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Catholic Charities DC's Annual Christmas Dinner for Those Who are Experiencing Homelessness is Dec. 21

WASHINGTON, Dec 14, 2022 – Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington is hosting its annual Christmas dinner for those who are experiencing homelessness and hunger on Wednesday, Dec. 21.

A hot meal of turkey and gravy, sweet potatoes, collard greens, stuffing, cornbread and a brownie will be served. This year's dinner will be an outdoor sit-down dinner, providing guests, staff and volunteers the opportunity to "build a stronger community as those in attendance can sit, relax and talk among each other," says Msgr. John J. Enzler, president. Approximately 300 meals and gifts will be distributed.

The Christmas meal is an annual tradition and part of the weekly St. Maria's Meals program. The program provides warm and nutritious meals to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and food insecurity in Washington, D.C., and Montgomery and Prince George counties. In the last fiscal year, the program served 62,355 meals at three weekly distributions. For some, St. Maria's Meals is the reason they have dinner.

What: Catholic Charities DC annual Christmas dinner for residents experiencing homelessness.

Where: Under the portico of the **Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G St NW, Washington, DC 20001**. Catholic Charities' headquarters is across the street at 924 G St. NW, Washington, DC 20001.

When: 3:30-5 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 21 (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 Catholic Charities' food distribution programs, will be in attendance and available for interviews.

Details: In the last fiscal year, Catholic Charities DC served 2.9 million meals to residents of D.C. and five Maryland counties. Learn about our efforts to combat food insecurity and homelessness in the Washington, D.C., metro area by visiting <http://catholiccharitiesdc.org/annual-report-2022>.

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 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 and follow us on social media @CCADW.