"To serve the poor is to honor God."
Dear Friends in Christ,

We here in the Diocese of Paterson have a great deal to be proud of. Our priests, deacons, religious men and women, our employees, volunteers and parish communities build the Kingdom of God by their prayers, generosity and hard work. Catholic Charities is a great star in the constellation of those who make a difference in the name of Christ.

This year’s Catholic Charities annual report is a snapshot of the services provided to the poor, the marginalized and the outcast throughout Morris, Passaic and Sussex counties. The scope and types of service we offer are diverse because the people we serve have many different needs. From our homes for developmentally disabled adults, to our food pantries, family counselling, alcohol and chemical addiction services and senior outreach, the Church of Paterson is ready to assist in the lives of those who experience hardships and need love and compassion.

While we might not know the individual names of the tens of thousands of people our Catholic Charities agencies assist each and every year, we recognize them and embrace them as our brothers and sisters in Christ. They are special to us because they are special to God.

I salute all of you who work so tirelessly on behalf of our beloved poor. You bring the light of Christ to them. A special word of gratitude goes to all who volunteer their time and financially support our social outreach efforts. We are so very proud of what you do in our name.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD
Bishop of Paterson
The 2015 Annual Report Message  
from the President of Catholic Charities  

Each year as I write this introductory message to our annual report I reference scripture which I will do again this year. My choice this year may seem a bit unusual at first. I invite you to read Paul’s epistle to the Corinthians 13: 1-13. And after you read it I ask you to reflect upon that message as you read this report. The essence of Paul’s message in this passage is that without love, I am nothing, I gain nothing. This beautiful passage which has been read countless times at mass over the centuries and most frequently at weddings is very apropos to Catholic Charities.

A synonym for our name Catholic Charities is Catholic Love. The Latin word from which “charities” derives is Caritas (Love). Love then very much drives what we do in Catholic Charities. This epistle of Paul’s is good food for thought in the carrying out of our Mission. And while it is good food for thought every year it is especially appropriate this year. On December 8, 2015 we began the Year of Mercy proclaimed by Pope Francis. The Year of Mercy will extend through November 20, 2016. I think every year is a year of mercy for us at Catholic Charities. We are very much about practicing the corporal and spiritual works of mercy through our many programs and services. I look forward in 2016 to redoubling our efforts to act with love in the spirit of Paul’s epistle on love.

Besides reading Chapter 13 of Paul’s Letter to the Corinthians before reading this report, I suggest too you Google “Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy”. As you reflect on Paul’s letter and the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy you will easily find numerous examples of how we at Catholic Charities and all who support our work practice them day in and day out.

As I close I wish to extend my standing invitation. Come and visit us. Call or email me (973) 777-8818 ext 278 jduffy@patersondiocese.org. We operate out of 40+ locations across Morris, Passaic, and Sussex Counties. I would welcome the opportunity to show you any of them. And as you observe the Year of Mercy you can observe it by practicing that spiritual work of mercy “pray for the living” by including Catholic Charities, our clients, staff, and supporters in your daily prayers.

Peace,

Joseph F. Duffy, President  
Catholic Charities Diocese of Paterson
According to the November 2015 NJ Poverty Research Institute Report, income inequality worsened during and after the recession and NJ has a long way to go to improve economic opportunities for the marginalized people served by CFCS. The NJ Poverty Report indicates that poverty is 40% higher than it was before the 2008 economic downturn and employment is still well below the pre-recession level. NJ has also seen a significant downward shift in middle-class, consistent with the 2015 national trend reported by the Pew Institute that 50% of Americans are in the middle income. Shrinking poverty safety-net resources challenged CFCS again in 2015 to do more with less. According to the 2015 Poverty Institute Report, today, 90% of the resources needed to assist a family to get out of poverty come from a non-government source. The Report also highlights the shortage of over 200,000 units of affordable housing for NJ working poor, a gap that was felt by CFCS with the increase in the number of families seeking homeless prevention assistance in 2015.

Children are most adversely affected by poverty and CFCS strives to mitigate the impact of poverty on the child’s long term success through quality preschool education and out-of-school time programs like the after-school and summer programs. 2015 was another busy year for CFCS and we were encouraged by our capacity to assist more through homeless prevention funding from HUD. In all, over 34,248 people came to CFCS for community support services which include food pantry assistance, case management, general financial emergency assistance or shelter. In June 2015, the NJ Division of Children and Families closed the Hispanic Information Center’s Foster Care program after more than 20 years of serving vulnerable foster children; a decision based on shifting funding requiring 59 foster children being transferred to another provider.

We are very concerned about the struggles of young families today and the adverse effect of poverty on the children. For decades researchers have identified the long term negative impact of childhood
stressors resulting in adult illnesses. We believe we are called to strengthen families and in 2015 CFCS youth programs served 5,297 children including preschool children, the child nutrition summer program children, afterschool program participants and the 1,547 Special Child Health Services clients.

Hope House, Hispanic Information Center, Fr. English Center and Catholic Family & Community Services all serve at-risk teens through outreach, youth mentoring and counseling, gang prevention activities and addiction treatment services. Youth residing at the Mt. St. Joseph Children’s Center enjoy recreational activities such as trips to Medieval times, bowling, movies, restaurants and parks. We strive to make our Mt. St. Joseph Children's Center a safe and nurturing place of recovery for the 29 boys who needed residential treatment at MSJ in 2015. Working with each child, ages 8 to 15, the MSJ education staff foster learning success through individual education plans and specialized remediation. Families dealing with chronic illness or disability are especially vulnerable due to stressors of caregiving, increasing health and childcare costs and a lack of support systems. The Special Child Health Services (SCHS) program serving Passaic County families caring for a developmentally delayed or disabled child helped 657 families to meet the 24/7 special needs of their children. The SCHS staff are among our best advocates recognized by other service providers for their diligence in getting families supplies, supports and resources for their handicapped child. Again in 2015 thanks to the generosity of volunteers and private donors, children in the four CFCS preschools and the Dover Child Care center received a monthly food back pack for weekend meals able to feed the family. Our preschools effectively engaged parents to volunteer in the classroom, to attend monthly meetings and to read to their children through a reading backpack program. Hope was restored to 66 Immigrant families that received legal assistance in 2015 including cases through the Dream Act called Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals. CFCS advocates for clients by providing community presentations and education on policy changes related to Immigration Reform. The English as a Second Language program has a long history of helping immigrants to gain self-sufficiency enrolling 85 students in 2015. Our Multilingual Center serves the developmentally disabled Latinos in our area with an adult training program, respite and transportation services, assisting 35 Latino families with a developmentally disabled child/adult in 2015.

Catholic Family & Community Services operates four CFCS food pantries. In 2015, CFCS distributed 1,271,613 pounds of food, approximately 60% or 762,698 pounds of that was donated by individuals. The food pantry clients were greeted by name and warmly welcomed by the many volunteers who generously share their time and talents contributing 24,072 service hours in 2015, an equivalent value of $601,590. Not only are young adults having a hard time becoming self-sufficient, but also are our veterans (both returning service men and veterans of past conflicts) who are unable to find new employment in a changing job market. The Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program successfully rehoused over 341 homeless veterans in 2015. Recognizing the need to help veterans restore their personal dignity, CFCS conducts outreach in seven counties and builds networks to help leverage support for Veterans. In 2015 CFCS initiated the Veteran’s Unmet Needs Fund, a resource that is available to any vet based on unmet need. We received funding from the NJ Department of Health to open a Veteran’s drop in center in Sussex beginning in January 2016. Not only is a goal of the drop-in center

*Paterson Adult Day Center staff celebrating Hat Day.*

*Meals on Wheels staffers Kathy Talmadge and Brenda Blackman honored at Annual Empower Awards Ceremony.*
to improve access to veteran benefits, but also to build networks of social supports for veterans and their families. We know that advocacy is critical to making sustainable changes. Through the CFCS case managers, the working poor, veterans, adults with HIV/AIDS and seniors are given resources to sustain their basic needs. In 2015 in Passaic, Morris and Sussex Counties, 3,294 seniors were supported through services like Adult Day Care, Recreation Activities, Project Linc, Chore, Fix It, Transportation or Meals on Wheels that helped to keep them living in the community with dignity. One hundred percent of seniors surveyed related having their needs met through one of CFCS senior programs.

We are proud of the services we provided to over 34,248 individuals this year. We are proud of the clients we empowered as self-advocates. We are proud of the more than 1800 donors we convened in the spirit of the CFCS mission; providing help to the vulnerable and marginalized and creating hope in the families and community. In 2015 we were energized by the historic visit to the United States by Pope Francis. During Pope Francis visit to the White House on September 23, 2015, he called upon all Americans to renew its “focus on the poor, be responsible in caring for our common home and always protect the vulnerable”. We were proud to be part of the Catholic community recognized across America as a premier provider of supportive social services to millions based on need, not creed.

Catholic Family & Community Services
2015 Food Assistance Program Report

In all Catholic Family & Community Services (CFCS) assisted 65,704 individuals through the food pantries and over 24,663 children were fed by CFCS via a pantry or the CFCS Child Nutrition program. In 2015, more than 1,271,613 meals were provided. The Child Nutrition Program provided over 20,000 additional meals at the CFCS preschools. Not only were seniors assisted by food pantry services but also through the Sussex Meals on Wheels program and the Paterson Adult Day Care center where almost 3,500 meals were served in 2015.

Catholic Family & Community Services provides food pantry assistance at four locations in the Diocese of Paterson:

- Father English Community Center, Paterson, Passaic County
- Hispanic Information Center, City of Passaic, Passaic County
- Hope House, Dover, Morris County,
- Partnership for Social Services, Franklin, Sussex County.

Each of the pantries offers client-choice; that is the client choses the product that they prefer rather than receiving a pre-packed bag of food items. Using a point system based on family size, clients can shop from a wide assortment of culturally appropriate items. When in season, clients have access to fresh grown produce whether donated by the local farmer in Sussex, grown on the Hope House front lawn or harvested from the Fr. English Community Garden in Paterson, it is greatly appreciated by our clients. In 2015 CFCS food pantries distributed 1,192,059 pounds of food, equivalent retail value of $9.5 million dollars. Also, CFCS distributed weekend food backpacks to 5 preschools each month that allow each of the 662 children to have 6 meals over the weekend. This was an additional 26,480 pounds of food, an equivalent value of $185,360 all of which was donated.
On average each pantry provides 16 hours a week of direct services to clients. When the pantry is closed, volunteers are restocking shelves, picking up donations or assisting new clients to register as well as complete the applications for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) or food stamps. The CFCS pantries could not exist without the generous support of the community. Over sixty percent of the food that is distributed through the CFCS pantries is donated by individuals, 35% is USDA surplus food and the remaining 5% supply is purchased by CFCS with private donations.

Each site depends on many volunteers to operate their pantry; this is an in-kind donation of over 24,072 hours in 2015, valued at $601,590. Volunteers may conduct food drives or collect coupons, assist with purchasing food stock shelves, assist clients, pick up donations or fill monthly food backpacks for children in low-income preschools.

The food pantries also give to homeless clients personal hygiene supplies in zip-lock bags for use in a hotel or shelter as well as a supply of individual food items easily consumed by the homeless. Often a client will walk in seeking food but leave with a wealth of information and referrals to other social services or programs that they are eligible for. The problem of food insecurity is under-reported and continues to grow across the country. Here in NJ, 21% of people needing food assistance don’t get it. Feeding America reports that half of households classified as having food insecurity had at least one household member employed. Seniors and single adults are among the growing populations of individuals dependent on food pantry assistance. Many factors contribute to the growing crisis of food insecurity such as unemployment/underemployment, lack of a living wage, disproportionate housing or health care costs or undocumented status. It is reported that 26% of all people with food insecurity are not eligible for any federal food assistance. An average family of four that receives SNAP benefits is short 156 meals per month or the equivalent of $421. While the SNAP benefits allow for $1.50 per meal, a more accurate cost per meal is estimated at $2.74. If CFCS were to close the food insecurity gap and provided the additional 156 meals needed to each one of the clients served by a CFCS food pantry in 2015, it would require an additional 10 million meals a year.
In NJ, it is estimated that over 915,000 children experience hunger. The 2015 Poverty Report indicates that in Passaic and Paterson over 60% of the children live in poverty. The 2014 NJ Kid Count Report identifies the number of children living in poverty in Passaic County as 1 out of 2, in Sussex County as 1 out of 5 and in Morris County as 1 out of 6. Through its community networks, CFCS advocates for local solutions to hunger whether it is via the Passaic County United Way Food Council, the Emergency Food Coalition, the Feast of Corpus Christi food drive or hunger walks. However much needs to be done to stop the problem of food insecurity from continuing to grow at breakneck speed.

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CFCS’s Hope House staff making minor repairs on elderly client's home in Morris County.

Perhaps some of our child care students will be our future doctors.
The Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) believes that all life is sacred and every person is a gift from God. DPD helps individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in an environment where each person can live happily; work productively; experience acceptance; and be cherished and valued. The need for our services is tremendous. There are over 8,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in NJ waiting to get into residential programs like ours.

In 2015, DPD celebrated our 50th year of service. Monsignor John Wehrlen founded our organization in 1965, starting as a small religious education program for people with special needs. Throughout the last 50 years, DPD has flourished to become one of the largest Catholic Agencies providing care for people with disabilities in the United States.

DPD opened its 12th residential program, Giuliano House, on December 9th. Giuliano House will serve 4 adults with advanced physical needs and intellectual and developmental disabilities, who had been living in state-run institutions.

DPD's residential programs serve 77 people in three counties and include ten group homes and two supervised apartment programs. These homes operate seven days a week; 24 hours a day with round the clock staffing.

DPD also operates a vocational day program for 57 adults, Gruenert Center. Job opportunities include packaging, collating, ceramics, and cleaning.
local businesses and parishes. This state-of-the-art facility provides a positive atmosphere of comfort and welcome for clients, staff and volunteers.

Many of the people we serve have lived and worked in our programs for over 45 years, and experience dramatic loss of functioning, serious illnesses and worsening of life-long disabling conditions. DPD provides help to individuals with both medical and behavioral needs and 40% are dually-diagnosed, over 105 different diagnoses in all.

Our dedicated Direct Care Service Professionals and Volunteers are the backbone of our organization and empower people with disabilities to be active, contributing, valued members of our community and to participate fully in life with dignity and respect.

We serve a diverse group of people and we encourage them to be active and involved in the community. The people who live in our programs participate in music and art therapy programs, work independently, drive and are members of the Boy Scouts, Special Olympics, Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes. Many of the people who we serve give back to others by volunteering at nursing homes, nursery schools and at local community events. DPD has a “Fight for the Right” Service Group that meets regularly to run various community based programs.

In addition to residential and vocational support, DPD also operates Saturdays at the Center (SATC). SATC provides recreational and educational activities for young adults with developmental disabilities residing in the community and provides respite for their caregivers.

In 2013, DPD began offering Support Coordination Services to residents of Sussex County, NJ who are eligible for the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD) services. DPD’s Support Coordinators work with individuals and their families to help them reach their full potential and identify service providers and community supports.

DPD has been fully accredited since 1986 by the Council on Accreditation (COA), a national and international accrediting organization. COA evaluates all of DPD’s services compared to national “best practice” standards in both Non-profit management and its developmental disabilities programs, considered to be the highest standards in the field.

**Residential Services**

**Alexander House** is a large ranch style home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 2,560 days of care to 4 men and 4 women with developmental and physical disabilities and autism.

**Barnet House** is a large two story home in Pompton Lakes. DPD provided 2,613 days of care to 2 men and 6 women with multiple developmental and physical disabilities.

**Calabrese House** is a ranch style home in Parsippany. DPD provided 1,786 days of care to 1 man and 4 women with developmental and physical disabilities.

**Columbus House** is a large ranch style home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 2,136 days of care to 5 men and 1 woman with significant developmental disabilities, physical disabilities and autism.
Finnegan House is a large two story home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 2,797 days of care to 4 men and 4 women with developmental disabilities and mental health issues.

Fitzpatrick House is a ranch style home in Pompton Lakes. DPD provided 1,551 days of care to 5 men with developmental disabilities and autism.

Giuliano House opened on December 9, 2015. It will provide care for 4 individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities with advanced physical needs. DPD provided 23 days of care for 1 woman.

Murray House is a split level style home in Clifton. It is the longest existing group home in the state of New Jersey. DPD provided 2,035 days of care to 3 men and 3 women.

Wallace House is a large ranch style home in Sparta. It is home to 3 women and 3 men with disabilities. DPD provided 1,671 days of care to 3 men and 3 women.

Wehrlen House is a bi-level home in West Milford and is named in honor of the founder of DPD, Msgr. John Wehrlen. DPD provided 2,149 days of care to 6 women with developmental disabilities.

Basile Apartments is a supervised apartment program located in three condominium units in Wayne. DPD provided 1,904 days of care to 6 men with developmental disabilities and autism.

Kelleher Apartments is a supervised apartment program located in four condominium units in Butler. DPD provided 2,964 days of care to 3 men and 6 women with developmental disabilities and autism.

Vocational Services

Gruenert Center, an Adult Training Center for 48 men and women with developmental disabilities provides opportunities for work at the Center and in the community. DPD provided 9,880 days of work for 48 individuals.

Gruenert Center Special Needs, a specialized program at the Adult Training Center for 10 men and women with significant developmental disabilities where we provide opportunities for work/activities at the Center and in the community. DPD provided 2,230 days of work/activities for 10 individuals.

Volunteer Program

The Volunteer Program at the DPD, “People Need Friends”, continues to thrive with new recruits and trains and supervises over 100 volunteers. This year they accounted for 3,000 hours in direct service to the people we serve.

One evening each month, a group of volunteers offer an outstanding Special Religious Education/Prayer Program known as C.A.R.E. (Catholic Adult Religious Education) at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish in Oak Ridge. CARE provides 30 hours of Religious Education to 30 Adults.

Family Support Services and Support Coordination:

DPD provided 120 hours of support for 18 individuals living in the community through the Saturdays at the Center Program, CARE and individual supports.

DPD provided 120 hours of family support working with families to plan for and access services needed for their children with developmental disabilities.

DPD provided 350 hours of service to 15 individuals through our Support Coordination Program in Sussex County.

Pastoral Care

In addition, we provide pastoral support for former residents who, because of serious medical conditions, have moved into nursing homes or hospitals. Helping our residents cope with serious illnesses and even death has become a significant part of our ministry. The Director of Pastoral Care provided 250 hours of visitation and advocacy for former residents who are in nursing homes or hospitals.
2015 was another year of change at S&N. Funding for our Adolescent Residential Program converted from a fixed contract to fee per service. Fee for service higher reimbursement rates enables us to provide more clinical services to all adolescent boys in residential treatment. We added multifamily sessions in addition to regular family sessions to educate parents about addiction and the recovery process. These sessions provide the parents emotional support, build on family strengths, improve communication, establish a support network and make social connections. Yoga is one of the allied therapies that we now utilize to help support the client’s recovery process. Other services include increased individual and group therapy sessions daily, and increased recreational offerings.

The State continues to move towards a fee for service reimbursement system in other programs. In a fee for service system we will be reimbursed based on beds filled and billable services as opposed to receiving a per diem rate which has been the norm. S&N will need to accurately track and bill for specific billable services e.g. individual counseling sessions, group sessions, case management units, lab tests and more. To implement same, significant organizational and systems change needs to occur throughout S&N’s counseling, medical, nursing, administrative, I.T., finance, and back office staff.

Two years ago, our Fee For service revenue was 5% of our income. Today it is 45%. Our cost to provide services is fixed but the revenue is variable from month to month so it will be important to maintain a high client census for financial viability. The Adolescent program is completely 100% fee for service. The long term residential services will go for fee for service in 2016 effective July 1st and the rate will also change but it is not 100% confirmed.

Implementation of Core Solutions’ electronic health record is still underway. Laurie Desimone is now leading the implementation project and has formed several program-specific work-groups (e.g. Admissions, Residential, Medical/Detox, MWC, and Outpatient) which meet on a weekly basis. In collaboration with Angela Nikolovski, Coordinator of Special Initiatives, these workgroups aim to standardize and streamline use of agency forms across programs, as well as department-specific workflows.

The status of the implementation project, and content of workgroup meetings, is logged and recorded on SharePoint.

Through December 2015, staff members attended 3 training sessions on use of the system. Training materials are accessible to all employees on Sharepoint. Policies and procedures for use of the electronic health record have been drafted and are currently pending approval to be conveyed to all existing and future staff. Billing configurations are being managed by Albert Camacho, Billing Coordinator, who is currently developing reimbursement matrices for all contracts and services.
The number of persons served in 2014 exceeded 2013 in most every category. The decreased census in our IDRC program resulted from Bergen County taking over that County program directly. In part due to expanded hours staying open to 7:30 in the evening our Methadone program census averaged 225 clients. Offering walk-in screenings for outpatient services continued to help increase that census. Community networking on the part of the Family Success Center/Prevention staff and that relationship building helped to increase those programs’ census.

S&N continues to stress value added features

It is anticipated that forms and structural setup be completed by March 2016 to implement agency-wide use of the system for clinical staff in May 2016.

Construction began on our new O’Connor Hall which will be a 50 bed Halfway House (HWH) for male drug court clients. O’Connor Hall is named in honor of legendary long time S&N Executive Director, Fr. Norman O’Connor. We hope to dedicate the HWH in March and open in April.

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Pictured here is one of many work sites available to clients at S&N. Food Services Director Robert Whitford and staff teaching salad making skills.

S&N Counselor Tom Dodd arranged for S&N to have a float in the 2015 Dominican Day Parade in Paterson highlighting S&N’s programs and services.

Nurse Margaret Sudol administering TB test to a new admission.
aimed at supporting clients and staff and improving the living and working environment. Clients receive a 12 step self-help book upon admission and as they meet treatment goals are allowed to choose from a list of other self-help books. Counselors too are given copies of the same 12 step books. Other staff training resources include an Agency sponsored on-line CEU offerings for credentialed staff, bi-weekly in-service programs, and access to Drug and Alcohol Counselor certification trainings and a credentialing exam prep course manual. Three staff attended the CCUSA annual Leadership Institute and one staff member attended the FDU Leadership program.

There were many program and facility improvements. A new van was purchased to assist with medical transportation of clients to day care and doctor appointments. Spackling, carpet and furniture replacement has been ongoing throughout the year. Much of the spackling/painting was accomplished by individual volunteers and groups from parishes, schools and the Latter Day Saints. Energy efficient windows have been added throughout the 396 Straight Street residential building. Artwork has been added in all our residential and outpatient sites (many of the recovery themed posters are original client work). This year Holiday Express again catered a dinner for almost 400 clients and staff; provided gifts to clients, and provided a live band and entertainment. The venue of in-house and outside recreation offerings was maintained and expanded. Clients benefitted from a summer and Christmas concert brought onsite for the first time. For Christmas we introduced a new holiday meal schedule whereby instead of feeding the men, women and adolescents in three settings for breakfast, lunch and dinner, the entire house can sleep a little later on holidays and the whole house eats in one setting for each meal. Client retreat opportunities were expanded.

Our nationally accredited (NAEYC) Child Care Centers (La Vida I and La Vida Too) continue to provide high quality preschool services to over 300 families. Staff supports client families with workshops on child development, reading and parenting skills. We are fortunate to have the services of a nurse for our students enhancing our ability to work with parents on children’s health issues from nutrition to the importance of immunization. We participate in a partnership with a local high school to provide young people considering education as a career with the opportunity to work with our preschool students and receive credit towards a certificate in child development.

Our Gospel Choir performed in more than 50 parishes, and over 100 schools, community organizations and gatherings in 2015. Performances include song for the religious or other celebration and one or more witness talks given by a client. The talks build self-esteem and respect among our clients, not only those that witness but those who hear their fellow clients’ talks. These presentations create a greater awareness in the communities in which they are given of the pervasiveness of substance abuse and the fact that help is available.

Straight and Narrow continues to maintain its internship programs, and in fact, expanded it to include students seeking hours towards licensure for Alcohol and Drug Counseling, Masters Degrees in Social Work, and Professional Counseling. In 2015 15 students came from Rutgers University, Montclair University, William Paterson University, Passaic County Community College, Yeshiva University, and Hunter College.
Our Family Success Center (FSC) served 739 new families assisting them in becoming successful with such services as offering financial awareness workshops, Health and Safety related topics, holiday celebrations, ongoing parent support groups and parenting training in English and Spanish and providing linkages to other resources throughout Passaic County. The FSC also continued its work in strengthening the senior population of Paterson by providing informative workshops and creating opportunities for social connections. The FSC also saw an increase in donations from corporate donors during the holiday season which provided much needed resources to the families of this community. Finally, our Prevention Program graduated 80 parents from its 10 week parenting class program.

We continue to prepare to apply for CARF accreditation for S&N. Currently our Monsignor Wall Center is CARF accredited. We worked with our IRDC and MDC programs to prepare them for a 2016 CARF application.

The following is a comparative listing of clients served in 2014 versus 2015:

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*Straight & Narrow accepts women into residential treatment who are pregnant or have young children.

*Halloween is a fun time at S&N’s Child Care Center for children and staff.
In 2015, The Migrant Ministry expanded adding the migrant community of Boonton and its vicinities. Holy Mass is celebrated in Spanish, every Saturday at Our Lady of Mount Carmel serving 50 migrant worker families.

As always, we are concerned for the spiritual, pastoral and sacramental needs of individuals and families in our communities. As well, we are concerned with the human service needs in our communities assisting with such matters as: immigration status, landlord tenant problems, employment, medical needs, alcoholism and domestic violence, and more.

None of our work would be possible without the support and the generous involvement of priests, religious, and parishioners and volunteers from St. Joseph (Newton), Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (Sparta), St. Joseph (Lincoln Park), Our Lady of Mount Carmel (Boonton). We are grateful to all!

A look at this year’s accomplishments and statistics:

1) 47 volunteers offering over 6,200 hours of mission work.

2) This year the beautiful celebration of the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th, was attended by over 500 persons. Fathers Raimundo Rivera and Gabriel Barrera were the concelebrants of the Liturgy with the assistance of Deacon Glen Murphy. We want to thank Msgr. Kieran McHugh and the staff of Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta for hosting us. Also a big celebration took place early morning for the first time in Boonton, were 180 people gathered around the Mariachis to serenade the Virgin Mary. Then we followed to Lincoln Park, to continue there with a similar celebration.

3) 150 Masses were celebrated. Holy week, Easter and Christmas Eve were also special celebrations in all the Migrant Communities, including Novenas, Posadas and “Adopt a Family” projects for Thanksgiving and Christmas in the Newton-Sparta area.
4) Community-wide, we had 10 newborns, 16 infants and youth were baptized, 10 kids received the Holy Sacrament of First Communion, 2 Quincenañeras, and three of our faithful passed away and were sent home to their God.

5) A Family retreat day was hosted in July by the Salesians Daughters of Mary Help of Christians at the Auxilium Center in Newton.


7) Nearly 3,800 meals were served after the celebrations throughout the year (These meals regularly take place after some of the masses at St. Joseph in Newton, Saint Kateri in Sparta and St. Joseph Lincoln Park). Meals are also served after special celebrations like Our Lady of Guadalupe. In all, we provided transportation for 600 persons in Sparta and Newton to Saint Kateri and St. Joseph Church for Monday evening masses and other events. In addition we provided transportation and patient advocacy for 329 medical appointments in the Sparta-Newton area, and to 61 persons in the other communities.

8) 72 ESL classes were held for 39 people in Boonton and Lincoln Park, for a total of 144 hours. 4 volunteers were needed to transport many of the students to the classes and back home each evening. Also ESL classes are offered in Newton at our MM office by the Literacy Volunteer of America program.

9) The Saint Kateri Migrant Ministry has continued providing a variety of services through the Help-Line 1(877) 724-5112 for the area of Newton and Sparta. The Help-Line gives information on transportation, clothing, furniture, ESL, and Mass schedules. However, the most important use of the Help-Line is for requesting medical appointments and expressing medical needs. Again, this year 4 volunteers spent 823 hours attending the Help Line. 329 people received medical or dental appointments. There were an additional 2,957 hours in transporting our clients and doing follow-up appointments. This year's Saint Kateri Migrant Ministry MOM's group met once a month to support each other through the challenges of being a new mother in a new country and culture. Also in September we resumed the after-school support for elementary school students of the immigrant families by the tutoring efforts of Blair Academy students coordinated by St. Kateri volunteers.

10) We provided some recreational activities: 10 families participated in the “Trinita Family Life Summer Camp” in New Hartford, CT. There were 3 dinner dances to celebrate various religious and cultural advocaciones in Lincoln Park and Boonton.

11) 2015 brought more uncertainty and often times fear to our migrant communities. Again we experienced the trauma of the treat and reality of immigration raids and detentions. Handing out educational pamphlets, informational workshops and the word in the pulpit, had been the prompt ways to respond to these events in all the communities. This year we held different presentations on The President’s Obama new Executive Action on Immigration.

12) On numerous occasions we have been called to visit migrants in jail and offer assistance obtaining legal counselors.
The Caritas Awards

The Catholic Charities Caritas Award is given annually to an individual, group or organizations in recognition of outstanding service and love for humanity. The design of the Caritas Award, a heart-shaped glass column with a nesting pelican surrounded by her young atop the heart, reflects the purpose of the award and the recognition it seeks to give. It is Catholic Charities’ witness to the worthiness of its recipients.

The word caritas is Latin and translates as love or charity. It was chosen to symbolize that the recipient is one who has demonstrated great love and caring for his or her brothers and sisters. The heart is a widely recognized sign of love, and as such is a further reinforcement of the choice of the word caritas. The pelican nesting with her young and providing them nourishment is also a symbol of love, demonstrating the unselfish love of a mother for her young and her willingness to give of herself for the survival and growth of her loved ones. The pelican is as well known a symbol of love in religious communities, as the heart is to lay persons.

The threefold reinforcement then of the word caritas along with the symbolism of the heart and the pelican form the triad or trinity of love, the Caritas Award.

The purpose of the Caritas Award is to recognize an individual and/or organization who has, by example and deed, served persons in need and/or advocated for justice and/or convened other persons of good will to do the same in a manner consistent with Catholic Social Teaching. The Catholic Charities Agencies of our Diocese are committed to a threefold mission of service, advocacy, and convening. In selecting the recipients for the annual Caritas Award, the Awards Committee seeks to identify persons and/or organizations who have made significant contributions and/or accomplishments in one or more of the these three areas of service, advocacy or convening.
Suzy Moran receives the Caritas Award for Service.

Suzy’s service to the poor extends locally here in Northern NJ to one of the poorest countries in the Americas, Guatemala. That involvement began with her and her late husband J Brian Moran’s volunteer work with a nonprofit organization founded by a fellow New Jerseyan, sadly now deceased, Joe Collins. That nonprofit, “From Houses to Homes” since it was founded in 2005 has built almost 1000 homes replacing cornstalk shacks with sturdy block homes. Suzy has supported this work financially and gets her hands dirty helping to build them on her frequent trips to Guatemala.

Sr. Marie Antonelli receives the Caritas Award for Advocacy.

Sr. Marie has been a Religious Teacher Filipinni for 51 years, the last 43 as principal. One of her nominators, a former pastor of Holy Spirit parish (Fr. Tarantino) in nominating her for this award said “She has been a most significant witness to the presence of Christ throughout her 50+ years as a Religious. She has been a tireless and dedicated teacher and advocate for learning. The success of Holy Spirit school is due to her hard work, educational expertise, and her ability to motivate people to help young children learn and become good Christians and citizens of the world”.

Bob & Sue Sameth receive the Caritas Award for Service.

The Sameths are committed to serving those who are less fortunate. They were invested into the Order of Malta, Bob as a knight, and Sue as a Dame, by Cardinal O’Connor in 1992. In the Middle Ages when the Order of Malta was founded the Knights defended the poor with sword while today they do so with the peaceful tools of the fight against disease, poverty, social isolation and intolerance, all while witnessing and protecting the faith. The Sameths have made seven pilgrimages to Lourdes with fellow Knights and Dames to accompany the sick hoping and for physical healing as well as inner peace.

Tom Johnson receives our Caritas Award for Convening.

His convening acts begin with his being convened. In 1989 he was called our convened and worked as a Peace Corps volunteer until 1991 where in Sierra Leone West Africa he worked with farmers on tree crops and bee keeping projects. Tom returned to Sierra Leone in 2001 intending to help a friend from his Peace Corps days rebuild his bee keeping business which was destroyed during Sierra Leone’s ten year “Blood Diamond War”. Little did Tom know that trip to help a friend across the world would lead him to call and challenge others to come together to serve the face of Christ in the poor of Sierra Leone.
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