Dear Friends in Christ,

In his Encyclical Letter, *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, Pope John Paul II got right to the heart of the matter about the urgent need for the faithful to act for social justice. “Sadly, although the poor are in the hundreds of thousands, they are often invisible to us. As the plight of these, our brothers and sisters, continues to spiral downward, we cannot stand by in silence. We cannot ignore the children who go to bed hungry, parents who are jobless, families who are homeless, the sick who suffer without medical care, or the elderly who live in infested or unsafe housing.”

In the Paterson Diocese, this call to action is answered through the work of our Catholic Charities agencies. This annual report gives just a snapshot of all the great work that is done throughout Morris, Passaic and Sussex County to serve Christ by serving others. But words and numbers alone cannot accurately describe the dedication of our wonderful staff who consider what they do a labor of love. It cannot capture the stewardship of all who volunteer countless hours at our Catholic Charities agencies. It does not show the loving motivation of all who contribute financially to support this vital diocesan mission.

However, God knows the heart and soul of all who advocate for the poor and marginalized, the outcast and stranger. God sees them being helped because he is among them. “For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.”

On behalf of all those who cross the threshold of our Catholic Charities agencies looking for understanding, compassion and hope, I thank you and ask God’s continued blessing on you and your work.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

+Arthur J. Serratelli

Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli, STD, SSL, DD
Bishop of Paterson
A Message from the President of Catholic Charities

“If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will collapse on their way… he ordered the crowd to sit down… taking the seven loaves, he gave thanks... and distributed them to the crowd. He said the blessing over them (fish), and ordered them distributed too. They ate and were satisfied… fragments were left over”.

These words from the Gospel of Mark 8: 3-8 are a powerful message and challenge to us in Catholic Charities and to us, people of the Book – followers of the Gospel. In this Story of the feeding of the 4,000 Jesus disciples realize that the crowd is getting hungry and know they do not have enough food to feed them. So they advise Jesus to send the crowd on their way to fend for themselves. Jesus understands the crowd hasn’t the means to feed themselves and knows too that they will suffer harm if not fed. So Jesus leverages the bread and fish they have, feeds the entire crowd and has food left over (for future use).

This Gospel passage of Mark is a learned lesson for all of us. And as I said in the prior paragraph, a challenge too, literally as it applies to food and figuratively as it applies to the range of needs the hungry present with, that is, hunger for food, for shelter, for clothing, for help paying bills, for counseling, for a job, for sobriety, for respect of their human dignity.

I confess there have been times this year when there was a temptation to behave like the apostles at the beginning of Mark’s passage and send those in need away, perhaps with a referral to another agency. The lesson to the apostles and to us is that we shall not send those in need away and in fact we are cautioned against doing so for the possible harm that may befall them. Again and again when our resources have been low, we leveraged what we had, collaborated with others, and literally reached out to you telling you of our needs for the poor and you responded. The result is that with flat and decreased funding we fed all the needs presented to us and still have some parcels left for tomorrow.

Please read this 2012 Catholic Charities Annual Report using Mark’s passage on the feeding of the 4000 as a lens and give thanks for all the good that has been done for our brothers and sisters in need with your and our help. Then share this report with a neighbor, a friend or family member and ask them to do the same. And please, consider giving me a call (973-777-8818 ext 278) and arrange a time to visit us at Catholic Charities and see for yourself the good you help make possible.

Peace.

Joseph F. Duffy, President
Catholic Charities Diocese of Paterson
Annual Report 2012

This was a historic year for CFCS as on July 1, 2012 a merger took place that joined our sister agencies of Father English Community Center, Hispanic Information Center and Hope House with the family of programs at CFCS. United by our common values and mission, each site offers both unique programs and similar programs to common populations. Building on our strengths while gaining from economies of scale has been helpful as in 2012 we have experienced increasing obstacles to serving the poor and vulnerable in Passaic, Morris and Sussex Counties. What has not changed is the commitment of the staff and the support of the community for the "good works" throughout Catholic Family & Community Services.

Catholic Family & Community Services has served the community since 1938 when Associated Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Paterson was founded. In the 1970's Hope House in Dover, Hispanic Information Center in Passaic City and Father English Community Center at 435 Main Street in Paterson each were established to serve the local community needs. We are committed to continuing the tradition of helping our brothers and sisters in need and making a difference in the lives of the people we serve at each of our sites.

Highlights from 2012 include:

• Closure of the Congregational Health Ministry Program in March and retirement of Ms. Rita Kelly, RN.
• Retirement of Father Thomas McGrath, Director, Adoption and Counseling Program and the transfer of the Adoption Services to Newark Catholic Community Services in June.
• Retirement of Mr. Lorenzo Hernandez, Hispanic Information Center Director and the re-naming of Gregory Avenue in Passaic as Lorenzo Hernandez Way.
• Convening of a newly merged Board of Trustees.
• Council on Accreditation site visit in July and subsequent accreditation.
• Closure of the Special Parents Advocacy Network program in August.
• Creation of a new mural at Father English Community Center by the Teens.
• Completion of the Disaster Response Crisis Counseling program for Hurricane Irene victims in September.
• Initiation of Hurricane Sandy Disaster response services to Passaic, Morris and Sussex residents.
• Transition of the Sussex Congregate Nutrition Programs (4 sites) to Sussex County Human Services.
• Closure of the Sussex Adult Day Care Center in Newton after 18 years of operation.
• Closure of the Passaic County Senior Outreach and Case Management Program.
The following is a program-specific report of the merged CFCS services rendered in 2012. If you would like additional information about the work of CFCS, please contact Diane Silbernagel at 973-279-7100, extension 38.

2012 Service Impact

Our Mission compels us to serve the poor and vulnerable as well as to advocate for the marginalized and convene others to help create a more just society. Our programs respond to the needs in these populations across the lifespan, from birth to the end of life.

From January to June 2012 the Adoption and Counseling Program assisted 76 individuals. These services included home and family assessments, information searches, birthparent counseling, and 4 pending adoptions, international and domestic. Also in 2012, the Adoption Program celebrated 65 years of service. In operation since 1985 the Foster Care Program, implemented through the Hispanic Information Center, recruits and assists resource families who provide a loving and nurturing family life for vulnerable children while waiting for reunification or adoption. In 2012, 117 children ages birth to 17 were served through this program, with 17 children being reunified with their biological parents or relatives.

Families who struggle following the birth of a special-needs child depend upon the expertise of our Special Child Health Services Program. Providing 24/7 care to a child with medical and physical needs is overwhelming, and all SCHS staff made certain that the 4,113 families received case management services in 2012 and received the resources, information and support to provide for a special-needs child. Every child has an advocate that works diligently to help parents enable their child to have the best quality of life possible. The Early Intervention Team provided 3,578 evaluations and 664 assessments and participated in 2,035 Individual Service Plans for children birth to three years.

Education success begins with early childhood and we are very proud of the impact of the preschools of El Mundo de Colores, El Mundo del Nino, Friendship Corner I and II all located in struggling neighborhoods. These schools are a source of hope for the almost 600 Paterson families served through the preschool, after school or summer program. El Mundo de Colores and Nino together with Friendship Corner I and II provided 525 children with 720 days of service. In addition, 165 children participated in the after-school program and 116 in the summer program. Supporting the family and providing quality early education are the key priorities so that each low-income child will have long-term educational success. Thanks again to a generous Morris County donor, Friendship Corner II and El Mundo del Nino offered a monthly food backpack program to 205 preschool families providing each child with sufficient food for three meals over the weekend. With donor designated resources, the food backpack project was expanded to Morris County and the Dover Child Care Center helping 80 low-income children each month.

Located at both the Father English Community Center and the Hispanic Information Center, urban school-age children-at-risk are supported by structured activities during After-School Programs or other out-of-school time. Older children and teens participate in programs like basketball, ice skating lessons, field trips and attend educational presentations. Father English After-School and Summer Program, Teen Activities
Program and Outreach to At-Risk Youth Program assisted 175 children in 2012. Hispanic Information Center with a team of dedicated bilingual and bicultural staff served 197 children in its after-school and summer programs for youth and teens.

Under the umbrella of Special Programs, outreach and caring interventions are provided by the staff of Youth Services and Family Counseling Programs; a critical human link to society for Paterson's poorest of the poor. Staff work with the high-risk family to meet basic needs, provide counseling and mentor the children. Through Special Programs, 641 at-risk individuals received Family Counseling Services in a manner that fostered their dignity and self-respect, including 41 children who received Youth Services.

Youth-at-risk is not limited to urban areas. In Sussex County Partnership for Social Services (PSS) saw an increased demand for counseling of emotionally disturbed children in 2012. In addition to individual and family counseling provided at the Franklin location, Partnership for Social Services offers Sussex families basic needs assistance with a food pantry, clothing bank, firewood as well as information and referral for additional needs identified. In 2012, Partnership helped over 400 Sussex County families, 102 adults with counseling services and served 43 children in need.

Boys ages 6-16, who need intensive Behavioral Health Services and have limited family or other support, thrive thanks to the caring staff of Mount St. Joseph Children's Center. In 2012, 28 boys either attended the MSJ day school or resided at the Center. During their time at MSJ, they gain skills, respect for self and others, and a “family’s love”. The MSJ staff model respect, compassion, love and faith in a better future for these boys who are often forgotten and are like the “orphans” of our day. The boys receive a well-rounded quality education that includes a career day, art, music and enrichment programs such as trips to museums and other locations. Teens who need shelter and short-term housing are assisted at Project Youth Haven Paterson site (girls) and Passaic Teen Center (boys). While living in a group setting, the teens receive individual and group counseling as well as life skills training to prepare them to return to their families or transition to the community either in another group or independent living.

Latino young adults with developmental disabilities who attend the Multilingual Center learn job skills as well as experience other enrichment education like dance, music and art. The respite support and advocacy services provided to the 158 families served through the Club de Padres in 2012 strengthened the family and helped to build community with events like the Garden of Hope located at 26 De Grasse Street and Latin Rhythms student concert and folk dance recital. Overall, the MLC provided almost 8,000 respite hours of service to special needs children and adults in 2012.

CFCS programs help those who are facing many challenges associated with poverty including limited education, language and literacy barriers, shrinking work opportunities, and increasing costs of basic needs like food, housing, health care and transportation. For some, the future appears hopeless. Throughout the three counties served by CFCS, case managers assist struggling families to address urgent needs and develop a plan for future stability. Community Support Services are offered at each division: Father English Community Center (438 were assisted); Hispanic In-
formation Center (726); Hope House (241); the De Grasse Street site (served 1,881). Disaster Response Case Management and Emergency Services assistance was there to help Passaic, Morris or Sussex County families during a crisis such as fire, flood, food insecurity or foreclosure. In all 1,388 individuals were assisted through Disaster Response case management following Hurricane Irene and Hurricane Sandy. Coping with life changing events like a flood or hurricane is challenging for any family and even more difficult when compounded by unemployment, family stresses or pre-existing disabilities or chronic health issues. Through funding from the Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) CFCS provided Disaster Response Crisis Counseling brief Mental Health services to 1,484 individuals and intervened with outreach and education to 31,007 individuals in 2012.

Another population of “families-at-risk include the veterans in our Diocese. The Supportive Services to Veteran's Families (SSVF program) through CFCS case management and housing assistance served 120 households across 3 counties in 2012. These families benefit from our support as they re-acclimate to family life following their military service, seek affordable housing, or adjust to the workplace or loss of employment.

Adult Behavioral Health Services throughout CFCS including Bilingual Mental Health Counseling and Addiction Treatment at Hope House or Family Counseling at Partnership for Social Services, focus on healing the whole family and building new skills for a better future. With culturally competent and credentialed clinicians, Hope House assisted 524 individuals with counseling, addiction treatment or co-occurring treatment services. In 2012, 67 adolescents received substance abuse treatment at Hope House. Per the June 30, 2012 NJ Substance Abuse Monitoring System (NJSAMS) Hope House Intensive Outpatient clients who completed the treatment plan was 46.4% compared to the NJ State benchmark of 34.8%. Supporting the Latina population in Morris County, Hope House offers a weekly drop-in center called La Cocina de Mami, a Behavioral Health prevention program that assisted 30 women and their children in 2012. Partnership for Social Services, licensed by NJ Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, assisted 145 individuals with mental health counseling including 43 children. Supporting the families with basic needs assistance like food, clothing and wood for heating, Partnership for Social Services assisted 4,886 unduplicated Sussex County clients in all.

Food insecurity, a rapidly increasing concern for many “working-poor” families, was evident in the volume of food pantry assistance provided through out Passaic, Morris and Sussex Counties. In Passaic County, pantries operate at Hispanic Information Center, Father English Center and the CFCS administrative office at 24 De Grasse Street. Our De Grasse Street food pantries alone assisted 24,476 households in 2012 and distributed over 251,775 pounds of food. In all, the food pantries at FECC, HIC, HH and De Grasse St distributed over 800,000 pounds of food to 33,478 households.

Legal Services advocated for 649 families; 684 additional people were provided with consultation services always mindful of keeping families intact. In response to the federal government's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, DACA program, CFCS Legal Services established in September a special DACA unit to serve eligible clients. The unit is located at the Fr. English Community Center and is accessible during evening hours for these young adults.

La Cocina de Mami participants present Amanda Robles, their Activity Facilitator, with an award to congratulate her
Addressing basic needs of low-income families is very challenging especially when there are few jobs or language barriers obstruct opportunities for learning new skills. Father English Community Center has been a source of hope for families struggling to achieve self-sufficiency through the English as a Second Language classes, the Work Assistance Program and the Transportation Program. With the generous support of donors and volunteers these programs assisted 280 ESL students and 438 Work Assistance Program individuals in 2012. Another vulnerable and special population served through CFCS at Hope House is the people living with HIV or AIDS in Morris, Sussex or Warren Counties. In 2012, 165 individuals were assisted with case management, housing, transportation or other supportive service. In addition Hope House provides community education on HIV/AIDS throughout Morris County reaching 883 individuals in 2012.

Helping seniors across three counties with basic needs, home maintenance, transportation, recreation, day care, case management and outreach enables this vulnerable population to remain in the community and connected to their community while controlling health care costs. Both Sussex and Passaic County Aging Services found innovative ways to assist the rapidly growing need among seniors. Aging Services includes adult day care, recreation activities, transportation and case management. Passaic County Seniors served by Catholic Family & Community Services include those who attended Adult Day Center in Paterson (468), received case management (473), had transportation provided to the physician (in Paterson 40 and up-county 105 were served by Project LINC) or attended recreation activities (161). In Morris County Hope House Chore and Fix It programs assisted 166 seniors to be autonomous in their own homes. In Sussex County 486 seniors were served in 2012 through programs like Meals on Wheels (21,616 meals were delivered) 55 families were supported by the Sussex Adult Day Center. An additional 160 clients received a meal at one of the senior lunch nutrition sites in Sussex (16,073 meals served). The Passaic city Homebound Program provided by the Hispanic Information Center staff assisted 277 seniors to sustain their self-sufficiency.

Too numerous to mention are the many other “good works” throughout CFCS including special projects like:
- Roof top and other gardens
- Backpacks for school, reading and food
- Christmas, Valentine’s Day and Easter gifts to clients across many programs
- Dance programs for low-income children in Dover or Developmentally Disabled Adults in Paterson
- Skating lessons for at-risk urban youth
- Special field trips for teen-shelter residents, and many other special activities and events provided from the heart. Our dedicated staff and volunteers work tirelessly to live our faith in action. Overall with 440 staff and 121 volunteers, CFCS served over 25,000 unduplicated individuals (not including food pantry clients) throughout the three Counties of Passaic, Morris and Sussex. Across CFCS program areas 100% of clients relate they are treated with respect and 97% of staff report they believe they are doing meaningful work. In 2012 we became stronger together supporting each other as one human family to rise up the people we serve and continually improve the quality of our services. We look forward to 2013 with renewed commitment, shared strengths, ongoing diligence and hope.
The Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) believes that all life is sacred and every person is a gift from God. The DPD serves individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in an environment where each person can live a full and happy life; work productively; enjoy a healthy self-esteem; experience acceptance; and live in a place where all people are valued. Our dedicated staff and volunteers work to make the agency's mission a reality. We rely heavily on government funding to support our services and this funding has remained flat over the last several years. The need for our services is tremendous. There are over 8,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the state of NJ who are waiting for services.

All DPD services are accredited by the Council on Accreditation (COA), an international accrediting organization. The COA evaluated all of DPD's services according to national "best practice" standards for not-for-profit management and developmental disabilities programs. These are the highest standards in the field. The DPD has been continually accredited by COA since 1986 and was most recently reaccredited in 2010.

Many of our residents have lived in our group homes for almost 40 years, and are experiencing dramatic loss of functioning, serious illnesses and worsening of lifelong disabling conditions. In order to manage these complex medical changes, we have a registered nurse on staff. We also have direct care staff to help provide the one-to-one assistance that is needed for their per-
sonal care. We have made modifications to our homes to make them more accessible so that the people we serve can "age in place" for as long as possible. 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.

In addition to medical issues, 40% of our clients are dually-diagnosed with developmental disabilities and mental illness. Our Behavior Analyst works with the people we serve and with the staff to develop behavior plans or to recommend strategies to manage challenging behaviors.

The DPD empowers each person to become active, contributing, and valued members of their community, and to participate fully in life with dignity and respect. We offer a resident support group, art therapy program, community service group, cooking classes, a Boy Scout Troop and a multitude of other recreational activities. Many of our residents are also involved in the Knights of Columbus, Columbiettes and Special Olympics.

The DPD’s residential programs include nine group homes and two supervised apartment programs. These homes operate seven days a week and 24 hours a day with round the clock staffing. The DPD also operates a vocational day program, the Gruenert Center. The Gruenert Center is a one-of-a-kind facility where 52 adults with developmental disabilities attend 5 days a week for work activities. Participants are paid for the work they do, which includes packaging, mailings, ceramics, crafts, and going out on work crews to perform cleaning at local businesses. This state-of-the-art facility provides a positive atmosphere of comfort and welcome for clients, staff and volunteers.

In 2012, DPD started its newest program, Saturdays at the Center (SATC). SATC provides recreational and educational activities for young, developmentally disabled adults residing in the community and provides respite for their caregivers. All sessions are fully supervised by experienced staff and volunteers. 15 young adults attended the first installment of SATC, which will start again in April 2013 and run for another 12 weeks.

**Residential Services:**

**Alexander House** is a large ranch style home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 3,194 days of care to 5 men and 4 women with developmental and physical disabilities and autism.

**Barnet House** is a large two story home in Pompton Lakes. DPD provided 2,819 days of care to 3 men and 5 women with multiple developmental and physical disabilities.

**Calabrese House** is a ranch style home in Parsippany. DPD provided 1,814 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 1,998 days of care to 6 men with significant developmental disabilities, physical disabilities and autism.

**Finnegan House** is a large two story home in Oak Ridge. DPD provided 2,826 days of care to 5 men and 3 women with developmental disabilities and mental health issues.
Fitzpatrick House is a ranch style home in Pompton Lakes. DPD provided 1,794 days of care to 5 men with developmental disabilities and autism.

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 2,063 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 2,042 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 2,038 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 2,095 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 3,033 days of care to 3 men and 6 women with developmental disabilities and autism.

Vocational Services:

Gruenert Center, an Adult Training Center for 52 men and women with developmental disabilities provides opportunities for work at the Center and in the community. DPD provided 10,032 days of work for 52 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 from around the Diocese. This year they accounted for 3,066 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. C.A.R.E. provides 30 hours of Religious Education to 30 Adults.

Family Support Services:

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.

The Director of Pastoral Care provided 260 hours of visitation and advocacy for former residents who are in nursing homes or hospitals.
While Straight & Narrow sustained significant damage due to the historic severity of Hurricane Sandy, no clients were injured or displaced. An adaptive and resilient staff, as ever, demonstrated its compassion for those we serve and unwavering commitment to the organizational mission. More impressive perhaps is the kindness and patience shown by the clients who assisted in the massive cleanup and other logistical demands arising from temporary relocation of service sites.

The larger challenges for us continue to be changes in the service financing landscape and shifts in national and state priorities vis a vis services and programs. Such policy issues notwithstanding, the services portfolio remained constant for 2012 in both quality and volume.

The following represents the unduplicated count of those served in each program:

- Monsignor Wall - 250
- Medical Day Care - 63
- Women’s Residential Treatment - 282
- Men’s Residential Treatment - 295
- Intoxicated Drivers’ Resource Centers - 4,109
- Intensive Outpatient - 44
- Detoxification - 440
- Family Success Center - 620 families
- HIV/AIDS Housing - 74 units
- La Vida Childcare Centers - 330

Clients continue to benefit from a stable complement of staff engaged in our professional development and in-service programs. In 2012, Straight & Narrow launched an internship initiative in partnership with Rutgers University. As we begin 2013, there are four interns currently engaged. We will seek to forge other university collaborations in this regard in order to expand, what appears to be, a highly successful venture.

Our Family Success Center was awarded an increase in funding to expand existing services. New for 2012 is the provision of special events and workshops for Paterson senior citizens. This initiative, as well as Fatherhood and Relationships programs, are part of a state funded pilot for which Family Success was selected.
The detoxification service experienced a 30% increase in volume over calendar 2011. This permits Straight & Narrow to enhance Public Health. Moreover, it allows us to engage clients in post detoxification treatment and help establish, with the client, a long term recovery plan. The Straight & Narrow gospel choir is virtually “booked” throughout the year. That it continues to be in such demand while evoking such enthusiastic support reinforces the efforts of those clients committed to its success.

We are grateful for the philanthropic support which has permitted us to finance the renovation of a portion of 410 Straight Street in order to develop much needed office space for clinical staff. Moreover, an antiquated phone system has been replaced thanks to the thoughtfulness and generosity of an international foundation. Clearly, the current national and local economies have effected, not only public funding for human services, but charitable giving, as well. With this in mind, it is especially noteworthy that our sole fundraiser, the annual auction, generated both our largest attendance and net proceeds. Holiday Express continues to honor us through their efforts to insure that those we serve feel valued during the holidays – an often difficult time to be away from family.

Blessed to be on the receiving end of largesse, we have been privileged to share our “bounty” with those in need. In November, we distributed turkey dinners to 81 families in our community. During the Christmas holiday season, we hosted our annual toy giveaway providing toys to 397 children in Paterson. It is essential that clients be exposed to charity – giving and receiving.
In 2012, the Migrant Ministry team experienced some changes, as Br. Raul Mejia S.T., moved on to another assignment in his religious community. We thank Br. Raul for his three years of dedicated and loving service in the Migrant Ministry. We were also blessed by the arrival of Fr. Charlie Piatt S.T. to join the team in the Migrant Ministry after ministering in Washington DC. As always, one of our primary concerns this past year was meeting the spiritual, pastoral and sacramental needs of individuals and families in our communities. We also continued to tackle prevalent issues in our communities such those dealing with: immigration status, landlord tenant problems, employment, medical needs, alcoholism and domestic violence, among many others.

None of our work is possible without the support and the generous involvement of priests, religious, and parishioners and volunteers from St. Joseph (Newton), St. Anthony’s (Butler), Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (Sparta), and the Shrine of St. Joseph (Stirling). We are grateful to all!

A look at this year’s accomplishments and statistics:

1) 85 volunteers offering over 11,000 hours of mission work.

2) 145 Masses were celebrated including the beautiful celebration of Our Lady of Guadalupe on December 12th, attended by over 400 persons. A special thanks to the Very Rev. Fr. John Edmunds S.T., Fr. Rafael Pisso S.T., and Deacon Glen Murphy for concelebrating over this year’s celebration. We also want to thank Msgr. Kieran McHugh and the staff of Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta for hosting us. Guadalupe celebrations were also held in Pompton Lakes attended by over 200 people, Butler by 260 people, and Parsippany by 300 people. Holy week, Easter and Christmas, for the first time at Saint Kateri in Sparta, were also special celebrations in various Migrant Communities, (including Posadas and “Adopt a Family” projects).
3) Community-wide, 15 infants, youth and adults were baptized. One retreat for couples to reinforce faith and communication, and one in preparation for Easter was offered to all the communities at the Holy Trinity House in Stirling. A Family retreat day was hosted by the Missionary Servants in August at the Shrine of St. Joseph. A Bible Study group meets in Butler twice a month.

4) Members from the migrant communities attended the celebration for Spanish Heritage with Bishop Serratelli in Paterson on October, 2012.

5) Nearly 4,000 meals were served after the celebrations throughout the year (These meals regularly take place after some of the masses at St. Joseph’s in Newton and Saint Kateri). Meals are also served after special celebrations like Our Lady of Guadalupe. In all, we provided transportation for 1,100 persons in Sparta and Newton to Saint Kateri and St. Joseph Church for Monday evening masses. 50 persons were provided with transportation for masses at St. Anthony in Butler.

6) 55 ESL classes were held for 60 people, for a total of 110 hours in Butler and Sparta.

5 volunteers were needed to transport many of the students to the classes and back home each evening. The volunteers put in 275 hours of driving this past year.

7) In 2012 we were able to provide education and information in a wide range of very important subjects to our different communities, like "Protecting God's Children", a workshop on Civil Rights and Immigration Law Enforcements. Also students and other volunteers came from William Paterson University, NJ Early Intervention Ctr., and Zufall Clinic, to offer information on proper family nutrition, developmental delays in toddlers and infants, and other health issues affecting our migrant population.

8) The Saint Kateri Migrant Ministry has continued providing a variety of service 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 1,247 hours attending the Hot Line. 557 people received medical or dental appointments. There were an additional 4,173 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.

9) We provided several recreational activities: 13 families participated in the "Trinita Family Life Summer Camp" in New Hartford, CT. There were 2 dinner dances to celebrate Mother's Day in Newton and Butler, and one to celebrate Independence Day in Central American Countries. The Jornada Latina was celebrated monthly at St. Joseph's Shrine, Stirling.

10) 2012 brought more uncertainty and often times fear to our migrant communities. Again we experienced the trauma of the threat 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. Also we have taken part at different state wide prayer vigils and national campaigns to promote and advocate to the reform of the immigration law and the DREAM Act.

This year the new DACA program for immigrant kids, brought hope and happiness to many of our youth and families, who were able to qualify to get their working and driving permission.

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

A migrant family getting ready for mass at the Shrine of St. Joseph in Stirling.
Catholic Charities Food Pantries

We need your help more than ever!

In Deuteronomy 14:28-29 it is recorded “At the end of every three years, bring all the tithes of that year’s produce and store it in your towns, so that … (those) who have no allotment of their own… who live in your towns, may come and eat and be satisfied”. Hunger in our land today in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties is such that we find ourselves living out this passage from Leviticus daily. We are sad that there is such hunger yet we are most happy and glad that so many among us share their food as well as their money to buy food so that the hungry among us “may come and eat and be satisfied” Psalm 132:15 reads “I will bless her with abundant provisions; her poor will I satisfy with food”. This Psalm passage too is lived out daily in our six CC pantries across the Diocese though often the provisions fall short of being abundant.

As has been the trend in recent years the number of persons coming to our doors asking for food increased significantly. We continue to ask and we continue to receive. This year 77 parishes, schools and other faith groups provided food to one or more of our pantries up from 68 last year. Some of our donors increased the frequency and amount of their donations. 38 other groups, companies, public schools, and other nonprofits also donated food to us one or more times.

This year at Catholic Family and Community Services we provided over 50,000 meals to 19,000 people. The Father English Center provided 1,372,368 meals to over 57,000 people. Hope House in Dover provided 31,818 meals to 12,705 people. Our Hispanic Information Center in Passaic more than tripled those served providing almost 4,000 meals to 1,354 people.

Those who were hungry asked of us for food and they received. We again asked of you for food to feed them or money to buy that food and we received. We did not quite live out Psalm 132 in that our shelves were not abundantly filled. In fact on July 3 before our public appeal the shelves were nearly empty. With your help in 2013 we will fill out our shelves abundantly. I am happy to say there were some occasions in 2012 when some of our pantries had their shelves filled abundantly for a few days and never were they completely bare. We are getting there. Many thanks!

We are hopeful that the need for food in 2013 will not grow as much as it did in 2012. Yet we do expect it to grow. So, we again ask your help. We welcome any food donations especially recurring ones. If you are already one of our food supporters and can increase your support, call any of the contacts on the next page. If you are not currently one of our food supporters but would like to be, then call any of those contacts listed at the end of this article. Below is a suggested list of items we have prepared for those interested in conducting food drives.

**FOOD DRIVE ITEMS**

Cash - Supermarket gift cards - Canned meats - Canned fish - Canned soups - Canned stews - Canned fruit - Canned vegetables
Canned spaghetti sauce - Canned spaghetti - Various pasta products - Boxed macaroni and cheese - Hot and cold cereals
Powdered milk - Parmalat - Peanut butter - Jelly - Canned juices - Healthy snack foods - Crackers - Manual can openers - Granola bars
Canned milk - - Powdered drink mix - Instant cocoa - Boxed rice products - Baby formula - Diapers - Hygiene products - Breakfast bars
I
Call one of our individual agencies and programs
to deliver food directly to their pantries

WHERE TO GIVE FOOD FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD PANTRIES

Catholic Family & Community Services
Emergency Services
24 DeGrasse Street, Paterson, NJ 07505
(973) 279-7100, x 41

Catholic Family & Community Services
Partnership for Social Services Family Center
48 Wyker Road, Franklin, NJ 07416
(973) 827-4702

CFCS - Hispanic Information Center Site
186 Gregory Avenue, Passaic, NJ 07055
(973) 779-7022

Catholic Family & Community Services
Parents Place
26 DeGrasse Street, Paterson, NJ 07505
(973) 279-7100, x41

CFCS - Father English Community Center Site
435 Main Street, Paterson, NJ 07501
(973) 881-0280

CFCS - Hope House Site
19-21 Belmont Avenue, Dover, NJ 07802
(973) 361-5555, x158

Fortunate client fills her cart from Hope House food pantry thanks to a parish food drive.

FECC food pantry is one of the most admired programs in New Jersey - but we still need help.

A frequent sight - empty shelves at the CFCS food pantry

II
Organize a food collection
at your parish
at your school
at work
among your neighbors

When the day's supply of filled bags are given out, this is what a food pantry looks like.

Empty pantry shelves mean our neighbors don't.

III
Donate funds directly to Catholic Charities Emergency Food Fund
by check or at our website for secure donations
www.catholicharities.org

and send to

Catholic Charities Emergency Food Fund
777 Valley Road
Clifton NJ 07013

The food pantry at the Hispanic Information Center of Passaic - an important charity work.
Jesus Christ is the model for the work of Catholic Charities. From the beginning of his public ministry, Christ gives special attention to poor and vulnerable people. Reading the scriptures in his hometown synagogue, he states, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free” (Luke 4:18). In this “mission statement,” launching the ministry that will ultimately lead to his crucifixion and resurrection, Jesus makes it clear that anyone interested in following him must give special attention to those who most need it: the poor, the widow, the prisoner, the stranger, and the disabled.

Jesus underscores this mission in his subsequent words and actions. In two of the Gospels (Mark 12:31, Matthew 22:39), Jesus explains to his followers that ultimately we will be judged by how well we lived the greatest commandments - loving God and loving our neighbor. In Mark, Jesus is approached by one of the scribes, impressed with his teaching, who wishes to test him further. The scribe asks, “Which commandment is the greatest of all?” Jesus replies, “‘The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’” (Mark 12:28-31). The scribe proclaims “You are right…this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” Jesus affirms his response (and quiets the crowd), saying, “You are not far off from the Kingdom of God.”

When Jesus proclaims the Beatitudes, he offers us an “attitude” or perspective to live by that identifies a life of solidarity with the poor, of hungering for justice, of peace-making, with the kingdom of God:

Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.
“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.
“Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.
“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you – on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.
“Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.
“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.” (Luke 6:20-26)

The Beatitudes establish the perspective by which we organize and structure Catholic Charities: we are called to reflect the kingdom of God in our operations, policies, and actions.

Through the Beatitudes and the Parable of the Good Samaritan, Jesus teaches that responding to suffering people is not simply a matter of following prescribed laws and rules; it is about embracing the Law of Love. In Luke's recounting of the Good Samaritan story (10:25-37), a scholar of the law asks Jesus, “What must I do to inherit everlasting life?” Unsatisfied with Jesus' affirmation of the responsibility to love God and neighbor, he presses further, asking, “Who is my neighbor?” Jesus responds with the parable we know so well. A pious man, a priest, and a Samaritan (Jews and Samaritans shared a mutual hatred at the time) all encounter a wounded Jewish crime victim, abandoned for dead on the side of the road. The first two pass the victim by, prohibited by Jewish law from touching the “unclean” victim. The Samaritan comes next. He binds the man's wounds, takes him to an inn, and pays the innkeeper to care for the wounded man until he returns. Jesus asks the lawyer, “Who was a neighbor to the man?” The scholar replies, “The one who showed him mercy.”

The parable contains a powerful lesson: love and compassion are the supreme law, and love brings with it certain obligations. Pope Benedict XVI, in his encyclical Deus Caritas Est (God is Love), teaches that the parable establishes “a standard which imposes universal love towards the needy whom we encounter 'by chance,'” meaning we must love the neighbor we do not know as much as those we do.

According to some scholars, Jesus himself is the model of the Good Samaritan. We as “church” - in part through the ministries of Catholic Charities - are called to be like the innkeeper, to organize care for those in need, and we will be repaid at the end of time.

From the creation of the universe to the passion of Christ, Biblical themes underlie the ministries of Catholic Charities. They provide the inspiration and impetus for the earliest church ministries with poor and vulnerable people, documented in the New Testament and discussed in more detail in the next resource. The scriptures referenced in this short introduction are only the beginning.

The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching
(1) Life and Dignity of the Human Person

-All People are Sacred, Made in the Image and Likeness of God-

The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research,
Catholic Charities believes that the common good, the full flourishing of all people, is best served by the promotion of strong society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. The person is not only sacred but also social. How we organize our society—in economics and politics, in law and policy—directly affects human dignity and the capacity of individuals to grow in community. Marriage and the family are the central social institutions that must be supported and strengthened, not undermined. We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. Catholic Charities believes that the common good, the full flourishing of all people, is best served by the promotion of strong marriages and responsible parenthood. As the smallest social unit in society, the family’s protection and strengthening is essential to the flourishing of larger social units. As an organization, Catholic Charities practices subsidiarity, the principle that larger social entities should not take on roles that smaller social entities can successfully perform on their own unless the smaller entity becomes incapable of performing the role. This principle is the reason Catholic Charities encourages client participation in the decisions which affect their lives.

(2) Call to Family, Community and Participation

-The Human Person is Both Sacred and Social – When One Suffers We All Suffer-

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(3) Rights and Responsibilities

-People Have a Fundamental Right to Life, Food, Shelter, Health Care, Education, and Employment-

The Catholic tradition teaches that human dignity can be protected and a healthy community can be achieved only if human rights are protected and responsibilities are met. Therefore, every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities—to one another, to our families, and to the larger society.

Many of the specific programs Catholic Charities implements flow from human rights—what a person is due simply by being made in the image and likeness of God: food, clothing, shelter, and medical care, to name a few. At the same time, many Catholic Charities staff members work with clients to help them take ownership of their own responsibilities: to work, to care for children, to heal broken relationships. The wisdom required is the discernment of which approach is needed at a given moment.

(4) Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

-The Moral Test of a Society is How It Treats Its Most Vulnerable Members-

A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Matthew 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

Through its education, advocacy, and public policy work, Catholic Charities offers both analysis of how the most vulnerable members of our nation are faring and vehicles for action for Catholics and other agencies, groups, and associations concerned about poor and vulnerable people. The Catholic Charities USA Campaign to Reduce Poverty in America offers a national forum for local agencies to unity policymakers and all people of goodwill toward a common mission of cutting poverty in half. These efforts at times require a prophetic stance, and in other instances a convening role, bringing people of differing views to the table.

(5) The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers

-The Economy Exists to Serve People, Not the Other Way Around-

The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of God’s continuing creation of the world. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

The righteous will answer him, “Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?” And the king will answer them, “Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.” (Matthew 25:31-46)

Catholic Charities promotes the dignity of work and the rights of workers in many parts of the country by removing internal and external barriers to work for poor and vulnerable people. As an employer, Catholic Charities is committed to the dignity of its workforce. As the CCUSA Code of Ethics states: “Employment with the Catholic Charities agency involves the development of a mutual relationship between the organization and the individual staff member that is guided by the values of respect, openness, and transparency.”

(6) Solidarity

-We are Called to Work Globally for Justice-

We are one human family, whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our broth-
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.
2012 Caritas Award Recipients

The Toledo Family  
Convening

Thomas J. Healey  
Advocacy

Sr. Arlene Kollar, SSC  
Service

In the Award Nomination submission, the Toledos pastor, Fr. Dan Murphy, at St. Matthew Parish in Randolph writes "As a family they have involved all the family members in their projects, including Grandma. The essence of the word Convening, the Caritas Award being given the Toledos is "calling together others to serve". This is obvious from the deeds they have accomplished and Fr. Dan's words above. One family member hears a call and extends the invite to others. Stephen was called to follow in establishing the Pediatric Fund at Clara Maas Hospital and subsequently the Boarder Baby project at University Hospital but extended the invite or convened his family in the effort. Stephanie got the call to support the "New Eyes for the Needy" project collecting prescription eyeglasses for folks in need in over 30 countries around the world and the "locks of love" project gathering hers and others hair for cancer patients.

One of those who wrote a letter of support for Tom's nomination for this Award said of Tom "he is constitutionally oriented as a leader to encourage, motivate, persuade, and inspire others to follow his example and collectively work to make this a better Church and world that cares for the most marginalized, that alleviates suffering, that advocates for justice. His effectiveness is all the more remarkable when one considers what a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, neighbor, and friend he is. All who know Tom Healey are made better for knowing him".

Some of the comments from persons who wrote letters of support for Sister Arlene's nomination for the Caritas Award are as follows:

- Sister Arlene has changed many people's lives, mine being one of them. She helped me through the three toughest years of my life.
- She is truly a 24/7 type A person who always is on call and, when called upon, always makes herself available.
- She does not just recognize people's needs; she follows through and helps bring them through life's celebrations and challenges.
- She puts herself second to others' needs.
- Sister Arlene has loyally served in more ministerial capacities than most priests or nuns could imagine.
Catholic Family & Community Services $18,383,903
Department for Persons with Disabilities 7,060,400
Father English Center 6,923,188
Hispanic Information Center of Passaic 1,544,284
Hope House 2,066,293
Straight & Narrow, Inc. 18,611,589
Secretariat for Catholic Charities 197,633

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As you plan for the future, consider Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson in your estate plans. You can establish a legacy gift by simply naming Catholic Charities in your will as a beneficiary. Consult your estate advisor.

To include Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson, please use the following language:

I give, devise or bequeath to Catholic Charities, a charitable organization located at 777 Valley Road, Clifton, NJ 07013 $___________ for the general charitable and educational purposes in carrying out its mission.

Thank you for considering Catholic Charities in your estate plans. For more information, please call Father Edward Lambro 973-777-8818 ex 294 or 257