

2019–2020 ANNUAL REPORT

Seeing the face of Jesus in All

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OF SERVICE TO NORTHEAST WISCONSIN AND COUNTING

A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This year, perhaps more than any other in recent history, all of us have had to learn to adapt. In the midst of a global pandemic that has disrupted all aspects of our lives, we have had to find new ways of doing things; no more business as usual. The staff at Catholic Charities, who by their hearts and by their training were prepared to walk closely with people in their time of need, suddenly had to connect with their clients over the phone and by computer rather than face to face. This has been no easy task.

In many ways, the past few months have been similar to this Sunday's Gospel, which tells the story of the disciples being on a boat out at sea as a storm arises. As the winds and waves crash into the boat, Jesus comes to the disciples, walking on the water, with the reminder that even in the darkest storms, God is in charge: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid" (Mt 14:27). Like the disciples, our immediate reaction in the midst of a storm is often to cower in fear. But we must remember that no matter the weather outside, God remains in charge.

This year, I have had the pleasure of watching closely as the folks at Catholic Charities have recognized the presence of God in the midst of the darkness. And empowered by that presence, they have been bold in responding to the challenges

before us and willing to adapt to continue to serve their clients to the best of their ability. While the storm continues, with Christ at the helm, there is no doubt in my mind, that Catholic Charities will make it through and continue to see and respond to the face of Christ in those in need in our communities throughout the Diocese of Green Bay.

The service to our community offered through Catholic Charities would not be possible without your generous support. I am especially grateful for your support this year as I know that many of you, too, have been impacted by this pandemic. I can assure you that your generosity is reaping great fruit in our communities and is helping remind people that God is with us, even in the darkest of days. Thank you for joining us in serving the people of northeast Wisconsin and being the face of Christ for our community. May God bless you for your ongoing commitment to this important ministry here in the Diocese of Green Bay!

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

Catholic Charities has been serving God's people for more than 102 years. This past year we have directly accompanied more than 4,200 people in their life's journey.

ADOPTION SERVICES

Our Adoption Services works hard to ensure that children are welcomed into this world and placed with loving adoptive homes. Our mission is to help birth parents create adoption plans that respect and celebrate their decision to choose life.

TEEN AND YOUNG PARENT SERVICES

Our Teen Parent Services worked to ensure that services are in place when young teen parents come — frightened and confused and sometimes angry, seeking help with decisions about their pregnancies and choice to be parents — to assist them in becoming the loving and supportive parents God has called them to be.

FINANCIAL HEALTH SERVICES

Many individuals and families caught in the trap of debt and driven to the edge of poverty are taught to be better stewards of their resources through our Financial Health Services. This program also assists those who have struggled long and hard to deal with the realization that they may lose their homes to foreclosure and need to file bankruptcy. Catholic Charities also provides representative payee services and student loan counseling.

PASTORAL CARE

Lay Pastoral Care is a personal response to God's unconditional love. The lay pastoral minister actively brings the love of God into people's lives by providing supportive care to those who face crises, trauma, loss or personal dilemmas. Our goal has been to prepare parish volunteers and professionals through educational programming and to empower people through training, consultation, education, advocacy and at times, direct service.



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COUNSELING AND TREATMENT SERVICES

When life has become overwhelming and thoughts clouded, many individuals have turned to our Mental Health Services, which provides professional individual, family and group domestic violence counseling. This past year, more than 1,000 people, regardless of ability to pay, received such services through Catholic Charities assisting them to enjoy the fullness of the life God has given.

REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT SERVICES

Often having no place to turn, many refugee and immigrant families become engaged in our services to assist in obtaining legal status, refugee resettlement, and linking to support.

LIVING JUSTICE

Catholic Charities works to both support and complement the fine work done in our parishes and other diocesan offices in actively promoting social justice (Life and Dignity of the Human Person; Call to Family, Community and Participation; Protection of Human Rights and Responsibilities; Option for the Poor and Vulnerable; The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers; Solidarity; Care for God's Creation).

RESPECT LIFE INITIATIVES

Catholic Charities respect life initiatives provide birth parents facing unplanned pregnancies support and guidance allow for dignified and compassionate support to women and men who have courageously chosen life and selected to create an adoption or parenting plan, and, through Project Rachel, provide post-abortion services to women seeking post-abortion healing and forgiveness.

NEW LIFE FUND

Catholic Charities New Life Fund provides one-time financial help to struggling moms (and couples) in a show of support to their choosing life by providing young families with one-time financial assistance to aid in overcoming bumps in the road.

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA FUND

The fund provides one-time assistance to a woman/couple who have experienced a miscarriage or stillbirth and are in need of assistance to cover costs associated with their tragic loss.

HERE FOR YOU

For others that find themselves falling through the cracks and needing a bit of help, Catholic Charities may be able to provide limited direct assistance.



DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS



May the grace of our Lord find you all well and in good health. What a trying and confusing time we find ourselves in during these past months. From the sacrifices needed to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic to the uncertainty driven by the violence in our streets, it is hard not to allow fear to enter our hearts. For many of us, it is hard to imagine a peaceful and understandable time again. We must all maintain hope and be not afraid. But, if we find ourselves struggling, we must be willing to reach out for a helping hand. And, when we see others struggling it is important that we respond to the call to help by providing that helping hand. We must all never forget our neighbors and those less fortunate during these times. Let us not forget our Gospel call, "Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me" (Mt 25:40). Now more than ever His words stand before us. We must let the words of Jesus Christ ring loud and clear, "For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35).

In this coming year, Catholic Charities will begin to embrace our call in a new and innovative way. We are re-aligning our service array and delivery model to bring our service into the communities; becoming truly missionary in our works. We have recognized more clearly during these past months that we must look into the future and find new and creative ways to respond to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy that engages others along the way. We must recognize that only through the development of relationships among us as Catholic women and men, young and old, saints and sinners, can we truly be the heart and hands of Jesus and put our faith into action; serving the least among us. By doing so, by each of us becoming empowered to act, by sharing our God-given talents and gifts with each other, we will bring the love of Jesus deeper into our communities. We must all recognize that as followers of Jesus, as missionary disciples, we make up the front line of his love.

As a supporter of our ministry, we will restate this promise to you: As Missionary Disciples, Catholic Charities will labor in our communities inviting and serving those who have often been left out or felt alone to know and experience the tremendous and abundant love of God through his Son, Jesus Christ.

Please know that your support of Catholic Charities for the past 102 years does make a difference in the lives of others.

On behalf of all those served, we thank you.

May God abundantly bless you,

Theodore L. Phernetton



THE SERENITY PRAYER

O God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, The courage to change the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference. Living one day at a time, Enjoying one moment at a time, Accepting hardship as a pathway to peace, Taking, as Jesus did, This sinful world as it is, Not as I would have it, Trusting that You will make all things right, If I surrender to Your will, So that I may be happy in this life, And supremely happy with You forever in the next. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer by Reinhold Niebuhr



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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

FINANCES

Sources of Income 2018-19:	Charities
State, Federal and County Contracts	\$424,423
Fees for Services	\$636,298
Bishop's Appeal	\$1,309,440
United Way.....	\$205,268
Bishop's Charities Game	\$60,500
Donations and Investment Income	\$750,138
Per Audit:	\$3,386,067
2019-20 Budget.....	\$3,775,956
Total Assets.....	\$4,888,208
Total Net Assets.....	\$4,697,003

PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Administration/Support (Misc).....	\$569,709
Adoption and Birth Parent Services.....	\$351,270
Living and Social Justice	\$236,039
Family Strengthening.....	\$362,356
Budget/Debt Counseling	\$445,023
Clinical Services (DABU, MH).....	\$899,862
Government Contracts	\$455,762
Per Audit:	\$3,320,021

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay is a 501(C)3 not for profit organization.

A CLOSER LOOK AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay traces its origins to 1915 when Bishop Paul Peter Rhode encouraged the Catholic laity to assist Catholic people in need through a social service delivery system. In 1918, in consultation with the seven pastors in the city of Green Bay, the agency structure was formally organized and the Green Bay Diocese Apostolate was established. Since the beginning, the organization has been known by three different names: The Green Bay Diocese Apostolate, Catholic Social Services, and its current name — Catholic Charities.

MORE THAN 4,200 SERVED ANNUALLY

Guided by the social teachings of the Church under the direction of The Most Reverend David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay — Catholic Charities serves more than 4,200 persons of all faiths throughout the Diocese of Green Bay annually.

VISION

We are missionary disciples striving to lead all people to the Kingdom of God.

MISSION

As friends and followers of Jesus, we are devoted to fostering households and communities of discipleship through the mission and ministry of the Catholic Church.

Faithful to the teachings of the Church in the areas of social justice, we stand with the poor, advocate for life and break down barriers of injustice.

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AND TAUGHT THAT THE POOR ARE
BLESSED, FOR "THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM
OF GOD!" HELP US TO STEP OUT OF OUR
CERTAINTIES AND COMFORTS AND KEEP
OUR EYES FIXED ON HIM, SO WE CAN
BOTH SEE AND SERVE HIM IN THE FACES
OF THE POOR. AMEN.



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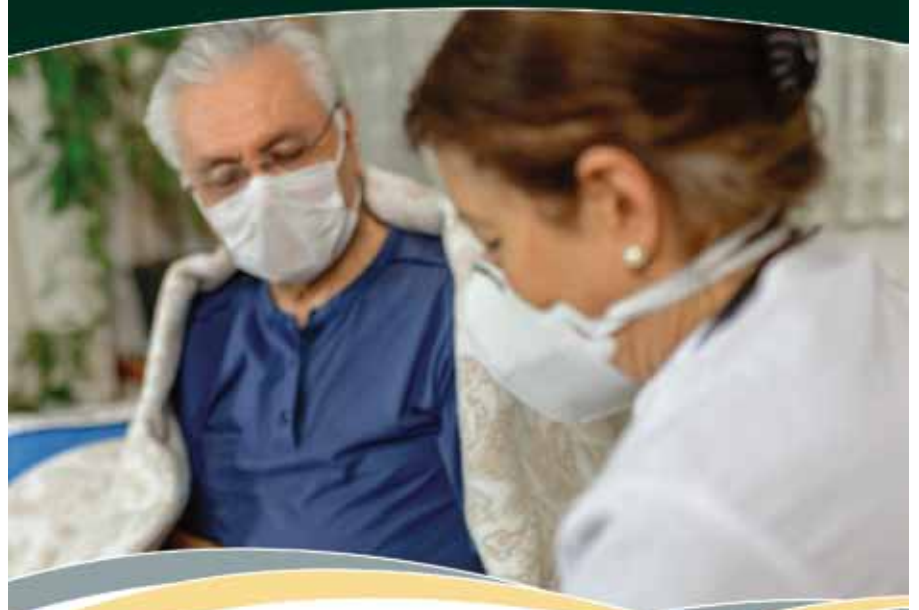
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