"To serve the poor is to honor God."

Catholic Charities
Diocese of Paterson
Annual Report
2014
Dear Friends in Christ,

Pope Francis, in his 2014 Lenten message, stated that “in imitation of our Master, we Christians are called to confront the poverty of our brothers and sisters, to touch it, to make it our own and to take practical steps to alleviate it.” In the Paterson Diocese, our Holy Father’s words become deeds through the work of our Catholic Charities agencies.

This year’s 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 addition 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 thank the staff of our Catholic Charities agencies who serve all those who cross our threshold in need of assistance. You bring the light of Christ to all of our clients. A special word of gratitude goes to all who volunteer their time and financially support our social outreach efforts. I am so grateful for your stewardship. Your response to the Gospel imperative to serve the poor among us is a great example to us all.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

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

Have you ever heard the phrase “teaching to the test”? In education circles it is a phrase with a negative connotation implying that with all the increased reliance on standardized testing in our schools, there is too much emphasis on teaching students to take and pass the test instead of teaching students. It occurs to me that Catholic Charities is teaching to the test, but in this case, such is a very good thing.

What am I talking about? Well, what is the test? The test is the Gospel of Matthew 25: 31-46. We will be asked if we fed the hungry, clothed the naked, welcomed the stranger, gave drink to the thirsty, visited the prisoner, and cared for the sick. To continue the metaphor, Catholic Charities is like the SAT prep course program or those general education programs you hear about on T.V. that help your child to learn - why – well, to pass the test.

In this letter one year ago I referenced the Letter of James titled “Faith and Actions” emphasizing our faith expects of us action. And Matthew 25 specifies what those actions are. We at Catholic Charities are all about the six part test of Matthew. Those who involve themselves in this work, independently, working for us, volunteering with us, donating to us, praying for us, are practicing for the test. We are not the only prep course for the test, but we are a good one.

So please, read this annual report. But before you read it, read Matthew 25: 31-46. Then as you read the report offer a prayer of thanks for all the good going on and reflect upon how we (you and us) are doing in preparing for the test. Then add to your prayer that we will continue to do well, even better!

And please, give 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
This I command you: love one another.
- John 15:18

Each year Catholic Family and Community Services (CFCS) faces overwhelming challenges. Of course there are always the growing financial needs but also there are environmental forces that require timely and effective mitigating actions. While 2014 was a year with disappointments, it also was a year with incredible good works and good will. The community support of the CFCS food pantries set a new record with the June Feast of Corpus Christi food drive. Generous donations of gently used suits enabled Veterans seeking employment to be hired. Thanksgiving baskets and Christmas gift donations were like the “fishes and loaves” enabling us to share the abundance with over 3,000 low income households. Most people would agree that the economy is slow to recover, but I can tell you firsthand that the 2014 community support of CFCS was tremendous again helping us to set a new record of clients served. Sadly in August, due to shrinking government funding, after 20 years, we had to close the Passaic Teen Center, a group home for teenage boys. We are also sad to report the increasing number of homeless families; mothers and fathers with young children. 4,696 people came to CFCS for financial emergency assistance such as rent or mortgage assistance, temporary and emergency shelter, utility bill payment assistance, medication assistance, food, and more.

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. The Center for Disease Control 2005 – 2011 Surveillance Report on Child Mental Illness identified a significant public health concern related to the finding that 1 in 5 children in the U.S. have a mental health condition. We believe we are called to strengthen families and in 2014 CFCS youth programs served 582 preschool children, 52 foster care children, 520 low income children who participated in the child nutrition program and afterschool programs, as well as 88 at-risk teens that were assisted though outreach services and mentoring/counseling programs. Youth attending the afterschool program at the Hispanic Information Center...
continued to receive homework assistance and enjoyed recreational activities such as bowling, hiking, movies and attending a concert at the IZOD center.

In 2014, 21 foster children were reunited with their biological parent and one child was adopted by their foster parent. We strive to make our Mt. St. Joseph Children’s Center a safe and nurturing place of recovery for the 28 boys who needed residential treatment at MSJ this year. Working with each child, ages 7 to 16, 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 program serving Passaic County families caring for a developmentally delayed or disabled child helped 832 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.

During 2014 CFCS preschools effectively engaged parents to volunteer in the classroom (20%), to attend monthly meetings (50%) and to read to their children. In 2015, CFCS staff working with youth of all ages will focus their efforts on community-building strategies and ongoing efforts to empower families.

Hope was restored to 662 Immigrant families that received legal assistance in 2014 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 121 students in 2014. Among the 2014 ESL students 98% when surveyed, reported they would recommend the program to others.

This year we shared with others the updated United Way ALICE Report which affirmed what we already knew. The working poor are getting poorer. In our food pantries, we noted a growing trend of more 55 years and older pantry-users and young adult pantry-users. The USDA Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, commonly called food stamps, was reauthorized with the 2014 Farm Bill. Many adults and families lost their food stamp benefits in 2014. CFCS preschool food backpack program, generously supported by private donors, was able to fill a gap for 640 households each month. The food back pack distribution to pre-school children was a combined total of

26,480 pounds of food each month. Our four pantries distributed 1,220,665 pounds of food in 2014. 732,399 (60%) pounds of that was donated by individuals. Clients were greeted by name and warmly welcomed by the many volunteers who share their time and talents contributing 19,300 service hours in 2014, an equivalent value of $472,850.

Not only are young adults having a hard time becoming self-sufficient but also veterans both returning service men and veterans of past conflicts are unable to find new employment in a changing job market. The Supportive Services for Veteran Families Program successfully rehoused over 200 homeless veterans in 2014. Recognizing the need to help veterans restore their personal dignity, CFCS in partnership with St. Bonaventure’s Church in Paterson, opened a veteran’s drop-in-center. Veterans can access information and
resources from multiple community organizations at one single point of contact. Not only is a goal of the drop-in center 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. The CFCS Veterans program successfully helped women veterans to testify in October before the NJ Committee on Veterans, Disabilities and Military Affairs on gender related issues resulting in the introduction of NJ SA 3749 and A3750; bills to improve access to care and information for female veterans. Through the CFCS case managers, the working poor, veterans, adults with HIV/AIDS and seniors are given resources to sustain their basic needs. In 2014 in Passaic, Morris and Sussex Counties, 4,502 Seniors were supported through services like Adult Day Care, Recreation Activities, 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. Forty families affected by Hurricane Sandy depended on the CFCS Disaster Response Program in 2014 to help them resolve needed repairs. In all, CFCS distributed $239,000 in disaster aid in 2014.

We are proud of the services we provided to over 76,000 individuals this year. We are proud of the clients we empowered as self-advocates. We are proud of the 1740 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. We are humbled by your unfailing support of CFCS which enables us to be (in the words of Pope Francis) following Jesus . . . . . means be the first to take a step toward our brothers and sisters, especially those who are the most distant, those who are forgotten, those who are most in need of understanding, comfort and help (March 27, 2013, general audience).

CFCS 2014 Food Assistance Program Report

CFCS assisted 76,683 individuals through our food pantries. Over 1,485,157 meals were provided. The Child Nutrition Program provided another 142,282 meals at two of the CFCS preschools.

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.

Where space allows our pantries offer client-choice, that is, clients choose food rather than receiving a pre-packed bag of food items. Using a point system based on family size, clients shop from an assortment of culturally appropriate items. In season clients have access to fresh grown produce grown by local farmers or on the front lawn of Hope House. In 2014 CFCS distributed over 1,194,185 pounds of food, which had an equivalent value of over $2,388,370. Additionally CFCS distributed to 5 preschools food back packs 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. CFCS fed almost 30,000 children in 2014 through its food pantries, child nutrition program and afterschool programs.
CFCS pantries could not exist without the generous support of the community. 60%+ of our food is donated by individuals; 35% is USDA surplus food; and the remaining 5% supply is purchased by CFCS with private donations. Again in 2014 the demand for food was up in all three counties. Morris County had the biggest increase in demand, 17%. Our pantries depend on volunteers to operate. This is an in-kind donation of over 18,200 hours a year, valued at $445,900. 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 provide 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 edible without cooking. 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. In NJ, it is estimated that over 915,000 children experience hunger. Many factors contribute to the growing crisis such as unemployment/underemployment, lack of a living wage, disproportionate housing or health care costs, undocumented status, the 2014 SNAP allocation cuts and other growing costs such as transportation. Clients who are not eligible for SNAP have no other source of assistance other than a local food pantry. 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. Typically food stamps last less than 3 weeks per month and SNAP benefits allow for $1.50 per meal while $2.74 cost per meal is a more accurate estimate. If we were to provide the additional 156 meals needed to all 76,683 clients served by a CFCS food pantry in 2014 within one month, the cost would be $17.9 million.
According to the NJ Legal Services 2013 Poverty Report, in Passaic and Paterson over 60% of the children live in poverty. The NJ Kid Count 2014 Report indicates that in our Diocese, the number of children living in poverty in Passaic County is 1 out of 2, in Sussex County is 1 out of 5 and in Morris County is 1 out of 6. A 2005 NJ Hunger Prevention Advisory Committee Report recommended 12 priority focus areas for pantries:

- Implement funding strategies to improve the quality of food distributed by pantries (dairy, produce, meat)
- Expand soup kitchens, increase hours and capacity to serve children
- Recruit and retain more volunteers, offer a travel stipend
- Enhance outreach for pantry use, address cultural considerations
- Encourage participation in child school nutrition programs, enable schools to participate via waivers
- Create an endhungernj.org web site
- Enable use of technology by food pantries
- Assist food pantries to address their transportation needs
- Expand Farmer’s markets, co-locate at WIC sites
- Increase food pantries access to cold storage
- Train volunteers on food stamp screening tools, assist consumers to complete eligibility forms.

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.

### Food Pantry Hours of Operation

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Having a meal with a reading buddy

Smiling woman at our seniors program Easter Party.
The Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD)

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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. Our paid and volunteer staff work to make the agency’s mission a reality. The need is great. 8,000+ people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in NJ waiting await an opening in a residential home. Throughout 2015 DPD will be celebrating our 50th year of service. All this time DPD has made a difference in the lives of thousands of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

DPD staffs nine group homes and two supervised apartments 24/7 serving 74 people across Morris, Passaic, and Sussex counties. In 2015, we will open our 12th residential program, Giuliano House in Jefferson Township. Giuliano House will serve four people with advanced physical needs.

DPD also operates a vocational day program, Gruenert Center a state-of-the-art facility offering an atmosphere of comfort and welcome for clients, staff and volunteers. 57 adults with developmental disabilities attend Gruenert Center 5 days a week for work activities. Jobs include packaging, collating, ceramics, crafts, and cleaning local businesses and parishes.
Many of the people we serve have lived and worked in our programs for over 40 years. As time passes they 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 Direct Care Service staff are the backbone of the organization and empower people to be active, contributing, valued members of our community; and to participate fully in life with dignity and respect. They participate in resident support groups, art therapy programs, work independent jobs in the community, drive, are members of the Boy Scouts, Special Olympics, Knights of Columbus and Columbiettes. Some people we serve give back to others in need by volunteering in nursing homes, at local benefits and are also involved with a “Fight for the Right” group which has collected cell phones for our troops overseas, created centerpieces for soup kitchens, ran food drives, helped wounded warriors and have also held pet drives.

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.

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

Since 1986 DPD has been fully accredited 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 2961 days of care to 5 men and 5 women with developmental and physical disabilities and autism.

Barnet House is a large two story home in Pompton Lakes. DPD provided 2,486 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 1,791 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 2,150 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 2,837 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 1,806 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 2,048 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 1,957 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 2,160 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 2,085 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 2,912 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 10,182 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 2,199 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 from around the Diocese including over 7 pet therapy friends. This year they accounted for 3,200 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 200 hours of service to 8 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.
2014 was another year of change at S&N. The Adolescent Residential Program now operates under the New Jersey Child System of Care (CSOC) as one of four approved inpatient residential substance abuse providers within the state of New Jersey. Staff has undergone specialized training in order to access and utilize the Performcare System which manages all youth receiving services under the CSOC and connects youth to services throughout the state. The adolescent program worked to improve retention. Upon admission, clients are given a welcome packet and meet with the admissions coordinator to discuss the program structure. On admission day, clients are oriented to the community and dorm by a community living staff member. The admissions coordinator meets with clients’ parents/guardians to encourage family support and involvement, as well as to orient families to some of the difficulties clients may face in adjusting to treatment. New admissions participate in a 28 day orientation phase.

The State continues to move toward a fee for service reimbursement system. In a fee for service system we will be reimbursed based on beds filled and billable services. As opposed to relying on a per diem rate in the current contract for service system, 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. The full implementation of our short term residential (RRI) program which actually began in December of 2013 and is a fee for service program was an excellent training tool for us throughout 2014 and has helped prepare the organization for the transition of our entire program portfolio.

We selected Core Solutions, Inc as our Electronic Health Record service provider. Our conversion team headed by Tom Viola worked with Core Solutions staff to customize their product creating an electronic environment that mirrors our current paper systems while decreasing missed, lost and duplicative paperwork, maximizing billing opportunities and more efficiently organizing our record keeping. Director of Adolescent Services, Reina Rivas volunteered that department to test the product beginning in December. The product will be implemented agency wide in the first quarter of 2015. The State awarded S&N a grant for start-up and operational costs for a 50 bed men’s re-entry (halfway house). Construction will be complete and we will be operational early in 2015.

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The number of persons served in 2014 exceeded 2013 in almost 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 maintain and even increase the census in the Family Success Center and Prevention programs.

Emphasis was placed on developing value added features 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 additional self-help books. Counselors too are given copies of the same 12 step books. The staff resource library was renovated and expanded. 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. We continue to utilize a consultant for training of community living staff, offer CPR training and send management and counseling staff to outside trainings. Six staff obtained their counseling or social work credential or license this year. Two staff attended the CCUSA annual Leadership Institute and one staff member attended the FDU Leadership program.

There were many program and facility improvements. One of the Medical Day Care vans was replaced and a third van added to our Alpha II women’s program. Spackling, carpet and furniture replacement has been ongoing throughout the year. Air conditioning was installed in the Great Hall where our clients take their meals; residential male clients and outpatients come for counseling; mass is celebrated, whole house meetings occur and where many staff offices are located. The HVAC was replaced in our women’s Alpha I&II residential units. The nonprofit organization Holiday Express continues to assist us during the Christmas season. This year Holiday Express 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; adding the use of a second ball field for our men’s softball team; providing soccer for the adolescent clients and providing them use of two gyms for basketball; adding a women’s softball team; adding a sitting garden, bocce court, horse shoe pit and volleyball court on campus; and increasing opportunities for clients to attend plays, athletic events, recitals, and recovery group celebrations. Client retreat opportunities were expanded and are now available to all residential clients and participants at our Medical Day center. Our weight/exercise room received new equipment and our apartment tenants received a new flat screen T.V., an air hockey and pool table. Our Family Success Center received a new security system. Our web site www.straightandnarrowinc.org had a complete overhaul in 2013 was continuously updated in 2014.

Our NAEYC accredited La Vida Child Care Centers continue to provide high quality preschool services. We support client families with workshops on child growth and development, early language and reading and parenting skills. This year we were fortunate to receive 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.

Our Gospel Choir performed in 50+ parishes, schools, community organizations and gatherings in 2014. 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.

S&N maintains its internship programs providing hands-on experience, mentoring and training for students from Rutgers University, Montclair State University, William Paterson University, Passaic County Community College and Berkeley College. In 2014 S&N served twelve student-interns.
Our Family Success Center (FSC) served almost 600 new families assisting them in becoming successful with such services as a back to school workshop, CPR training, internet safety, holiday celebrations and parenting training. Our Prevention Program graduated 114 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 2013 versus 2014:

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Each weekend Friday through Sunday Straight & Narrow Inc. operates the Intoxicated Driver Resource Center (IDRC) program wherein the 48 hour clients attend. On Saturday the 12 hour DUI offenders arrive for the IDRC program. Pictured here Keith Johnson, CADC counselor conducts the IDRC introduction.
In 2014 The Migrant Ministry (MM) began a new era. The Missionary Servants of the Most Holy Trinity officially handed the leadership of the Migrant Ministry to the Diocese. Bishop Serratelli appointed Fr. Raimundo Rivera as the new Director of the Migrant Ministry, who was joyfully accepted in all the migrant communities. We give thanks to the “Trinitarians” who served with love and dedication the migrant communities of our diocese since it was established in 1997.

The Ministry expanded this year adding the migrant community of Lincoln Park and its vicinities. Holy Mass is celebrated every Sunday at St. Joseph Church in Lincoln Park serving 60 migrant worker families.

Our MM office relocated from St. Margaret Church in Morristown to Newton, where Fr. Raimundo, Luis Arias and Pam and Ed Madzy staff it welcoming all who come through our doors. 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, parishioners and volunteers from St. Joseph (Newton), Saint Kateri Tekakwitha (Sparta), and St. Joseph (Lincoln Park). We are grateful to all.

A look at this year’s accomplishments and statistics:

1) 65 volunteers offered over 9,600 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. The Liturgy was celebrated by Fr. Raimundo Rivera. Fr. Patrick Rice, Fr. Gabriel Barrera concelebrated and Deacon Glen Murphy assisted. We thank Msgr. Kieran McHugh and
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 925 hours staffing the Help Line. 331 people received medical or dental appointments. There was an additional 3,252 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.

We provided some recreational activities: 8 families participated in the “Trinita Family Life Summer Camp” in New Hartford, CT. There was 1 dinner dance to celebrate the beginning of a new community in Lincoln Park during the summer.

2014 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 was the primary way we responded to these events in all the communities. This year President Obama’s new Executive Action on Immigration which includes the Deferred Action for the Parents DAP was received with great joy and hope. This decision will improve the lives of many of the migrant worker families from our Diocese and beyond.

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.
"Bob Jacob, Dharmesh Parikh, and Rocco Zappile respectively serve as the CFOs of the three Catholic Charities agencies, Catholic Family and Community Services (CFCS), Straight and Narrow, Inc. (S&N), and the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD). Each has served in that capacity of over 25 years a longer tenure with their agency than any of the Catholic Charities CEOs. To say it in one sentence, they have managed to keep the lights and heat on for all these years. They balanced the budgets, paid the bills and found the money so that our agencies could fulfill their mission of service, advocacy and convening.”.

"Steve and Kristy Goulart see the face of Jesus in every facet of their personal and work lives. They are active in their parish of St. Joseph’s in Mendham, serving as a host family for the traveling National Evangelization Team (NET) team providing food, housing and hospitality, volunteering as a catechist and on the parish Religious Education Formation council. They have been supporters of St. Paul Inside the Walls, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal (BAA), and Partners in Faith (PIF) Campaign. They are licensed Foster parents and supporters of the Court Appointed Special Advocates program.”

"Msgr. (Fr. Mark) Giordani was ordained at St. John’s Cathedral in 1969 and has never been far from St. John’s. His first assignment was at Our Lady of Lourdes in Paterson; from there he went to St. Gerard’s and then became the Rector of the Cathedral in 1987. Fr. Mark lives Pope’s Francis call to know the sheep. Anyone that has the occasion to be in Fr. Mark’s company, whether walking the streets of Paterson, at the annual Blue Mass in our Diocese, at the jail, or at anyone’s fundraiser is amazed at how many people from all walks of life come up and greet him, and he, in turn greets them by name.”
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- **Department for Persons with Disabilities, Oak Ridge;**
- **Catholic Family & Community Services, Paterson.**

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MORRISTOWN, ST MARGARET
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NETCOUNG, ST MICHAEL
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Thank you for considering Catholic Charities in your estate plans.

For more information, please call Father Edward Lambro 973-777-8818 ext 294 or 257