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Dear Friends in Christ,

Earlier this year, Pope Francis asked the question, "*What is God asking of us at this time*?" This annual report is Catholic Charities' answer.

In the past 12 months, Catholic Charites served more people than in any other year in our history. Extraordinary demand for food, housing, emergency financial assistance, counseling, legal immigration services, refugee assistance, and medical care resulted in an extraordinary response.

As the accompanying materials demonstrate, the generosity of our diocesan family allowed Catholic Charities to bring material and spiritual comfort to thousands of families and individuals in need. Our employees and volunteers found new and creative ways to provide help and to bring hope while caring for everyone's safety and well-being. We learned again what we already know in our hearts: that we serve a God of abundant love.

We are especially grateful for the incredible and constant support of our parishes and pastors this past year. Despite the many challenges facing them, they never wavered in their generosity and their commitment to those in need.

Our partnerships with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), the Office of New Americans (ONA), and many cities and counties gave us the opportunity to expand our reach and scope of services across our entire diocese.

And, finally, we give thanks to God for the leadership and support of our shepherd, Bishop Michael F. Burbidge, and our Catholic Charities Board of Directors. Please pray for Catholic Charities, that we will always serve our brothers and sisters in need with compassion and competence.

Gratefully,

Stephen J. Carattini President & CEO Catholic Charities Diocese of Arlington



FY21 TOTAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED JULY 2020-JUNE 2021

\$6.3 MILLION IN SUPPORT PROVIDED









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SERVED TO HUNGRY FAMILIES & INDIVIDUALS



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RECEIVED HELP TO TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS TO SUSTAINABLE HOUSING



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SERVE, PROTECT AND WELCOME: A LOOK BACK ON A YEAR AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES



Northern Virginia's struggle with the coronavirus continued throughout the 2020-2021 fiscal year, and Catholic Charities found creative ways to rise to the challenge of serving those most affected by the health and economic impacts of the pandemic.

But the coronavirus was not the only obstacle faced by the children, women, men and families Catholic Charities serves. By year's end, Catholic Charities welcomed a steadily increasing number of refugees who fled violence and persecution in Afghanistan.

SERVING THE POOR

Many families in our diocese continue to experience the effects of the COVID pandemic. COVID outbreaks continue to force temporary closures, from preschools to construction sites, which means employees don't get paychecks. Catholic Charities has long provided emergency assistance to individuals and families for whom finances are a constant struggle, as well as working people who find themselves in need of assistance for the first time.

One of the 3,620 clients who needed emergency financial assistance last year was Shannon, a preschool teacher, who with her police officer husband is raising four teenagers. She recalls the stress of balancing rent, utilities, food, and medical bills after COVID forced her school to shut down twice, an exposure from extended family members forced her into quarantine another time, and her daughter needed emergency surgery.

The family was almost \$4,000 in arrears on its rent and utility bills were piling up. They made a "good" income and usually were able to get by, but with a growing family money was often tight. Now they worried about being thrown out of their home.

Catholic Charities stepped in and paid their back rent and utility bills. Overall, Catholic Charities provided \$6.3 million in rent, utility, medical care, food and other support last fiscal year.

PROTECTING THE VULNERABLE AND STRENGTHENING FAMILIES

Our faith shows us that all life is sacred. One way we live out that belief is through Catholic Charities' service to the vulnerable, especially the most vulnerable of all: unborn children, families in crisis, and abused and neglected children.

For 74 years, Catholic Charities has provided pregnancy and adoption support and placed children in permanent, loving homes. We provide counseling, case management, financial and other services to stabilize families, as well as pregnancy options counseling, parenting assistance, adoption planning, home studies, training, and ongoing support to all clients. Catholic Charities remains a lifelong resource to all birth parents, adoptive families and adoptees.

Last year, Catholic Charities provided pregnancy and adoption services and support to more than 400 birth mothers and fathers, foster children, infants, pregnant woman, families in crisis, and adoptive families.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER

As a Catholic entity, Catholic Charities welcomes the stranger or migrant, as Jesus himself was a stranger when his family fled to Egypt for safety.

For almost 50 years, Catholic Charities has welcomed refugees and immigrants from all over the world, including Central and South America, the Middle East, Africa, Asia, and Europe.

Over the last year, Catholic Charities welcomed more than 400 desperate Afghan refugees with Special Immigrant Visas. Many of these families arrived with nothing more than a suitcase. Our staff helped them secure housing, find good jobs, enroll their children in school, and navigate the medical system. We also provided cultural integration into American society.

Catholic Charities complete

audited financial statement:



FINANCIAL CHARTS

* Nominal program service fees are charged for select programs such as counseling and adoption services.