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OUR RESPONSE TO THE NEEDS OF OTHERS

Since 1942, Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fall River has been ministering to those in need throughout southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod, and the Islands.

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A PAST OF UNCERTAINTY

Putting a "face" or a "name" to those who are helped by the various agencies funded by the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal is not easy while respecting the privacy and dignity of those assisted. However, the following examples should serve as ample evidence of the wonderful work being done by those whose ministry of assisting people in need is supported by the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal.



Kevin and Kathy Clark playing with their daughter, Sophie, who they adopted through Catholic Social Services (an agency funded by the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal).

A FUTURE OF HOPE

"When our daughter Sophie's birth mom went to the agency she was in crisis, practically living out of her car. She really didn't have any other place to turn. She wasn't sure what to do so Catholic Social Services was there for her. Our daughter's birth mom probably would have chosen a different option and without Catholic Social Services Sophie may possibly not even be here."

(Kathy, adoptive mother of Sophie)

"How beautiful are the footsteps of those who bring good news." (Rom 10: 15-17)



“The love of God is revealed

Emergency, Transitional, and Supportive Housing facilities, offered through **THE OFFICE OF CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**, serve over 450 adults and children on any given day here in the Diocese of Fall River.

The Office of Catholic Social Services, the largest agency funded by the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal, ministered to more the 62,000 men, women, and children in 2011.

Housing Facilities and Programs include:

- Donovan House
- St. Clare's
- St. Mathieu's
- Samaritan House
- Talbot House
- St. Dominic's
- St. Anne's
- Sister Rose's

This agency is the largest provider of Food and Basic Needs services, Transitional and Supportive Residential services, and beds for homeless (scattered across the Diocese) outside of the greater Boston region. During 2011 this agency:

- . Provided over 300,000 pounds of emergency food to more than 21,000 people including over 6,700 children in more than 9,200 households.
- . Ministered to 1,301 men, women and children (737 in emergency situations) across the Diocese who were housed in transitional short-term or emergency housing facilities.

Many of these facilities offer programs for residents which include counseling, job finding, advocacy, life skills, budgeting, educational advocacy, etc.

Programs such as “Journey to Independence”, “Coming Home”, “H.O.U.S.E.”, and “Pathways to a Brighter Future” provide housing and supportive services to enable families with a history of homelessness or other barriers to achieve long-term sustainability.



DONOVAN HOUSE



ST. CLARE'S



ST. MATHIEU'S



SAMARITAN HOUSE



TALBOT HOUSE



SR. ROSE'S



Mothers and their children at the Donovan House Christmas Party.



*“The house I was living in was foreclosed on so I lost everything and I came to Sister Rose’s House, an emergency housing for homeless men. Without Sister Rose’s House I would probably be on the street. You can’t grasp the amount of integrity that is lost until you become homeless. When you become homeless you lose everything. You have to start from scratch. They have social workers that help you find permanent housing, help with budgeting, rents, etc.”
(Herbert, Sister Rose’s House past resident)*

“My son and I came to the Donovan House when he was 5 months old. We really didn’t have a single place or healthy place to live. Honestly, if it wasn’t for the Donovan House I really don’t know where we would be. I don’t even like to think about that. The Donovan House opens their arms to people in need. I needed help for six months. Now I have my own place. I now go to school. My son’s at day care. Donovan House was a little bit of light at the end of the tunnel. The donations to Catholic Charities made it possible and now I donate stuff to Donovan House myself.” (Jessica, former resident of Donovan House)

led in responsibility for others.” (Pope Benedict XVI)



Deacon Bruce Bonneau speaks to participants of a Marriage Prep Program.

There are presently **67 DEACONS** in active ministry in the Fall River Diocese serving in 62 parishes. Sixteen men are presently enrolled in the formation program leading to ordination to the Diaconate.

Deacons proclaim and preach the Gospel and serve at the altar. **Deacons** also preside at public prayer, baptize children, witness marriages and bless them, minister to the sick and the dying, and lead the rites of burial.

Deacons serve in varying ministries in addition to parishes and schools.

Deacons serve as Hospital Chaplains and in Diocesan Offices. They serve in Prison Ministry in both the Barnstable and Bristol County Houses of Correction, where they facilitate retreats, liturgies, and weekly prayer services and support groups for women and men inmates. They also assist in programs caring for the homeless and feeding the poor.

The formation program and ministry of Diocesan **Deacons** is funded by the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal.



The Diocesan Office of Disabilities is another of the offices funded by the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal.

"I had a cancerous tumor removed from my brain and when I awoke four days later I was blind. It was a very tough and hard experience. I had to learn everything over again. I was looking for all kinds of services and someone suggested the Office of Disabilities of the Diocese and that is when I met Matt, the director. He helped me with benefits, housing, insurance, etc. In the meantime I had to go through radiation treatments and another surgery. Now I am in an apartment and Matt helped me get Personal Care Assistants and remains my advocate for all of these things. To be honest without Catholic Social Services and Matt's help, I don't know where I would be. I really don't." (Gail, client of the Office of Disabilities)



Gail Lavoie, blinded as a result of surgery on a brain tumor, consults with her advocate Matt Dansereau, the Director of the Diocesan Office of Persons with Disabilities.

DID YOU KNOW

† The Office of the Pro-Life Apostolate continues to receive hundreds of telephone calls for Project Rachel, from mothers, fathers, and family members who are experiencing post-abortion stress.

† The generosity of Diocesan donors to the Catholic Charities Appeal has enabled us to save many innocent human lives. Programs of direct intervention to address the needs of the individuals have allowed many to find the courage to continue their pregnancies.

"When I had a miscarriage, I was struggling with the loss of my baby and my Pastor referred me to the Pro-Life Office and stated, "Even though they typically deal with people who have had abortions, you are going through the same loss. The loss of your baby.

I discovered that the Pro-Life Office is a caring ministry that offers love, support, and encouragement to women that want to celebrate life, even in a time of trauma due to loss.

Our death culture wants us to forget about life in the tiniest stages. The doctors even used phrases like, "it was so early that there wasn't really anything there" when referring to early miscarriages. This is suppose to stop my suffering and make me feel better. The world was telling me that I was to forget about my baby or that she didn't really exist, but I just couldn't forget because I knew in my heart how much I loved her and that I was experiencing a real loss.

I was so grateful that the diocese has a professional, knowledgeable, and active Pro-life office and had a faithful servant, like Marian, that was loving, supportive, and experienced, that could assist me, almost immediately, through my difficult time. I knew that my baby was a Saint in Heaven praying for me and she assured me of this." (Former client of the Diocesan Pro-Life Office.)



“Anyone with two tunics must share with one who has only one.”

Statement of Revenues and Expenditures 2011 Catholic Charities Appeal

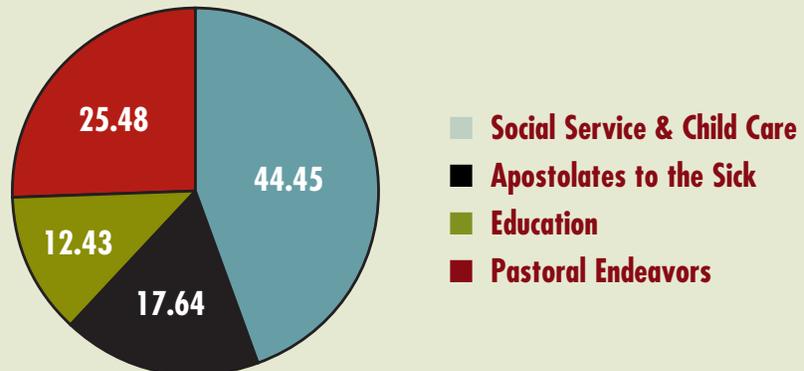
In the 2011 Catholic Charities Appeal, over 31,000 parishioners from the 90 parishes around the Diocese donated \$4,241,127, the highest total of parishioner donations in the history of the Appeal.

This Springtime Appeal is the one and only time the Diocese asks its parishioners to come together to SHARE what they have with those in need, by helping to fund the charitable works of its agencies and apostolates.

As we seek to deepen our relationship with Christ, please prayerfully reflect on your response to the needs of the less fortunate members of our community, by considering being as generous as possible to this year’s Appeal beginning on May 1st.

I.	TOTAL RECEIVED 2011 APPEAL		\$4,241,127.12
II.	DISBURSEMENTS, Made or Allocated		
	Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2011		
(1)	SOCIAL SERVICE & CHILD CARE		
	a. Catholic Social Service	\$1,415,120.00	
	b. Saint Vincent’s Camp	80,000.00	
	c. Diocesan Apostolates to Immigrants	246,525.00	
	d. Catholic Youth Organization	88,750.00	
	e. Saint Vincent’s Home	<u>125,000.00</u>	
			1,955,395.00
(2)	APOSTOLATES TO THE SICK		
	a. Pastoral Ministry to the Sick	<u>775,950.00</u>	
			775,950.00
(3)	EDUCATION		
	a. Education and Faith Formation Offices (Religious Education, Adult Education, Youth Ministry)	476,700.00	
	b. Scholarship Aid Program	<u>70,000.00</u>	
			546,700.00
(4)	PASTORAL ENDEAVORS		
	a. Diocesan Family Life	154,200.00	
	b. Charities Appeal Office	\$268,984.85	
	c. Liturgical	\$28,366.20	
	d. Permanent Diaconate	\$73,650.00	
	e. Campus Ministry	\$87,930.00	
	f. Communications	\$106,000.00	
	g. Scouts	\$8,522.00	
	h. Office for Religious	\$50,700.00	
	i. Pro-Life Activities	\$119,500.00	
	j. Office for Pastoral Planning	\$190,340.74	
	k. TV Mass	\$5,000.00	
	l. RCIA	<u>\$28,000.00</u>	
			1,121,193.79
	TOTAL		<u>4,399,238.79</u>
III.	PROCEEDS OF 2011 APPEAL		\$4,241,127.12
	DISBURSEMENTS MADE OR ALLOCATED		<u>\$4,399,238.79</u>
	Deficit		\$ (158,111.67)

Percentages of Total Disbursements by Category



Catholic Charities: SOUND STEWARDSHIP

The Wise Giving Alliance of the Better Business Bureau notes that efficient charities “spend no more than 35 percent (35 cents of every dollar) of contributions on administrative expenses”.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fall River spends less than 6 percent (6 cents of every dollar) on administrative expenses.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Fall River spends 94 cents of every dollar donated ministering to and serving those who reach out for assistance to its agencies and apostolates.

“Those who believed Shared in Common.” (Acts 2:44)

no has none, and anyone with something to eat must do the same.”

(St. John the Baptist)

Are you willing “to offer hope” to your sisters and brothers in need?



If you are, please make a donation OR
as thousands do each year make a
monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual pledge
with no payment until July at the earliest!

Examples based on 10-month pledge period (July - April)

Pledge	10-Monthly Payments of	Daily Sacrifice
\$50	\$5	\$.17
\$100	\$10	\$.33
\$200	\$20	\$.67
\$300	\$30	\$1.00
\$500	\$50	\$1.67

Does your employer have a Matching Gift Program?

Your gift could double or triple!

If you wish, you can use a credit card

to make your donation or pledge (see contribution/pledge card for details)



You may also use the
Catholic Charities website

to donate or pledge at

www.frdioc-catholiccharities.org

(The gift will be credited to your parish if you wish and the pastor notified)

“I had a breast cancer diagnosis for the second time in three years and I had surgery and radiation. Afterwards I had no employment, no money, so I reached out to Catholic Charities and they were able to help me. I don’t know where I’d be without them. Over the years my family and I have donated but this year I needed to apply for fuel assistance. I always thought others needed it more than I did. For me to reach out and ask was hard as I was a little proud but I really needed it. The fuel assistance kept my daughter and I warm and we are very grateful to those who donate each year.”

(Laurie, client of Catholic Social Services)

*Remember...your gift
is tax deductible!*

If you can afford 17 CENTS A DAY, you can afford a \$50 PLEDGE.



“This is how all will know you a

Area Directors

Attleboro

Rev. Thomas Rita, Pastor
Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish
Seekonk

Cape Cod & Islands

Rev. Marcel Bouchard, Pastor
St. Mary-Our Lady of the Isle Parish
Nantucket

Fall River

Rev. Richard Chretien, Pastor
Notre Dame &
Immaculate Conception Parishes
Fall River

New Bedford

Rev. Paul Caron, Pastor
St. Rita's Parish, Marion &
St. Anthony's Parish,
Mattapoisett

Taunton

Rev. Timothy Reis, Pastor
St. Andrew's Parish
Taunton

*“Scripture tells us how much love
Jesus had for his people through his
care of the sick and dying. He was
concerned with the healing of the
whole person, spirit, mind and body.
It's through pastoral care of the sick
that we attempt as chaplains to follow
in the Lord's footsteps.”*

*(Deacon Paul Fournier, Chaplain,
Sturdy Memorial Hospital, Attleboro)*



**THE OFFICE OF PASTORAL
MINISTRY TO THE SICK**, funded by
the Annual Catholic Charities Appeal,
places 21 full- and part-time chaplains
in all hospitals in the Diocese (all of
southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod,
and the Islands). These chaplains are
available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
The chaplains are supported by a verita-
ble army of volunteer Eucharistic
Ministers and Deacons.

In 2011, more than 140,200 visits were
made to the sick and dying in these hos-
pitals with over 60,000 communions
being distributed. The Sacrament of the
Sick was administered over 11,300 times,
and there were 1,435 emergency anoint-
ings. These numbers all represent
increases over the previous year.



THE WEEKLY TELEVISION MASS,
now in its 48th year of operation, is
offered by the Diocese of Fall River to all
areas of southeastern Massachusetts,
Cape Cod, and the Islands, and is
partially funded by the Appeal.



Mary Brewin, parishioner of Our Lady of Victory in Centerville,
participates in the celebration of the Mass, via the Sunday
morning Mass aired by the Diocese of Fall River.

The Mass is seen on a weekly basis in at
least 6,000 homes by approximately
15,000 people. These numbers do not
include those who view the liturgies in
nursing homes, hospitals, and other
venues with individuals physically unable
to attend Mass at a local parish.

*“I think it's wonderful to have the TV
Mass. I'm thankful because there's
times I can't go, so I can stay in my
room and watch the Mass on TV.”
(Hilda, a resident of Our Lady's
Haven, Fairhaven)*

**“RAINBOWS FOR ALL GOD'S
CHILDREN”** is a program for children
suffering significant loss due to death,
divorce, or separation. Hundreds of
children have been ministered to
through this program that is funded by
the Catholic Charities Appeal.

*“I would like to say thank you because
donations to Catholic Charities made the
Rainbows program possible and it really
helped me after I lost my grandmother
and then my parents divorced. It's great to
know that people actually really care
about you.” (a 13 year old participant
in the Rainbows program)*

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OUR
APPEAL VIDEO**

or

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BISHOP'S MESSAGE
ON OUR WEBSITE:**

www.frdioc-catholiccharities.org

C A R I N G . . . S H A R I N G

s my disciples; your love for one another.” (John: 13:35)

THE CYO (CATHOLIC YOUTH ORGANIZATION) offers recreational activities to over 2,000 boys and girls across the Diocese. The bulk of this group, comprising nearly 200 teams, falls into the 9 to 16 year old category presently playing CYO basketball in their respective areas of the Diocese. An additional 12 teams are made up of youths ages 17-21. These young men and women are offered this wonderful opportunity each year thanks to the generosity of those who donate to the annual Catholic Charities Appeal.



The Office of Catholic Social Services “Christmas Gift Program” was responsible for collecting, wrapping, and delivering over 5,000 gifts to more than 725 families comprised of 1,605 children. In addition, at least one if not two complete outfits or winter coats, hats, and gloves were distributed to each child.



Volunteers wrap gifts for the CHRISTMAS GIFT PROGRAM.

MINISTRY AND SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE AGENCIES AND APOSTOLATES OF THE DIOCESE OF FALL RIVER THAT ARE FUNDED BY THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL

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| Individual and Family Counseling | Community Organizing and Advocacy |
| Pregnancy Support | Community Action for Better Housing |
| Abuse Prevention | ESL Programs |
| Transitional, Emergency, and Long-Term Housing | Citizenship Preparation |
| Refugee Resettlement | G.E.D. Assistance |
| Signed Liturgies for the Hearing Impaired | Food Pantries and Food Vouchers |
| 24-Hour Chaplaincy at All Hospitals | Family Resources |
| Summer Day Camp for Handicapped Children | Pastoral Care Training |
| Rainbows Programs for Grieving Children | Assistance to Developmentally Disabled |
| Respect Life Endeavors | Programs for the Widowed, Separated, and Divorced |
| Infant Care and Foster Care Programs | Adoption by Choice |
| Campus Ministry at Area Colleges | Scouting |
| Prison Ministry | Legal Advocacy for Immigrants |
| Youth Programs and Services | Television Mass for Sick & Homebound |
| Outreach to Immigrant Communities | Formation of Candidates for Ordination as Permanent Deacons |
| Marriage Preparation & Enrichment | |



With the help of this class at one of the CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES OFFICES, these clients will soon pass their CITIZENSHIP TEST and become U.S. CITIZENS.

REMEMBER ...
*No gift is too small
when offering hope
to someone in need!*

. . . OFFERING HOPE



“Let us be concerned for each other in love and good works” (Heb 10:14)

94 CENTS OF EVERY DOLLAR DONATED

goes directly to assisting those in need across the Diocese of Fall River
(all of southeastern Massachusetts, Cape Cod and the Islands)
without regard to race, creed, nationality, gender, or economic status.



the 2012

Catholic Charities Appeal

begins May 1st

