

2014 ANNUAL REPORT

CREATING HOPE,
TRANSFORMING LIVES.



Catholic Charities
DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE



Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
Shared until all are fed.

Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
Walls made of living stone.

Many the gifts, many the people,
Many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
Making your kingdom come.

From CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

by Bernadette Farrell



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BISHOP'S MESSAGE

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

It is an honor to present our Catholic Charities' Annual Report. Over the years, you may have heard it stated and restated that 'Catholic Charities is the best kept secret in town'. It is my hope that you will help us spread the word on the various ways Catholic Charities is creating hope and transforming lives throughout the seven counties of our diocese.

Pope Francis in *The Joy of the Gospel* writes: "Any Church community, if it thinks it can comfortably go its own way without creative concern and effective cooperation in helping the poor to live with dignity and reaching out to everyone, will also risk breaking down." Catholic Charities continues to be the social services arm of the Catholic Church whose mission is to help those in need and improve their lives. Their work has a direct impact on those who are most in need in our community whether it be shelters for homeless men and women, emergency services for food, rent and heating assistance, language and skills training for our incoming immigrant population, or a place families can turn to when they simply have nowhere else to go. Catholic Charities helps the stranger, the unemployed, the underemployed, the mentally ill, the elderly, the homeless and the poor.

We are encouraged that Catholic Charities is frequently the lead social services agency addressing long standing systemic problems like poverty and the issue of uninsured populations. I am grateful that these good works are able to continue in large part because of the support and generosity of thousands of volunteers and donors. Please take a moment and read about this past year's good works and join me in praying for the continued success of Catholic Charities.

May God bless you and all those whom you love.



Cordially yours in Christ,

+ Robert J. Cunningham

Most Reverend Robert J. Cunningham
Bishop of Syracuse





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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

Once again it is my honor to share with you the many life-affirming stories and successes of Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Syracuse through this Annual Report.

In 2014 we continued to respond to an ever-increasing number of individuals and families seeking our assistance and guidance. This report truly exemplifies the directives Pope Francis has made to ensure that no one is treated as an outcast or leftover, but as a person of great value and worth. Through our various programs and services, Catholic Charities is indeed responding and treating everyone who comes through our doors with a sense of hope and dignity as a person of great value and worth.

I would like to thank our staff and volunteers for their continued unwavering dedication and commitment to the most vulnerable in our communities. It is through their efforts that a homeless person feels safe, a financially strapped single mother is given encouragement, a young person on the edge is supported and helped, and an elderly person in need finds comfort knowing that somebody cares.

I would also like to thank our donors and Board volunteers for their endless time, talent and treasures that give our organization life and direction. Finally to our Bishop, Robert J. Cunningham, and our compassionate Catholic community, my gratitude for their support, encouragement and commitment to share our ministry throughout the diocese.

May Christ's love and compassion for the least among us continue to guide us as we walk with the poor and with the suffering, lifting them up with the joy that Christ brings to our lives.

Peace,

Joseph G. Slavik, President/CEO
Catholic Charities Diocese of Syracuse



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CHAIRMAN’S MESSAGE

Again this past year Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Syracuse has met its mission of providing much needed services to the most vulnerable in a compassionate and fiscally responsible manner. Our Annual Report highlights the achievements, and the variety and depth of services, of the six regional offices located in Broome, Chenango, Cortland, Oneida/Madison, Onondaga and Oswego counties.

Although the level of service is never sufficient to meet the needs of our population, it is important to contemplate where the individuals and families touched by our efforts would be without this assistance. We also need to recognize that none of our goals could be accomplished without the quality and dedication of our executive directors and the staff of Catholic Charities. The staff’s efforts “on the ground” are the source of the good works and positive outcomes that fulfill the mission of Catholic Charities and Christ’s message to the world.

This year I am stepping down from my position as Chair of the Corporate Board. I would like to thank all of my fellow board members for their contributions to Catholic Charities and to me personally. I would particularly like to recognize Joe Slavik for his assistance and for the excellent leadership that he provides to our agency. It’s been a rewarding experience and an honor to have served in the capacity of board Chair. I know I leave the agency in good hands with the firm belief that its work will continue long into the future.

Robert Doucette, Chair
Catholic Charities Corporate Board



Health Home's Comprehensive Approach Significantly Improves Physical & Mental Health

BROOME COUNTY

Many studies have shown that people with serious mental illness have higher morbidity and mortality rates from chronic diseases than the general population. Overall health and well-being can be enhanced by improved health monitoring and lifestyle interventions. Care Managers within the Health Home play a significant role in improving both the physical and mental health of people with serious mental illness and other chronic conditions, through the provision of care coordination resulting in comprehensive medical and behavioral health care.



Over the last 2 years, the Catholic Charities Health Home has served hundreds of individuals by assisting them in accessing appropriate care, and in turn improving their overall health and wellness. At the end of 2014, 600 members were enrolled. Through a person-centered planning process, Health Home members are guided to set goals and identify services and supports needed to improve health.

The Health Home has had many successes. Larry Fuller reached out to the Health Home after he experienced the loss of his mother. Through the assistance of a Care Manager, he was connected to appropriate treatment to address his grief and better manage his chronic conditions, and was linked to stable housing. Through a partnership formed with Larry, his Care Manager and his providers, he made significant improvements in his physical and mental health. Due to his success, he accepted a Consumer Care Manager position, where he can assist others in their journeys to better health and improved lives.

Our plan for 2015 includes not only continuing our record of quality service in helping the most at-risk populations, but to also enhance it. The Health Home will continue to work with our adult members in managing chronic conditions, and is applying to expand services to children and families over multiple counties in the state. Through partnerships with other dioceses, we will contract with other specialty providers to provide much needed coordination services to improve the lives of youth and their families.



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CHALLENGES & RESPONSES



CHALLENGE

At-risk youth encounter academic challenges. We also have seen an increase in childhood hunger during school breaks.

RESPONSE

Placed a Counseling Team at a local high school to help at-risk youth be more successful in school. The Binghamton Pantry hosted a summer lunch program serving 100 children, who also received 625 weekend food bags.



CHALLENGE

Persons newly diagnosed with a psychotic disorder experience disruptions in their work, school and relationships. In addition, there is a growing need for additional supportive housing options for persons discharged from psychiatric hospitals.

RESPONSE

Formed the Southern Tier Connections Team to provide early intervention and support to individuals and families within the first 2 years of the onset of mental health symptoms; promoting recovery and assisting to change the course of their lives. Expanded our Supported Housing Program which has the highest placement rate in New York State.

CHALLENGE

An increase in the number of families requiring emergency assistance

RESPONSE

Strengthened partnerships with local parishes, and developed an improved process for serving walk-ins and individuals seeking emergency services



CHALLENGE

Unemployment and vocational challenges for adults with mental illness

RESPONSE

Portfolios Café served 25 trainees, out of which 14 successfully graduated, and 9 moved on to work in competitive employment.

Building Programs to Empower Vulnerable Households to Transform Their Lives

Food Security

Jim and Susan accessed the emergency food pantry for the first time when Jim experienced an unexpected layoff. Jim didn't want to ask for help, but he also couldn't see his children go hungry. Program staff helped the family apply for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) benefits, and told them about the Food Sense Cooperative. The family used SNAP benefits and Food Sense to stretch their food dollars until Jim was called back to work.



Safe Affordable Housing

Gina came to us seeking help with a rent arrears eviction. Upon inspecting the rental unit, staff discovered some basic safety deficiencies. They advocated with the landlord to make repairs in order to receive a rent relief payment from the agency. The landlord made the necessary repairs and received the arrears payment.

Counseling Services

Joe and his fiancée had been together for over 5 years. When the relationship ended, Joe and his three sons were left homeless and came to Catholic Charities for assistance. Staff asked Joe about the relationship and discovered that it might be saved with family counseling. Joe's fiancée was willing to work on continuing the relationship and we enrolled the family in counseling services at the agency. Today Joe and his family are stably housed. Joe and his fiancée received the supports they needed to work through a rough time in their lives.

Employment Skills

Ben was referred to Roots & Wings from the local Department of Social Services employment program. Ben was a self-employed logger who lost his source of income after a logging accident. Ben had a strong work ethic, but his lower literacy skills became a barrier to re-employment. Program staff found a Literacy Volunteer who was willing to tutor Ben at the Roots & Wings worksite. Ben found work at a local transportation company and is now financially stable.



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CHALLENGES & RESPONSES



CHALLENGE

According to a recent study released by Feeding America, over 7500 Chenango residents (14.8%) are food insecure.

RESPONSE

The Roots & Wings food pantry provided over 230,000 meals to vulnerable households in 2014. Program staff helped over 300 households connect to food benefits like SNAP and WIC. 800+ households enhanced their level of food security through participating in the CNY Food Bank Food Sense Co-op.



CHALLENGE

According to the Chenango County Community Health Assessment, access to affordable health coverage and lack of adequate transportation options continue to be a barrier for low-income households.

RESPONSE

In 2014 Catholic Charities partnered with Fidelis Care and Fidelis Foundation to provide facilitated enrollment and emergency prescription assistance to over 150 households. The Options Counseling Program provided sliding fee counseling services to 72 unduplicated households. 10 couples were provided counseling. Home visits were provided to 7 households who lacked adequate transportation.



CHALLENGE

According to the annual HUD point in time survey, over 70 individuals are experiencing homelessness in Chenango County on any given day.

RESPONSE

Homelessness intervention services at Catholic Charities helped over 80 homeless families achieve housing stability in 2014.



Because of Lawrence House, Residents Reached Their Goal of Independent Living

CORTLAND COUNTY

Kelly suffered from depression and became dependent on medication after a surgical procedure. When the prescription was no longer available, she turned to alcohol and other drugs. As she lost control, she experienced several hospitalizations followed by rehabilitation and residential treatment placements with the goal to “return to her life”.



Unfortunately, her issues also returned. Kelly lost the support of her family and friends as she cycled through the system. Kelly came to Lawrence House in May of 2014. The residential program serves individuals with mental health issues who may also have co-occurring disorders. This time, her perspective changed. With hard work and “lots of prayer,” the results have been remarkable. Kelly says, “The more I move ahead with the program, the more good things are coming.” She began working at the Community Food Pantry through the Job Quest program and coordinates her goals through the Health Home program. She now has weekly contact with her children. Kelly proudly noted they were able to attend her celebration of one year of sobriety.

When asked what made the difference, Kelly said she didn’t truly believe she had a problem in the beginning. Just finishing the program was the priority. This time, she acknowledged her need for help and made conscious decisions to take advantage of the assistance offered. “Lawrence House is wonderful when you use the program the way it’s meant to be used. I came in broken, and people were there to help me every step of the way. I wouldn’t be here without Lawrence House.” She now has the supports she needs to continue her recovery and work toward independence. Kelly recently moved from Lawrence House to a Supported Housing apartment and is on her way to independence.



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CHALLENGES & RESPONSES



CHALLENGE

There was a dramatic increase in requests for housing-related assistance (utilities, rent and security deposits). Families who do not qualify for Social Service assistance are struggling to afford basic expenses and face loss of utilities and/or shelter.

RESPONSE

Catholic Charities is active in the county-wide Hunger Coalition. This interagency coalition includes many social service agencies and offers assistance, education, resources for those working on poverty, hunger and food insecurity in Cortland County.



CHALLENGE

Lack of quality affordable housing units in the county. Locating safe and affordable housing for consumers is challenging and can delay moves to a less restrictive setting.

RESPONSE

Catholic Charities partnered with Christopher Community, Inc., and with funding from the NYS Office of Mental Health, began development of 39 units of mixed-use housing with 20 units designated for individuals/families with mental health issues.



CHALLENGE

Parents adopting from the foster care system have limited resources during the post-adoption transition. Assistance with name changes, Social Security, day care, birth family visitation, adoption-centered counseling and support groups have been requested.

RESPONSE

Catholic Charities is working with our adoptive families to expand our services to include post-adoption assistance and resources for families as they transition from foster care to permanence.



Culinary Arts for Self-Sufficiency Program Leads to Food Service Jobs for Refugees

Catholic Charities of Onondaga County's Refugee Resettlement Program provides newly arrived refugees with resettlement assistance, case management, and educational services. In 2014 the agency resettled 601 individuals, providing housing and connecting them to education, medical care, and jobs. Most refugees are non-English speaking and arrive in Syracuse with very little in the way of personal belongings.

Catholic Charities operates Culinary Arts for Self-Sufficiency (CASS) for refugees. This five-week training program in basic food service was developed to prepare refugees for entry-level employment in the food service industry. Through both hands-on and in-classroom instruction, the students learn pizza making, baking, and sandwich making; as well as proper sanitation procedures, kitchen equipment identification and cleaning, and customer service skills. In 2014, 72 students participated in the program and 58 students gained employment.

One graduate, Zain, has been working with The Cheesecake Factory restaurant at Destiny USA. He was one of the first refugees hired when the company opened its Syracuse location in February 2014. He started out as a part-time dishwasher, and even though he did not speak English, the company hired him for a full-time permanent job after just six months. Soon his supervisors wanted to promote him to a food prepping position, but told him he needed food service training. Zain then began the CASS program in October 2014. After he completed the program, Zain was ready for the job of prep cook. As his English improved, he was given the opportunity to work in the front of the restaurant as a bus person. Zain recently received the annual Commitment to Excellence Award from The Cheesecake Factory, given to one employee in each restaurant nationwide. Today, Zain speaks English and owns his own car. He is learning as much as he can to improve his job opportunities.





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CHALLENGES & RESPONSES



CHALLENGE

In Onondaga County, 51.8% of children are living in poverty.

RESPONSE

Catholic Charities responds to families in crisis with food pantries and fresh food giveaways, assistance with prescription co-pays and utility bills, and other supports.

CHALLENGE

Unemployment is high for newly arrived refugees and people who are homeless or housing vulnerable.

RESPONSE

Catholic Charities operates two workforce development initiatives to prepare newly arrived refugees, homeless and housing vulnerable people for employment.



CHALLENGE

On any given day in Onondaga County, approximately 425 persons are homeless.

RESPONSE

Catholic Charities operates four emergency shelters for homeless men, women, and women with children. The shelters host over 200 persons every night. Case managers help people find and keep stable housing.

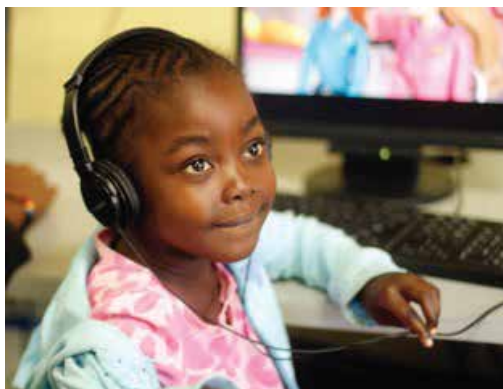


CHALLENGE

Families in crisis who are uninsured or underinsured cannot afford counseling services.

RESPONSE

Catholic Charities offers low/no cost counseling services for individuals, couples, and families to help create stable lives.



Pathways Program Gave 64 People with Mental Illness the Supports Needed to Live Independently

ONEIDA-MADISON COUNTY

Mark, a 53 year old Pathways client, entered the apartment program after completing nine months at Catholic Charities' Halfway House. Mark found his way to Catholic Charities after relocating to the area and completing a local drug treatment program. Mark has been clean for over two years with the help of the services he receives from Catholic Charities. As part of Mark's recovery plan, he has set a major goal for himself.

He is actively working to establish his own painting business. He has been working with the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) to develop a business plan in the hopes of securing funding to get his new business off the ground.

As Mark's business plan goes through the SBDC's review process, he is making the most of his time in the Pathways program. With the support of his counselor, Mark has accomplished both short and long-term goals. They include obtaining and maintaining his own apartment, getting his driver's license, engaging in mental health and substance abuse treatment, and working to give back to his community as a volunteer.

As Mark states, "If it wasn't for Pathways and the guidance that it gave me, I would probably be in jail. I have been given both guidance and a shoulder to lean on." Mark credits the programs at Catholic Charities of Oneida-Madison County with helping him to pursue the life that he wants. He feels that, "Others in the community look at me in a different light, as someone who is trying to do better. All of the work that Catholic Charities has done to keep me grounded and in my treatments, has allowed me to keep moving forward towards accomplishing my long-term goals."





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CHALLENGES & RESPONSES



CHALLENGE

Massive flooding in Madison County caused many residents to lose their homes or face costly home repairs.

RESPONSE

The Disaster Case Management Program provided 274 people with \$61,562 to repair & rebuild homes.



CHALLENGE

A combined 26% of Oneida & Madison County residents are living in poverty.

RESPONSE

4,804 individuals were assisted through our Emergency Community Assistance Program.



CHALLENGE

25% of children in Oneida County are living in poverty and there has been significant increase in the number of homeless youth in Madison County.

RESPONSE

Two new programs were formed to assist the youth of Madison County- The Runaway & Homeless Youth Program and the Community Case Management Program for At Risk Youth. 1,363 children were provided with Christmas gifts through the Operation Sunshine Program.



CHALLENGE

A lack of safe, supervised, structured summer activities for young people

RESPONSE

Camp Nazareth hosted 252 children during three weeks of residential camp; 77 received financial assistance.

Parent Education Program Gives Moms & Dads the Tools to Stengthen the Family Unit

OSWEGO COUNTY

The Parent Education Program administered by Catholic Charities in Oswego County helps parents become better parents and helps to strengthen the family unit. At times, the family court system will mandate that parents who have lost custody of their children enter into our program prior to regaining custody of their children. That's how Jane came to us. She had an alcohol and opiate addiction. During the height of her addiction every day was a struggle.



Jane said, “I felt guilty about the year that I lost with my son. It took a while to get that relationship back. Catholic Charities helped me forgive myself and forge an even stronger relationship with my son. Today, I am organized, my kids are well taken care of, and my whole outlook on life has changed thanks to Catholic Charities.”

While Jane was going through the program, she discovered that she was pregnant. “I was scared. It had been 10 years since I had a baby and I wasn't sure how I would handle it. The Parent Education Program made me as ready as I could possibly be. The program helps people realize that it's possible to be a good parent and to raise your children to have good values.”

In 2014, Catholic Charities in Oswego County served 270 adults with 346 children through the Parent Education Program. If families can be helped early on, they may not need as many services in the future.



“Far too few people know about this program and oh so many people need it.”

CHALLENGES & RESPONSES



CHALLENGE

Oswego County has a growing poverty and unemployment rate.

RESPONSE

Catholic Charities provides a client choice food pantry along with assistance with utility bills, prescription co-pays, clothes for interviews and other necessities.



CHALLENGE

Oswego County continues to have a high homeless population, yet the county does not have any homeless shelters.

RESPONSE

Catholic Charities has collaborated with several other agencies and the county in order to better serve the homeless population. We provide assistance with rent, negotiating with landlords and setting up emergency shelter at various hotels. Catholic Charities also provides case management services to those struggling with this issue to help ensure stable housing.



CHALLENGE

Throughout Oswego County there continues to be a high level of health risks. The county has a high obesity rate, a large number of the population diagnosed with diabetes and has the highest cancer mortality rate in the state.

RESPONSE

Catholic Charities has continually grown our Health Home Care Management program. We expanded the number of Care Managers in order to respond to the large number of people in need of our services. Care Managers can assist by coordinating transportation, help with housing, assist with obtaining the necessary medications and help to ensure that a person is following up with their medical appointments.



CHALLENGE

There is a high number of teens being discharged from the foster care system without the skills needed to live independently. Many times these children continue to need services as adults.

RESPONSE

Catholic Charities has added a teen case management program to address teens living with a relative other than their biological parent. The teen case manager helps to prepare the teen for living on their own by teaching them the skills needed such as, budgeting and interviewing skills.

Social Justice

The Social Action Ministry (SAM) Office shares the gospel, Catholic social teaching, Pope Francis' teachings and the social teachings of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) with diocesan Catholics and their communities. The Presbyteral Council's Peace and Justice Committee is SAM's main consultative body. The Ministry works in cooperation with parishes, the Presbyteral Council, deacons in training, Faith Formation, Le Moyne College and all Ministries of the diocese. In the spirit of Vatican II, the Ministry reaches out to all segments and communities of the seven-county diocese to make a better world. Prominent examples of the Ministry's work are highlighted here.

Immigration Reform



Although the U.S. Senate passed an Immigration Reform Bill in 2013, the Republican led House refused to bring immigration reform legislation to a vote. The USCCB's Justice for Immigrants Campaign (JFI) worked tirelessly to reach House members but without success. Our diocese was a part of JFI's effort.

In the first half of 2014 tens of thousands of young undocumented immigrants flooded our southern border. In the midst of this crisis, SAM wrote an op-ed piece for the Syracuse Post Standard entitled, "Our Moral Responsibility for Undocumented Central American Youth." After reading the article, the Mayor of Syracuse wrote to President Obama suggesting that Syracuse could be a host city for the children. The Sisters of Saint Francis offered to provide a housing site. Bishop Cunningham and local pastors also vigorously supported these efforts. A series of

meetings and demonstrations in support of bringing the children here followed. Ultimately the federal government decided Syracuse was not needed as a housing site.

SAM continues with the Justice for Immigrants Campaign to heal this self-inflicted wound of not recognizing the work and worth of 11 million of our neighbors.



Drones

The issue of lethal drones was much debated in 2014. In response to the increased use of drones and SAM's staunch opposition to such an increase, 4 regional information sessions were held throughout the diocese to inform people about the issue. Parishioners very familiar with the issue presented much information about the negative impact drones can have. Three different priests gave a moral/theological perspective. The sessions, which were held in Oswego, Johnson City, Syracuse, and Rome elicited informed debate.

In late spring SAM reported to the Presbyteral Council its findings and recommended that a copy of the USCCB statement on drones be posted in every church and announced from the pulpit and that a Sunday be dedicated to raising awareness about the use of drones. In light of the rise of ISIS, the recommendations were suspended.

Public Policy Office

The Public Policy Office represents the diocese in matters of Public Policy on both a state and national level, and represents the diocese on the New York State Catholic Conference Public Policy Committee.

During 2014 the Public Policy Office worked in concert with the New York Catholic Conference to educate people in the diocese about the serious negative impact that enacting the Physician-Assisted Suicide bill would have. We anticipate that this will also be a focus of the 2015-2016 legislative sessions. The Public Policy Office will work with other offices to educate Catholics about the Church's understanding of end-of-life issues. Further, there will be an initiative to encourage Catholics to sign Health Care Proxies rather than Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) forms and Living Wills.

In addition, the office worked with the Catholic Lawyers Guild in Syracuse to prepare for the annual Red Mass. The Guild is also sponsoring a Continuing Legal Education (CLE) event which will enable its members to obtain required credits for their CLE total that is required to renew their licenses while learning about church-related legal issues.

The Public Policy Office worked with parishes to educate parishioners on how to register their opinions on legislative bills and hence, fulfill their moral duty to participate in the democratic process as outlined in the American Catholic Bishops' document, "Faithful Citizenship."

Our representative also attends the meetings of the Catholic Medical Association of the diocese and provides the group with Public Policy information.

Office of Persons with Disabilities



The Office of Persons with Disabilities is dedicated to raising awareness of the needs of persons with disabilities in our diocese as they

seek to become full participants in the life of the church. The Disabilities Commission offers suggestions to help parishes recognize the gifts of persons with disabilities and bring those precious gifts to light so that the entire Church might be enriched.

The Disabilities Commission has created a website

which functions as part of the diocesan website. It includes resources to help parishes meet the needs of persons with disabilities and provides case studies that demonstrate how parishes throughout the country have made small changes that made sizable differences in the life of Catholics with disabilities in their parishes.



Asian Apostolate

The Asian Apostolate is designed to coordinate and serve the Asian population, as well as other immigrant populations throughout the diocese. Since its beginning three decades ago, the Apostolate has nurtured refugee communities that have coalesced around parishes, helping them to become integrated and self-sufficient. The Hmong and Vietnamese communities that are now thriving are a model for the ever expanding Burmese population, many of whom have found their spiritual center at St. John the Baptist church in Syracuse. This year the Asian Apostolate provided for the basic needs of more than 50 new Burmese families who have been relocated in Syracuse as it also continues its support of the many hundreds of past Asian refugees.

Volunteers and donations have enabled the Asian Apostolate to distribute mittens, hats, and socks before winter, to provide Christmas gifts to refugee families, and to teach English classes.

Part of the goal of the Asian Apostolate is integration and self-sufficiency which allows the ministry to attain the success that it has. Working and collaborating with parishes in Syracuse, Utica and Binghamton, the Apostolate continues to position itself to reach out to many refugee and immigrant populations all across our diocese.

Catholic Relief Services

Catholic Relief Services (CRS) is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States. They are the official overseas relief and development agency of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Here in our diocese, CRS is under the auspices of Catholic Charities. Our mission is to assist whenever we are called upon by CRS in their work to reduce poverty around the world.



During Lent we take up a collection for CRS and also the CRS Rice Bowl program. This Lenten faith formation program is used in parishes, schools, religious education programs and by families and individuals in the home. Participants prepare to celebrate Christ's resurrection by reflecting and acting on His mission of love for those in need. They pray together; give things up or fast in solidarity with those who hunger; learn about our global community and the challenges of hunger and poverty around the world; and give sacrificial donations to those in need.

In 2014, through the generosity of our parish families and communities, approximately \$77,000 was collected and sent to CRS.

A total of \$28,952 was collected for Operation Rice Bowl, our Lenten program of which 25% is retained for various hunger projects in our diocese. \$21,714 was sent to CRS and \$7,238 was used for various hunger projects in our diocese.

Catholic Campaign for Human Development



Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) is the domestic anti-poverty program of the United States Catholic Bishops which works to address the root causes of poverty in the United States through promotion and support of community-controlled self-help organizations.

CCHD was established in 1969 to provide funding for groups of poor and low-income people who are empowered to address the root causes of poverty in their neighborhoods and communities. By helping the poor participate in the decisions and actions that affect their lives, CCHD offers a "hand-up", rather than a hand-out, by helping people and communities overcome injustices, escape poverty and build bridges of solidarity.

Here in our diocese, CCHD comes under the auspices of Catholic Charities. A collection is taken up each fall for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. 75% of the collection goes to the National CCHD Office and 25% remains in the diocese.

Working through a diocesan committee of lay people and clergy, two programs were funded in 2014 with National CCHD funds for a total of \$100,000:

- The Alliance for Communities Transforming Syracuse (ACTS), a county-wide organization dedicated to providing low-income individuals and families the opportunity to speak out on issues that affect them and their community
- Syracuse United Neighbors (SUN), a community organization group working closely with their neighbors and community on the south side of Syracuse in improving the quality of housing for that area and its residents

Utilizing the 25% of the collection retained by our diocese, the CCHD Committee put forth a proposal for groups engaged in youth activities, providing the opportunity to connect young people and poverty. The overall purpose was to create awareness for young people and the issues that affect their low income peers and families. A total of \$31,500 was distributed to these youth groups across our diocese.

Respect Life Ministry

The Diocesan Respect Life Office seeks to bring participants closer to the heart of Christ, and through that relationship, strengthen individuals, families and parish life. Parish Respect Life Committees are encouraged to imitate Christ's love and let it radiate into the surrounding community. Their goal is to help each parish become a center of light and life by developing respect for human life through the various programs offered.

Over the last year, the Respect Life Office has:

- Provided education to thousands of young people regarding God's beautiful plan for love and sexuality, the Sacrament of Marriage, healthy decision-making, and the emotional/spiritual/medical risks associated with abortion
- Provided the annual USCCB Respect Life Program to all pastors in the diocese and to R/L Coordinators and Catechetical Leaders in parishes
- Offered "Promoting a Culture of Life in Your Parish" workshops outlining the Respect Life Office educational

programs and outreach ministries

- Provided counsel and the Sacraments through Project Rachel Ministry to women and men who've been involved with abortion
- Provided a diocesan bus to the "March for Life" in Washington, DC
- Provided NFP counsel and resources to couples across the diocese
- Collaborated with Social Justice Ministry to offer a Mass for Spanish speaking immigrants on the feast day of Our Lady of Guadalupe
- Provided numerous resources and legislative alerts throughout the year regarding human life and dignity
- Offered educational workshops in each region of the diocese promoting the sanctity of life and our call to walk with one another through difficulty
- Offered Masses of Remembrance in each region of the diocese for those who have lost children
- Supported Gianna Center and Joseph's House in Syracuse to provide family health care in accordance with Catholic teaching and care for homeless women facing unplanned pregnancies



2014 Annual Report- Area Report

| REVENUE | Broome | Chenango | Cortland | Oneida/Madison | Onondaga | Oswego | Total |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Government Funding | \$5,549,352 | \$1,122,202 | \$1,690,194 | \$2,567,929 | \$11,175,624 | \$1,480,825 | \$23,586,126 |
| Program Service Fees | \$14,004,193 | \$1,760,434 | \$1,537,690 | \$4,557,846 | \$962,465 | \$1,003,248 | \$23,825,876 |
| Investment & Management | \$20,031 | \$5,742 | \$12,639 | \$209,904 | \$655,228 | \$1,057 | \$904,601 |
| Bequest & Contributions | \$230,751 | \$135,425 | \$79,669 | \$429,349 | \$597,474 | \$48,317 | \$1,520,985 |
| United Way | \$231,259 | \$72,414 | \$70,360 | \$69,948 | \$716,886 | \$86,913 | \$1,247,780 |
| Diocesan Support | \$160,182 | \$83,078 | \$65,083 | \$166,296 | \$213,058 | \$86,702 | \$774,399 |
| Special Events | \$227,443 | \$32,495 | | \$39,301 | \$230,444 | | \$529,683 |
| TOTAL | \$20,423,211 | \$3,211,790 | \$3,455,635 | \$8,040,573 | \$14,551,179 | \$2,707,062 | \$52,389,450 |

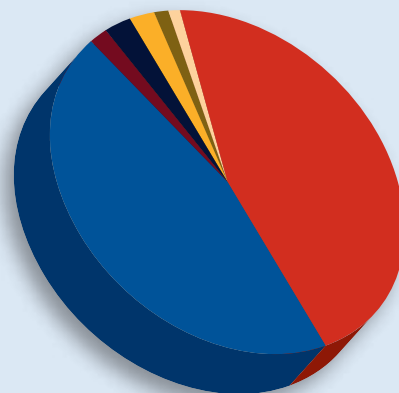
| EXPENDITURES | Broome | Chenango | Cortland | Oneida/Madison | Onondaga | Oswego | Total |
|----------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Residential Services | \$9,677,562 | \$1,482,843 | \$1,651,036 | \$5,098,075 | \$4,152,563 | | \$22,062,079 |
| Mental Health Services | \$4,271,179 | \$294,748 | \$958,022 | \$602,813 | \$671,973 | \$666,609 | \$7,465,344 |
| Emergency Assistance | \$358,241 | \$173,079 | \$132,272 | \$362,914 | \$1,558,005 | \$238,309 | \$2,822,820 |
| Children & Family Services | \$2,955,122 | \$679,838 | \$372,029 | \$610,730 | \$3,209,845 | \$1,161,488 | \$8,989,052 |
| Elderly Services | \$217,630 | | | | \$432,694 | | \$650,324 |
| Employment & Training | \$225,087 | | | | \$47,690 | | \$272,777 |
| Refugee Services | | | | | \$2,466,329 | | \$2,466,329 |
| Administrative Services | \$2,005,379 | \$396,873 | \$261,405 | \$858,585 | \$1,109,072 | \$319,394 | \$4,950,708 |
| Other Indirect Services | \$560,758 | | \$758 | \$333,461 | \$236,579 | \$38,000 | \$1,169,556 |
| Fundraising | \$108,306 | \$14,058 | | \$45,276 | \$424,590 | \$23,458 | \$615,688 |
| TOTAL | \$20,379,264 | \$3,041,439 | \$3,375,522 | \$7,911,854 | \$14,309,340 | \$2,447,258 | \$51,464,677 |

Catholic Charities Annual Financial Report

Fiscal Year: January–December 2014

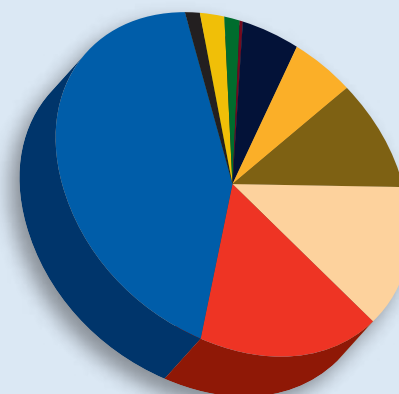
REVENUE

| | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Government Funding | \$23,586,126 | 45.02% |
| Program Service Fees | \$23,825,876 | 45.48% |
| Investment & Management | \$904,601 | 1.73% |
| Bequests & Contributions | \$1,520,985 | 2.90% |
| United Way | \$1,247,780 | 2.38% |
| Diocesan Support | \$774,399 | 1.48% |
| Special Events | \$529,683 | 1.01% |
| Total | \$52,389,450 | 100.00% |



EXPENDITURES

| | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| Residential Services | \$22,062,079 | 42.87% |
| Children & Family Services | \$8,989,052 | 17.47% |
| Mental Health Services | \$7,465,344 | 14.51% |
| Administrative Services | \$4,950,708 | 9.62% |
| Emergency Services | \$2,822,820 | 5.48% |
| Refugee Services | \$2,466,329 | 4.79% |
| Employment & Training Services | \$272,777 | 0.53% |
| Elderly Services | \$650,324 | 1.26% |
| Other Indirect Services | \$1,169,556 | 2.27% |
| Fundraising | \$615,688 | 1.20% |
| Total | \$51,464,677 | 100.00% |



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