

1984

- Catholic Charities opened the “Projecto Ayuda Program” to help provide jobs for low income elderly with local non-profit organizations; 28 slots were made available in the City.
- Catholic Charities expanded its food pantry distribution and established offices in Alice, Agua Dulce, Banquete, and the City of Corpus Christi.

1985

- Recommendations were made to move Catholic Charities offices from 1202 Leopard St. to a new location since we were in one of the proposed areas of the New City Hall building.
- The Immigration and Refugee Services was formally established to assist with family petitions, legal permanent resident status, employment permits, naturalization, and citizenship.
- Catholic Charities temporarily moved its facilities to 1650 South Brownlee.
- Under the administration of Monsignor Freeman, Catholic Charities continued to grow; offices were established in Alice, San Patricio, and Bee Counties. Catholic Charities employed 64 people to develop and implement programs throughout the communities.

1986

- The Counseling Department was established and a License Counselor was hired to provide counseling to victims of domestic violence, juvenile challenges, and alcohol problems.
- Priorities were established by the Board of Directors and Administrative staff. Catholic Charities was to focus on providing social services without duplicating community services.
- Catholic Charities organized its priorities to provide emergency food, clothing, and shelter to the poor. The Mission of Catholic Charities was developed.
- Catholic Charities organized staff and volunteers to visit homes providing help with repairs of broken windows, leaky roofs, heating issues, and furniture.
- With a grant from the Kenedy Memorial Foundation we opened the doors to the Vineyard Program in Beeville; land and a building for offices were purchased.

1987

- Catholic Charities moved offices from 1650 South Brownlee to the Monastery building located at 1322 Comanche Street.
- Under the supervision of Catholic Charities, the Laredo Adoption Program increased in the number of child placements, available children for adoptions, and perspective adoptive families.
- Catholic Charities became certified as a Qualified Designated Entity for the Immigration Legalization Amnesty Program; Counseling Program was expanded from part time to full time.
- Catholic Charities assumed the responsibilities for the operation of the Saint Vincent de Paul Store on Laredo Street.
- Casa San Lucas was placed under the administration of Catholic Charities; it was to serve as a nursing home for Diocesan Priests.

1988

- Under the leadership of Rev. Msgr. Robert E. Freeman, Catholic Charities took the lead to educate people regarding voter registration and later assisted the US Census project to improve communications between census volunteers and the community.

1989

- Catholic Charities opened the Hundredfold Store on Ayers Street; the retail store helped support the financial overhead at the Saint Vincent de Paul store on Laredo Street.
- The Turnaround Program for Boys was developed, right after the success of the New Life Program for Girls.
- Catholic Charities partnered with The US Marines Corp, C Company Toys for Tots Campaign and became the first distribution site throughout our 12 County areas.

1990

- The Counseling Department was moved to a larger facility located at 1650 South Brownlee Street. The program expanded services to meet the needs of the community, as well as, religious, clergy, deacons, and lay personnel of the Diocese.

1991

- In collaboration with Catholic Charities, the Chronically Ill and the Disabled Children Services Department offered services in conjunction with the Texas Department of Human Services at various hospitals throughout our Diocese and Statewide; Catholic Charities was the first agency selected by the State of Texas in July 1991.

1992

- Statewide Immigration and Legalization Projects and Outreach Program began to reach undocumented people guiding them through the process of legalization. Catholic Charities Immigration and Refugee Department was the only agency in 12 Counties with authorization to process and submit applications to the US Department of Immigration and Naturalization.