2020–2021 ANNUAL REPORT

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

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Diocese of Green Bay

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay Inc. was established in 1918 and is dedicated to serve those living within the 16 counties the diocese covers in northeastern Wisconsin. Our outreach to communities covers an abundance of needs, from mental health services to financial health education and more. Our goal is to continue to create a safe, supportive haven in the areas which we proudly serve:

- **Child & Family**
- **Financial Health**
- **Counseling**
- **Refugee & Immigrant Services**
- **Living Justice Advocacy**

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A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I write to you this year, I am reflecting on all that has happened in our world and in our church in the past year. Navigating the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic has required faith, patience, fortitude and resilience. We are beginning to see hopeful signs that this difficult time is coming to an end, and with that we can look back at the growth we have experienced and look ahead to where God is leading us.

Under the leadership of our new director, Karmen Lemke, the staff of Catholic Charities has grown immensely in this past year. They have learned how to be present to the people they serve even when they cannot be there in person. They have found new ways to support their clients in achieving their goals. Because of their dedication, people in our community have achieved better mental and financial health, they have adopted children, and they have become citizens. Throughout this turbulent year, I have witnessed our staff grow in their reliance on Jesus to lead us through difficult times. As their own faith has grown and developed, they have beautifully shared that faith with the people they serve, making Christ more known in our world.

While the challenges of this past year have given us time for reflection and opportunities for growth, it is now time for us to move forward in bold action guided by the Holy Spirit. We have an opportunity to live the lessons delivered to us through the trials of the pandemic. Catholic Charities has already begun to embrace this Spirit of action, especially in their efforts to reach out to communities in the Northwoods. They have built relationships with folks in our parishes and the wider community that will allow them to serve more people, especially in areas that often lack the resources and support of more-populated areas. I am eager to see what God will do through the dedicated service of our Catholic Charities staff!

Friends, none of this would be possible without your generous support of our work. I am immensely grateful for your sacrificial giving and the impact it is making in the mission field that is the Diocese of Green Bay. Thank you for joining us in serving the people of northeastern 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 and
Chairman of the Catholic Charities Board

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.

CHILDREN, FAMILY AND GENERAL ASSISTANCE

185 individuals received parenting support or adoption services

511 agency intake calls received for direct assistance

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.

PURPOSE

As missionary disciples, Catholic Charities labors 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.

Connect to Inspire

Embrace People's Hearts

Empowered to Act

Explore Potential

Nurture Abundant Life and Growth

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES SERVICES HIGHLIGHTS

Guided by the social teachings of the Church, Catholic Charities has been serving God's people for more than 100 years. This past year we have accompanied more than 4,000 persons of all faiths throughout the Diocese of Green Bay, walking with them on their life's journey.

CORPORATE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Most Reverend David L. Ricken, Chairman
Very Reverend John W. Girotti, Vice Chairman
Karmen Lemke, President
Tammy Basten, Secretary
Deacon Peter Gard, Treasurer
Deacon Robert Hornacek
Sister Natalie Binversie
Matt Gelb

FINANCIAL HEALTH

Assisted 165 individuals

CHILD AND FAMILY

Catholic Charities provides domestic infant, intercountry, relative and stepparent adoption services. Our services are guided by Matthew 18:5, "And anyone who welcomes a little child like this on my behalf is welcoming me." Our staff assists expectant parents with creating an adoption plan that respects their decision to choose life and prepares prospective adoptive parents to welcome a child to their family through adoption. Additional services include support and education to birth parents, adoptive parents and adoptees throughout the adoption process as well as post adoption.

FINANCIAL HEALTH

Many individuals and families in our community live in poverty. Through our Financial Health services clients are given the tools they need to make sound decisions about resources and set new financial goals to help them take the steps to get out of poverty. This program also assists those who are looking at possible foreclosure or bankruptcy giving the client alternative options that they may not have been aware of previously.

COUNSELING

When life has become overwhelming and thoughts turn dark, many individuals have turned to our Mental Health Services, which provide professional individual, family and marriage counseling. Regardless of ability to pay, our services can offer hope and help so that people enjoy the fullness of life God has given.

REFUGEE AND IMMIGRANT

We are called to welcome the stranger. Many refugee and immigrant families with no place to turn become engaged in our services in adjustment of legal status, refugee resettlement and support that helps them become self-sufficient.

LIVING JUSTICE ADVOCACY

Catholic Charities serves the needs of the community by raising awareness about issues of injustice and attacks on human dignity, and applies the wisdom of the Church to these issues. By sharing our faith in Jesus Christ and the principles of Catholic Social Teaching, we strive to inspire people to develop creative and life-giving responses to injustice in our community – locally, nationally and globally. Through education, advocacy and communication, we collaborate with parishes, schools and community groups to elevate the voices of the marginalized and to address the systemic issues that contribute to injustice in our society.

HERE FOR YOU

For others that find themselves falling through the cracks and needing a bit of help, Catholic Charities may provide coordinated services including direct assistance.

MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING

Cared for 903 individuals

Conducted 5,121 sessions

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STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES

FINANCES

Sources of Income 2020-21:	Charities
State, Federal and County Contracts	$109,129
Fees for Services	$645,857
Bishop's Appeal	$965,653
United Way	$193,068
Contributions - Loan Forgiveness	$447,900
Donations and Investment Income	$1,583,457
	$3,945,064
Per Audit:	**$3,945,064**
2021–22 Budget	**$2,860,527**
Total Assets	**$2,961,932**
Total Net Assets	**$5,839,856**

PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

Administration/Support (Misc)	$422,346
Adoption and Birth Parent Services	$325,583
Living and Social Justice	$124,249
Immigration & Refugee Services	$275,719
Budget/Debt Counseling	$315,367
Clinical Services	$855,340
Government Contracts	$108,292
	$2,426,896
Per Audit:	**$2,426,896**

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

BLESSED ARE THE POOR

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Green Bay

GOD OF BOUNTY,
YOUR SON JESUS EMBRACED POVERTY 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.

Prayer from Catholic Charities USA

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MENTAL HEALTH

A focus on school-based mental health in partnership with Connections for Mental Wellness and Greater Green Bay Community Foundation.

Available now - Mental Health First Aid training to people around the Diocese.

NEW WEBSITE: CHECK IT OUT!

Three impact stories from the Gala, to help you stay "inspired to act" are featured on our website: **catholiccharitiesgb.org**

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DIRECTOR'S REFLECTION

Gratitude, hope and light. These are just several of the words that come to mind as I reflect on the last year.

I am grateful to be called to serve as the new director of Catholic Charities for the Diocese of Green Bay. I bring to my new role a passion for helping others and a love for Jesus. For the past 103 years, Catholic Charities has been caring for the least of our brothers and sisters. As we look to the future, our vision is to build on that wonderful foundation and to be known as the preferred faith-based social service agency in northeastern Wisconsin. We want to be the hands and feet of Jesus, looking to him as his disciples, helping one person at a time, helping one community at a time, giving hope and bringing light to those in darkness.

This past year has certainly been challenging in many ways. Through it all, the dedicated team at Catholic Charities continued to provide critical services without interruption. We supported families and children through our highly respected adoption and family support services. We leaned on telehealth capabilities and completed more than 5,000 mental health counseling sessions. We continued to welcome and comfort the stranger through immigration and refugee services. And, during the toughest times, we were able to meet an increased demand for budget and housing counseling services. These are just a few of the ways Catholic Charities helped families and individuals in need.

As we look to the future, we realize some things will not return to the way they were. We are embarking on a bold and ambitious vision of bringing the heart and hands of Christ to even more of those in need: an ambitious goal to serve 10,000 people by 2025. As the Church, we wish to be more present in greater ways in our communities. This will happen over a period of time as we transition our ministries and the ways we deliver services. We look forward to serving in new collaborative ways, reaching those in need and forming new partnerships along the way.

Your support of Catholic Charities continues to make a difference in the lives of so many people. Together, we are able to serve all of God's people by bringing them healing, peace and, ultimately, to the Kingdom of God. Thank you for walking with us on this journey and for your continued prayers.

Peace and blessings,

Karmen M. Lemke
Director, Mission Team Leader, and President of Catholic Charities Board

2021 GALA RAISED OVER $97,000 THROUGH GENEROUS SPONSORSHIPS AND DONATIONS!

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