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CATHOLIC CHARITIES DC RELEASES 2020 IMPACT DATA

Agency served more than 34 percent more people in need than previous year

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29, 2020 — Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington today released figures that reflect its significant impact across the D.C. region through the publication of the agency’s 2019-2020 [Annual Report](#). In the past fiscal year, Catholic Charities DC served nearly 193,000 people in the District and five surrounding counties in Maryland – a more than 34 percent increase over the previous year.

The agency has been a vital lifeline for struggling families during this unprecedented crisis, many of whom sought assistance for the first time. The organization’s 55 programs quickly adapted to meet the rapidly increasing and changing needs of the area’s most vulnerable people, regardless of belief or circumstance. Catholic Charities DC’s staff have been on the front line of the pandemic since the beginning, providing

essential wraparound support services in five areas: Enterprise, Education and Employment; Adult and Children Clinical Services; Housing and Homeless Services; Family, Parish and Community Outreach; and Developmental Disabilities Services. Impact highlights include:



- **3.5 million meals** were served to the hungry and food insecure – *1 million more than last year.*
- Nearly **\$25 million in pro bono services** (medical, dental, legal and financial) were provided to clients.
- **1,451 clients** received employment support and job training.
- The Southern Maryland Food Bank distributed **980,584 pounds of food** – the equivalent of **1.2 million meals.**

- **18,417** people received food, diapers, financial assistance and referral services from the Montgomery County Family Center.
- **More than 7,800 patients** received medical and dental assistance.
- **7,110 people** received civil and immigration legal services.
- **1,954 adults and children** received behavioral health support.
- The Welcome Home Reentry Program helped **1,915 returning citizens** transition to life after incarceration.
- **More than 33,600 warm meals** were served through the weekly St. Maria's Meals program.

“This year has been so difficult. But it’s been especially challenging for people in need,” said Msgr. John Enzler, president and CEO of Catholic Charities DC. “Our message is one of solidarity. We stand with each and every person and family in crisis. We walk with them, we support them, and we do our best to help them.”

Catholic Charities DC is committed to promoting basic human rights, dignity, and empowerment of all people and serves anyone in need. To view the agency’s full annual report, please visit <https://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-Annual-Report-Web-Version.pdf>.

About Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

Catholic Charities DC is the largest independent social services agency in the Metropolitan D.C. area. As the charitable arm of the Archdiocese of Washington, Catholic Charities DC invests in communities by providing critical services to hundreds of thousands of people in need throughout the District of Columbia and Montgomery, Prince George’s, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary’s counties in Maryland. The organization works tirelessly to give help that empowers and hope that lasts to those it serves regardless of background, belief or circumstance. For more information, visit www.catholiccharitiesdc.org and follow us on social media @CCADW.