



Charlie Barebo (C), and his daughter Ashley, accept a check of \$1,200 from the Finance Committee of St. Paul's, Montrose, for the New Hope Campaign. The Parish pledged its 2007 Christmas Offering to New Hope.

[From St. Paul's Montrose] On Sunday, February 10, St. Paul's, Montrose presented Mr. Charlie Barebo with a check for \$1,200.00 for the New Hope Campaign. The parish had committed its Christmas 2007 offering to the Campaign for projects in Kajo Keji and Northeast Pennsylvania. Mr. Barebo was visiting the parish to acquaint the parishioners with the needs and the plans for the \$3.6 million mission outreach.

“We are thrilled to make this contribution to our diocesan campaign,” said Richard Schwab, chair of the parish’s finance committee. “Our goal is to share 10% of our 2007 contributions to the campaign. The wonderful news is that we have almost reached that goal and expect to accomplish it before the end of the five-year campaign.

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