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## **Catholic Charities DC's Annual Christmas Dinner for Those Who are Homeless is Dec. 22**

**WASHINGTON, Dec. 17, 2021** — Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington will host a Christmas dinner in downtown D.C. for those who are homeless and hungry on Wednesday, Dec. 22.

The hot meal of turkey and gravy, sweet potatoes, green beans, stuffing, cornbread and a brownie will be served in a take-away format outdoors by staff and volunteers. This socially distanced service replaces a sit-down Christmas dinner that normally is held inside Catholic Charities headquarters. Guests also will receive a special gift.

The Christmas meal is part of the weekly St. Maria's Meals program, which served 31,380 meals to those who were homeless, seniors and families with children in the last fiscal year. Each week, St. Maria's Meals is served in three locations in D.C. and Maryland, including Wednesday evenings along G Street NW.

"Because of the challenges they face, so many people feel that Christmas is not their time," says Msgr. John J. Enzler, president and CEO of Catholic Charities. "Through this special meal, we are saying they are valued and respected. Our message to them is that they are important to us."

**What:** Catholic Charities DC annual Christmas dinner for homeless residents

**Where:** Catholic Charities headquarters, 924 G St. NW, Washington, DC 20001

**When:** 3:30-4:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 22 (Attendees are expected to start lining up early.) Dinner service will take place regardless of weather conditions.

**Who:** Msgr. John J. Enzler, president and CEO, and Scott Lewis, who oversees many of Catholic Charities' food distribution programs, will attend and be available for interviews.

**Details:** Catholic Charities DC works daily to combat hunger and food insecurity. In the last fiscal year, it served 5.4 million meals to residents of D.C. and five Maryland counties. To support this extensive food assistance, Catholic Charities DC is holding a Virtual Food Drive. For details, including how to contribute, visit [catholiccharitiesdc.org/GiveAMeal](https://catholiccharitiesdc.org/GiveAMeal).

**Media:** For additional information or to schedule an interview, contact Kate Kennedy of Catholic Charities DC's communications department at [Kate.Kennedy@cc-dc.org](mailto:Kate.Kennedy@cc-dc.org) or 202-772-4312.

**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](http://www.catholiccharitiesdc.org) and follow us on social media @CCADW.