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**Catholic Charities DC's Annual Thanksgiving Meal
for People in Need is Tuesday, Nov. 23**

Warm, nourishing meal will celebrate the holiday as food insecurity remains significant

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17, 2021 — Hundreds of people will be fed a holiday meal as Catholic Charities hosts its annual community Thanksgiving dinner for those who are homeless and others in need on Tuesday, Nov. 23.

About 300 guests will receive a warm Thanksgiving meal in a grab-and-go format that follows social distancing guidelines. Each diner will receive two meals of turkey, mashed potatoes with gravy, collard greens, corn bread and a brownie made by Catholic Charities' Food Services department.

The meal service will take place outside along the sidewalk in front of the Pepco Edison Place Gallery. In preparation for winter, attendees will receive winter coats from Pepco, along with a cosmetic bag filled with toiletries.

Since the start of the pandemic, homeless shelters have been open 24/7. But some individuals remain unhoused and yet others struggle with food insecurity despite being employed. The dinner will provide a hearty and nutritious meal and foster a sense of community at an especially difficult time.

What: Catholic Charities DC Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Where: Pepco Edison Place Gallery (outside along the sidewalk in front of the building), 702 8th St. NW, Washington, DC 20068

When: 3:30-5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 23 (Attendees are expected to start lining up early.)

Who: **Msgr. John J. Enzler**, president and CEO of Catholic Charities DC, and **David Velazquez**, president and CEO of Pepco Holdings, will attend and make brief remarks at the start of the meal.

Details: Food insecurity increased significantly during the pandemic, and it's still a long way from pre-pandemic levels. It's estimated that one out of 10 residents in the D.C. area is food insecure. In response, Catholic Charities DC distributed more than 5.4 million meals through a variety of food assistance programs in the last fiscal year. To support this COVID-19 response, Catholic Charities DC is currently holding a Virtual Food Drive. For details, including how to contribute, visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/GiveAMeal.

As part of its many holiday activities, Catholic Charities DC also will host a Christmas dinner for the homeless and those in need on Wednesday, Dec. 22, in front of its downtown office.

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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.

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