Dear Friends in Christ,

As Catholic Charities reflects on this past year, there is one thing we can be absolutely confident of, and that is our ability to make an impact. We joyfully served 8,500 individuals through direct service and outreach and continue to build strong relationships with parishes and community partners, bringing valuable programs to areas with limited resources.

One key group we have focused our attention on this past year is mothers, and fathers, who face unplanned pregnancies. Following the Supreme Court ruling overturning Roe v. Wade, the staff of Catholic Charities, along with various Diocesan offices and community partners, were well prepared to continue educating the public on pro-life options.

“Walking with Moms in Need,” an initiative launched several years ago by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, is one such option. Walking with Moms in Need is a process through which Catholic parishes and communities “walk in the shoes” of pregnant and parenting women, finding and sharing local resources. Area parishes participating in the process were provided yard signs displaying a 24-hour hotline number for calling and texting. Parish office staffs were also educated to walk with women visiting the parish by recommending resources in their local areas.

Another visible initiative is the billboard and social media campaign highlighting Catholic Charities adoption services which began running in May in Antigo, Marinette and Manitowoc. This campaign also utilizes a phone number to call or text, linking women directly to Catholic Charities Child and Family Services. Providing the support and resources to help walk alongside men and women whether they choose to parent or create an adoption plan for their child, remains true to our Catholic teaching on the dignity and value of every person.

The retooling of Catholic Charities’ mental health counseling and the introduction of a telehealth site in Lakewood has us focusing in areas of tremendous need. The need for mental health services has increased significantly in the past several years and our staffing has grown to meet this need. Through a telehealth access point at the Lakes Country Public Library in Lakewood, individuals can receive mental health, child and family, financial health, immigrant and refugee, and social ministry and community outreach services virtually without worrying about not having access to an internet connection.

Without the support provided by so many friends of Catholic Charities, we could not deliver these life-giving services. The hope, compassion, healing and love poured out to those among us in greatest need is a testament to the hard work of agencies like Catholic Charities as well as the good people of Northeast Wisconsin.

Thank you for being the heart and hands of Jesus as we walk these often difficult journeys with our neighbors in need. May God bless each of you for your financial and spiritual support of this ministry in the Diocese of Green Bay.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend
David L. Ricken, DD, JCL
Bishop of Green Bay and Chairman of the Catholic Charities Board

Karmen M. Lemke
Director, Mission Team Leader and President of Catholic Charities Board
20 Adoptions Finalized
744 agency intake calls for assistance

**Child & Family Services**

Our mission is to help expectant parents create adoption or parenting plans that respect and celebrate their decision to choose life. We are also there to provide supportive services to biological parents for as long as services are requested. People want to adopt for different reasons, often having struggled with infertility for a time or often having struggled with infertility for a time or for a reason, to learn how to budget to get the most out of my money for my family. As a single mom of three kids, saving money and budgeting is not always easy. "In the few months that I have been attending our meetings, I have gained so much more than just a sense of how to budget properly. I have started to build my savings up. Following Kory’s advice, I have started to build my credit up as well. My long-term goal is to buy a home in a few years, and I need the savings and credit to do so!“

Michelle said: “Chelsea from Catholic Charities has been just a really crucial part in growing our family. We first met her about five years ago when we did our first home study, and she’s really been there. As you can imagine, adoption has been a rollercoaster for us, or for anybody for that matter, and she’s just really been there through the tough times, the learning times, but then also the best times. Chelsea has always been kind of on speed dial for us, and she was also the one to tell us that a birth mother had chosen us for our son Parker. Chelsea’s just been great. She’s almost another piece of our family.”

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Financial Health Services

Many individuals and families in our community struggle with finances. Through our Financial Health program, our clients are given tools to improve their financial situation, pay off debt and achieve their financial goals. We also help those struggling with affordable housing, maintaining an apartment, purchasing a home, preventing foreclosure or navigating bankruptcy. Finances can be stressful and complicated — we are here to guide you every step of the way.

25 financial health presentations

409 clients served

690 budget and housing counseling sessions

**Mental Health Counseling**

When life becomes overwhelming and thoughts turn dark, many individuals turn to our counseling program, which provides faith-based individual, family and marriage counseling. We’re one of the few agencies in the area that provides counseling services to those lacking insurance, providing a sliding-fee scale to the uninsured or underinsured. Our professional counseling services with State of Wisconsin licensed social workers and counselors are offered in person, virtually or via phone.

Conducted 3,957 in-person and virtual sessions across all locations

Cared for 701 individuals from ages 6-94

**Budget Counseling Client with Catholic Charities**

“Tanya found me and started budget counseling with Kory at Catholic Charities for one reason, to learn how to budget to get the most out of my money for my family. As a single mom of three kids, saving money and budgeting is not always easy. “In the few months that I have been attending our meetings, I have gained so much more than just a sense of how to budget properly. I have started to build my savings up. Following Kory’s advice, I have started to build my credit up as well. My long-term goal is to buy a home in a few years, and I need the savings and credit to do so! “Kory has gone above and beyond, and I could not be happier with my services that I receive from Catholic Charities. He even helped me find a bigger house to rent because my children and I were getting cramped up in our previous living space. “I never feel judged or looked down on, and that is really important to me. I am extremely grateful and blessed for the opportunity to learn from and receive resources from Kory.”

IMPACT STORY

**SAVE THE DATE**

Inspired to Act Catholic Charities Annual Event
May 9, 2024

**NEW LIFE**

Fund granted $14,600 to 26 families in need

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We are called to welcome the stranger. Refugee families become engaged in our services through the resettlement process and receive support services to help them become self-sufficient. We offer case management and service coordination with community partners to meet basic needs, such as school enrollment for children, medical/dental visits, housing and resource coordination, employment assistance and cultural orientation.

Philip and his family fled Burma as their lives were threatened for being actively involved in pro-democracy campaigns. They arrived in Green Bay in February 2023 and were greeted by the Catholic Charities refugee resettlement team. Their story, like many of our new arrivals, is a story of gratitude and hope. It was a cold, snowy night when they arrived and were taken to the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, one of our partners for short-term housing.

Having owned and operated a family business for a decade, Philip quickly learned on his experience and was motivated to start a new life in America. Thanks to the help of Eric, a Catholic Charities Case Aide, he updated his resume and set out to find his first job.

His first job was working as an entry level manager at Culver’s which then led him to his next career opportunity, owning and operating his own restaurant.

Philip says that no matter what has happened in your life, nothing can stop you, if you have enthusiasm and work hard. He feels blessed to be with his family in Green Bay and trusting in God’s plan.

Social Ministry & Community Outreach

Our immigration services program is accredited by the U.S. Department of Justice and offers initial consultations and application assistance with family reunification, naturalization, permanent residency, employment authorization and more.

We are here!

Catholic Charities Purpose Statement:

As missionary disciples, Catholic Charities labors in our communities serving and inviting those who have often been left out or felt alone to know and experience the tremendous and abundant love of God through his Son Jesus Christ.

Catholic Charities Community Report 2022-2023

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

FINANCES

Sources of Income 2021-22:

- Bishop’s Appeal .................................................. $1,220,575
- Bishop’s Charities Game ..................................... $60,500
- United Way ......................................................... $203,709
- Donations and Investment Income ..................... $186,531
- Fees for Services ................................................. $490,622
- State and Federal Contracts ...................... $415,101

Per Audit: $2,577,038

2022-23 Budget: $3,412,676

Total Assets: $5,474,573

PROGRAM EXPENDITURES

- Administration/Support (Mile) .............. $258,243
- Child and Family Services .................. $552,502
- Social Ministry and Community Outreach .... $126,680
- Immigration and Refugee Services .......... $434,531
- Financial Health Services ....................... $313,342
- Mental Health Counseling ..................... $836,678
- Government Contracts ......................... $420,345

Per Audit: $2,942,321

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“Whatever you do for the least of my people, that you do unto Me.”

Matthew 25:40

Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity

“See the face of Jesus in all!”

In prayerful gratitude for all that is done for our brothers and sisters in need.

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Enriching the life journey

St. Paul Home
Long-term care nursing services and specialized Alzheimer’s/dementia services

St. Paul Center of Rehabilitation
Post-acute skilled nursing and therapy

St. Paul Villa
Assisted living

McCormick
Assisted living, Green Bay

The Hoffman Memory Care Resource Center
Community-based support services

St. Paul Hospice Services
St. Paul Manor
Memory Care assisted living

Life Enrichment Center
Club Gabriel adult day services program, foot and nail clinic, Meals on Wheels®, and home technology systems

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