Note these dates and events . . .

**June 4, 2001**
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM CFCS - 2nd Annual CCNJ Conference
Sheraton at Easton, New Jersey
For information call Tom McCann at 973-523-7361

**July 9, 2001**
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM DPD - Casey Classic Golf Tournament
(www.caseyclassic.com)
Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit, NJ
For information call Tom Barrett at 973-697-4304
Email: tom@dpd.org
Tickets: $1,000.00

**August 27, 2001**
11:00 AM - 8:00 PM HH - 1st Annual Hope Golf Classic
Immanuel High School, Sommerville, NJ
For information call Cathy Colford at 973-361-5565 ex 127
Email: cathy@hopehousenj.org
Tickets: $375.00

For information call Fr. Edward Lambro at 973-523-4456
The Grand Ballroom at the Parsippany Hilton
6:30 PM - 11:00 PM
Email: tomdpd@optonline.net
Tickets: $25.00

8:00 AM - 2:00 PM DPD -
October 13, 2001
476 Seventeenth Avenue - Paterson, NJ 07504-1123
Tel: 973-523-4456  Fax: 973-523-6183  prdev@catholicharities.org
www.catholicharities.org

Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,
Many people have become better acquainted with one another of the
to Christ and calls upon
to become better acquainted with one another of the
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and with assistance from our Diocesan Communications Office,
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Hispanic Information Center.

Those living in Morris and Sussex Counties
will long remember the sudden, devastating
destroying the August 12.
Parishes and individuals from all
over the Diocese responded and
Catholic Charities received over
$30,000 in donations from parishes
throughout the Diocese, and a $10,000 grant from our National
Catholic Charities USA office to assist persons impacted by
the floods.

Catholic Charities in the Church of Paterson, I offer my
gifts of all.

I remain,
with prayerful good wishes for the Lord’s
blessings upon you and your families in the new year,
I remain,
Bishop of Paterson
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**2000 ANNUAL REPORT EDITION**

"Abriendo las puertas a Cristo - Open wide the doors
to Christ" are words that we’ve heard often during this Holy
Year. A funny thing about opening doors, when you open doors
things and people can come in and out. I believe over the
world people made an effort this year to open wide the doors to
Christ.

We welcomed the Hispanic Information Center (HIC) of Passaic. For 28 years HIC has served the needs of the people of Passaic, and has now become one of our Catholic Charities Agencies. Having the HIC as part of our Catholic Charities agencies increases our ability to respond to the needs of our brothers and sisters in Passaic and our resources in turn will expand the capabilities of the Hispanic Information Center.

Something very special happened in Morristown and throughout Morris County this year. A small group of recent immigrants from South America and parishes of St. Margaret’s Parish came together with members of other local faith-based communities in Morristown to address the unmet
needs of immigrants in that area. In space provided by St.
Margaret’s Parish and volunteer support from this group, as
well as assistance from Fr. Terry Moran of our Diocesan office
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Along with presenting this annual report of our
Catholic Charities in the Church of Paterson, I offer my
thanks to all who are engaged in this ministry of love
- that is what caritas, charity, means - and to all who
support this ministry in any way.

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blessings upon you and your families in the new year,
I remain,
Sincerely yours in Christ,
Frank J. Rodemer, DD, JCD
Bishop of Paterson
Our Agencies and Their Outstanding Work

and read the guide, some ill effects of Welfare Reform and the need to continue reforming welfare to be sure it addresses poverty in our State. OMYN has been distributed to all Parishes and high schools in the Diocese, as well as other interested community groups. Already we have seen an increased interest in our legislature and from our Governor’s office with regards to supporting anti-poverty legislation such as a New Jersey State Earned Income Tax Credit, expanded job training and day care programs and hopefully this year, the passage of legislation that will provide for Individual Development Accounts.

I traveled with three other Diocesan Directors from around the county to Ecuador and Peru this past summer. We were guests of Catholic Relief Services who provided us the opportunity to see firsthand how the dollars raised for CRS are leveraged with other dollars and resources to change and empower local people across the world to lift themselves out of poverty.

We continue our efforts to increase cooperation among the Catholic Charities Agencies of N.J. We held our first-ever Statewide Catholic Charities Conference attended by over 500 people. We see this Conference as an opening of the doors so that we could invite each other in to see what is going on and to explore opportunities for cooperation so that we can more effectively serve.

Some highlights of program growth and expansion and new program efforts are as follows: Caritas awards given to Martin Sheen, The Samaritan of program growth and expansion and new program efforts are.

The expansion of our welfare-to-work (computer training

Centers. The expansion of our group home and runaway

Corner, World of Colors and El Mundo del Nino Child Care

House. The expansion of children’s services at La Vida, Friendship

Hope House providing a 24-hour emergency response system

at Hope House. The establishment of Hope Connection at

Straight & Narrow in collaboration with other community

Agencies. The provision of bi-lingual parenting skills training at

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to the frail elderly. The expansion of support groups at

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Shelter program at the Father English Community Center.

The expansion of our welfare-to-work (computer training

program) at the Father English Center. Initiated a summer

immersion program for the youth participating at the Father

English Community Center summer program allowing them to

spend a week in rural Vermont participating in community

service activity there. Opened our first group home for adults

with disabilities in Sussex County. Completed the renovation

and expansion of our Gurnet Adult Center in Lake Hopatcong.

[Expanded our day care and nutrition services for seniors in

Sussex County for seniors. Revised our Catholic Charities

brochures which are available in Spanish and English (call for a
copy). Increased our legislative advocacy efforts and updated our

legislative advocacy manual.

With your help much has been accomplished this year.

There are so many ways so many of you help to accomplish all we
do. Many support us financially through your donations; others

through Parish assessments, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal and this

year especially, through the Prepare the Way Campaign. And many

support us through donating goods and still others who donate their

time. Very importantly, there are those who support us through their

prayers.

In closing I want to thank you for the many ways in which

you support us and assure you that we are here to support you if

you find the need. Please call if we can be of assistance. I ask for

your continued prayers. Please pray for all those who work or volunteer their time in any of our Catholic Charities Agencies, and most especially pray for those

whom with your help we are privileged to serve. And please be

assured that you in turn will be in our prayers.

-Joseph F. Duffy, Executive Secretary

Secretariat for Catholic Charities - Diocese of Paterson

CATHOLIC FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (CFCS) has undergone a number of significant changes this year in part as a reaction to pressing needs and in part in our attempt to be proactive and position ourselves to better serve. To help address the immediate and growing need for food, we enlarged our food pantry and added a walk-in freezer, and provided small grants to local food pantries.

The purchase of the two former convent buildings from Holy Trinity Parish in Passaic made it possible for us to improve our services to troubled youth and recent immigrants. The larger of the convents was turned over to the Father English Community Center and has become the home of the Mount St. Joseph’s Teen Center for troubled youth. The new facility has doubled the capacity for serving troubled youth. The smaller of the two convents has been renovated and is being used for transitional housing for recent arrivals from all over the world. After short stays in the transitional apartments, new immigrants are placed in more permanent housing, assisted by our Migration & Refugee Department.

The Special Child Health Services (SCHS) program was relocated from our 26 DeGrasse Street site to the Friendship Corner site on the corner of Market and Carroll Streets in Paterson. At the same time that program and our HOPE VI program that assists persons displaced from public housing in Paterson came under the supervision of Rev. Michael Burke, Esq., the Director of our Legal Services Department. This move

community is method, and community is that life. The chaos of

the beginning days of arrival is slowly replaced by the peace

and serenity of hope, new faith, new love.

The longer you stay, the deeper the values become

embedded in the person. The future is dangerous, but those

clouds of unknowing can be dispersed as the light shines down.

Thus - health where once there was chaos. The community goes

on forever.

Update on Current Programs: 12,566 individuals and group

sessions were provided to our adult male and female residents.

173,400 varied services to resident in five halfway houses:

individual and group counseling, NAA/AA didactic sessions, job

search, job coaching and mentoring. 77,316 outpatient

individual therapy sessions, 516,336 meals delivered for senior

citizens in 20 communities. At our Mt. Carmel Hospital, 9,563

treatment sessions to detox patients and 26,061 nursing and medical care treatment visits with our residents and their children.

Our overall financial picture

Catholic Charities
Diocese of Paterson

Annual Report 2000
Total - $36,776,316

Combined Operating Budgets

$36,776,316

CATHOLIC CHARITIES SECRETARIAT AGENCY BUDGETS

Catholic Family and Community Services
Department for Persons with Disabilities
Father English Center
Hispanic Information Center
Straight & Narrow
Parish Social Ministry and Secretariat Office

$10,529,389
$4,294,435
$3,712,210
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spend so much needed office space and more comfortable accommodations to the staff at SCHS and the over 3,000 clients who come to our center each month.

Our Multi-Lingual Center has greatly increased its advocacy service to parents in the Paterson School District whose children have learning problems. Virginia Gizzoni now directs our Citizenship project.

In Sussex County we were able to expand our space in Newton and after some minor renovations were able to double our capacity at our Adult Day Care Center there. We were able to relocate our Nutrition unit from the Newton Food Aid Squad on Sussex Street to Christ Episcopal Church on Main Street in Newton providing more space and better facilities for that site. Our Sussex Transportation Service, though still small, has doubled. Assisted by the Prepare the Way Campaign, we purchased and renovated the facility of an organization that will enable us to provide a therapeutic nursery. This year, 490 sessions were provided.

A summary of services and those served follows:

**Family & Children’s Services**:
- Adoption & Counseling Services: Counseling case load of 45; 27 adoptions completed; 75% of families assisted with adoption, counseling information and/or referral services.
- Continuing Adoptive Parents Support Group
- Support group for parents adopting internationally: 523 persons received services, e.g., food, shell utility, shelter, medical assistance, medicine, travel, job placements, 1240 counseling services provided.

Mount St. Joseph’s Children’s Center: 13,366 days of care and schooling to 75 residential/day students.

Friendship Corner: 737 children received 69,461 days of day care service; 86 children received 10,146 days of service in our after-school programs; 72 children received 1,340 days of service in our summer program; 531 senior citizens received care management services through our bi-lingual outreach service in Paterson housing sites; 905 residents of Paterson Housing Authority sites received counseling and support services.

Multi-Lingual Center: 45 clients received 2,130 hours of vocational services; 1,101 families received parent training and individual advocacy; 65 families received respite services; 550 families received case management services. Special Programs: HOPE VI program continued to provide a variety of self-sufficiency services to 146 persons who were displaced from the Chrishawn and Erwin housing complexes. Special Child Health Services: Early Intervention Program provided case management aid and other services to 3,093 families. Our SPAN Family Resource Specialist provided programs and activities for 772 clients.

Eleven applications for NJ KiCare/FamilyCare were filed. Teen Counseling/Probation Supervision provided services to 42 teenagers.

**Community Services**:
- Aging Services: Senior residence 4,015 days of services provided; 80 clients received services totaling 3,042 trips; 176 adult day care clients received 1,512 days of service; 539 congregate meals provided to 182 persons.
- Legal Services:
- NARROW, INC

Guided by Catholic Social Teaching and the values of our Church, the Department for Persons with Disabilities is a place where we do not believe that any person with a disability is a problem or can be viewed as a tax burden. Our efforts are to identify the needs of our clients and to develop services that are in line with the Catholic Social Teaching and Tradition calls parishes to convene, celebrate, and commit themselves to acts of rectification and advocacy. The parishes of the Diocese of Paterson have ministries that respond to the needs of persons with disabilities under a doctor’s care are assisted with light housekeeping, laundry and shopping. More than 9,700 service hours were provided to these clients.

In 2000, 62 individuals were matched. Teen Counseling/Probation Supervision provided consultations at the state, county and local levels for 1,960 clients setting up work. 70 families received case management services. 1,101 families received parent training and individual advocacy; 65 families received respite services; 550 families received case management services. Special Programs: HOPE VI program continued to provide a variety of self-sufficiency services to 146 persons who were displaced from the Chrishawn and Erwin housing complexes. Special Child Health Services: Early Intervention Program provided case management aid and other services to 3,093 families. Our SPAN Family Resource Specialist provided programs and activities for 772 clients. Eleven applications for NJ KiCare/FamilyCare were filed. Teen Counseling/Probation Supervision provided services to 42 teenagers.

**Migration & Refugee Services**:
- Italian Catholic Center: Served a total case load of 1,065 including 107 new clients. Migration & Refugee Department: 270 new refugees were resettled; 173 new arrivals are the result of 2000 continuing refugee cases. The Migration & Refugee Services assist these clients include housing, school enrollment, transportation, health care, job development, job placement, ESL, citizenship, driver’s license, furniture and clothing. Additionally 825 walk-in clients received help with various needs. Citizenship Services: Assisted 655 persons with citizenship applications.

The goal of the **DEPARTMENT FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES** is to provide the highest quality of life possible for people with mental retardation and other developmental disabilities. Our belief is that each individual is a valuable, acceptable, and God-given person regardless of any disability.

During the calendar year 2000, the DPD worked on many large facility projects including the completion of the expanded Gruenert Center, our beautiful state-of-the-art employment center in Lake Hopatcong. Our new Wallace Transportation Group Home in Sparta had major changes that added space to this lovely home. Major exterior and interior renovations at Finicum House were started. Renovations at Murray House in Clifton included completely replacing three bathrooms. Our ninth group home, Calabrese House in Parsippany was completed.

Every person who is served by the DPD has a comprehensive individualized service plan with measurable goals and objectives. This year saw the full implementation of a computerized data collection, monitoring and reporting system on the progress and the status of all services. The Department for Persons with Disabilities is a place where we do not believe that any person with a disability is a problem or can be viewed as a tax burden. Our efforts are to identify the needs of our clients and to develop services that are in line with the Catholic Social Teaching and Tradition calls parishes to convene, celebrate, and commit themselves to acts of rectification and advocacy. The parishes of the Diocese of Paterson have ministries that respond to the needs of persons with disabilities under a doctor’s care are assisted with light housekeeping, laundry and shopping. More than 9,700 service hours were provided to these clients.
opportunities for fully integrated community living. With the twenty-four hour caring guidance of the professional staff, each individual participates in all aspects of home life including preparation of meals, personal care, activities, and recreation. An outreach program is offered to people who are institutionalized, which also provides guidance and support for their families.

The Department for Persons with Disabilities has been fully accredited by the Council of Accreditation of Services for Families and Children, Inc. Since 1986.

OUR SERVICES for year ending June 2000

Staff Training Programs: Our staff training program offers a wide variety of training programs for para-professionals who work in over 62 agencies in and around Passaic County. With training sites in Oak Ridge and Wyckoff, 1,380 staff were successfully trained in areas of Preventing Abuse and Neglect, Medication Administration, Standard First Aid and Adult CPR.

Volunteer Programs: Our volunteer program, “People Need Friends” saw 98 volunteers spending over 2,203 hours. C.A.R.E (Catholic Adult Religious Education) is a valued service providing religious education for 48 people with developmental disabilities.

The spirit of Father Francis English, who was pastor of St. Boniface Church until his death in 1974, lives on at the FATHER ENGLISH MULTI-PURPOSE COMMUNITY CENTER. Father English dreamed of a complex of buildings that would be a center for youth and families living in Paterson. For over a quarter of a century that dream continued to be lived out each and every day by the people of the community who use one or more of the Center’s programs as a resource and for those who are on the staff of the Agency. As an agency committed to serve the marginalized within our society, the Father English Multi-Purpose Community Center continues to provide quality, compassionate care as we strive to “make a difference in the lives of the people we serve and to honor the dream of our beloved namesake. A Child’s World/El Mundo Del Nino: Begun in 1974, this residential program for runaway, homeless and abused youths provides 24-hour care and counseling for up to 15 youths. The Father English Multi-Purpose Community Center and A Child’s World/El Mundo Del Nino created this year’s opening of a second group home for teens in crisis. The “Teen Center” located in the City of Passaic is licensed for 14 youths. Our Group Homes/Youth Shelters serviced 62 youths for 4,034 service days.

Senior & Handicapped Transportation Program: Established in 1976, this program provides an invaluable service to the seniors and handicapped of Passaic County. This year’s set of 12 vehicles transported 1,632 clients for a total of 404,740 trips to doctor’s offices, hospital, nutrition sites, recreation sites and food stores. Emergency Food and Clothing Program: Begun in 1988, these pantries provide food, clothing, furniture and household items to persons in need. Our emergency services programs processed a record 13,559 clients this year. Over 194,000 items of food were distributed while 867 clients were assisted by our clothing boutiques.

Care Management Program: Working in conjunction with our pantries, this program began in 1988 to provide a program of work assistance. Some 200 clients have been assisted with computer training, job placement and referrals.

Other services include referrals for detox programs, immigration concerns and a host of other crisis-centered needs. A total of 590 adults have been served this past year.

Our Work Assistance Program provides placement for 245 service days. We have also assisted 6 people with Work Health Aide Training Program for the benefit of our clients.

As of July 1, 2000, the HISPANIC INFORMATION CENTER OF PASSIAC became the newest Catholic Charities Agency in the Diocese. The Center was founded in 1972 to identify, study and articulate the human service needs of the Hispanic community in the City of Passaic. The Hispanic Information Center continues to develop and implement human service projects to help residents of Passaic maintain a level of decency in their lives. The Center has a team of fully bi-lingual/bi-cultural skilled professionals to meet the social needs of a population that is primarily Hispanic. The Center offers comprehensive services.

The components of this program strives to inform and assist low-moderate income clients with a variety of resources, which will improve their economic self-sufficiency such as job placement and referrals, apartment search, and emergency assistance.

Volunteer services: Our Volunteer Services Department is committed to engage volunteers in the fulfillment of our mission. During the 2000 calendar year, 511 clients have been successfully registered.

Quality of Life Program: This year the Hispanic Information Center became a part of one of five local Passaic County-based organizations forming a partnership under the agency name of Quality of Life Program. This is a statewide program better known as the 21st Century Community Learning Center Program. It consists of a giant after-school component within five local Passaic schools. The project serves to encourage young students with constructive after-school activities as an alternative to the streets. It offers tutoring, homework assistance, exercise classes, and computer classes for adults and a variety of recreation activities.

Established in 1971, HOPE HOUSE, a non-profit, multi-service agency, is one of the six Catholic Charities Agencies in the Diocese of Paterson. Located in Dover, New Jersey, it serves individuals residing primarily in Morris and Sussex Counties providing direct services and social services, especially for those who are oppressed or powerless, or otherwise disenfranchised.

Hope House provides a variety of services and treatment for all individuals. Our services are delivered without regard to race, gender, personal belief or circumstances and are welcomed by the communities we serve. Our style is warm and welcoming, reflecting personal attention and sensitivity.

Our programs have evolved to meet established community needs. Annually, more than four thousand people are assisted by various direct services and outreach programs. Other programs include: Volunteer Programs; Comprehensive adult and adolescent primary counseling and continuing care, support groups, prevention programs, substance abuse services, DWI (Driving While Intoxicated) programs, and on-site Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous meetings are made available to families and individuals of all ages by our bilingual staff. During 2000, 1,287 clients benefited from 2,816 sessions. General/Family Counseling: Therapy is offered by our bilingual staff to families and individuals of all ages.

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A World of Colors/El Mundo De Colores Day Care: Established in 1992, A World of Colors/El Mundo De Colores Day Care provides comprehensive child care services to the community of Passaic County. As a qualifying ABBOTT site, in conjunction with the Paterson Board of Education, this program provided enhanced services to 160 children and their families for 245 service days.

A Child’s Time/El Tiempo Del Nino: Begun in 1986, A Child’s Time/El Tiempo Del Nino provides an all day kindergarten for 42 children. The children enrolled in the program come from primarily low-income families throughout Paterson and other Passaic County communities.

After School and Summer Camp Child Care Programs: Since the program’s inception in 1974, the After School and Summer Camp Child Care Program was designed to reach out to “children at risk” also know as “latch-key” children. This program combined to provide continuous service to approximately 160 children, ages 6 to 11 years old for 245 days. T.A.P/Teenage After School & Summer Child Care Program: This quality T.A.P. after-school program was conceived as a safe, supervised environment where teens are trained to act as peers with a goal toward becoming productive citizens. Over the course of the past year, 40teenagers have participated in this program.

Child Care Food Programs: Instituted in 1975, the on-site Child Care Food Program continues to provide nutritious meals to our pre-school and school age programs. This year over 500 children received 161,313 meals.

Project Youth Haven Group Home & Runaway Shelter/St. Jude Residence: Begun in 1974, this residential program for runaway, homeless and abused youths provides 24-hour care and counseling for up to 15 youths. The Father English Multi-Purpose Community Center and A Child’s World/El Mundo Del Nino created this year’s opening of a second group home for teens in crisis. The “Teen Center” located in the City of Passaic is licensed for 14 youths. Our Group Homes/Youth Shelters serviced 62 youths for 4,034 service days.

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