



# Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh, Inc.

## ANNUAL REPORT

### 2007-2008

## *State of the Agency*

*By Kathleen Walsh, Executive Director*

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In every sense of the word, last year was a good year with Catholic Charities. With the support of our donors and grantors, we were able to serve 14,000 families and 45,000 individuals, a sign of the increased need coming to us and of increased resources as well. Client evaluations are an aspect of non-profit best practices. Our client evaluations indicate that clients feel respected and have their needs addressed and show us they leave with hope. What you will see and read in this report are some of the facts, stories and photos from our daily work which serve as

description and accountability to you. These exemplify the two feet of charity and justice and the core programs of Catholic Charities: Peace and Justice/Respect Life, including Parish Social Ministry; Emergency Assistance; Family Support; and Counseling.

Our staff, along with hundreds of volunteers, continued to provide the skilled, compassionate service which must always be the hallmark of Catholic Charities. During this year, we realized effective growth and faced the challenges that come with it especially in a time of diminishing resources from several sources. We developed our capacity through the integration of the data base into the daily functioning of staff, thereby making our ability to measure outcomes more precise. We deepened our skills through agency training on financial management, poverty, parish social ministry, our Codes of Ethics, countless procedural and practice issues.

One of our most comprehensive program efforts has been in Parish Social Ministry (PSM). As a result, PSM leaders from parishes are now meeting on a deanery basis. The Parish Social Ministry Regional Training was held in Raleigh in September, 2007, and our diocesan conference in Newton Grove in October, 2008. Requests for Emergency Assistance are skyrocketing. Some of our clients come to us directly for Family Support Services. Others are referred to the continuum of services from Emergency Assistance in order to meet numerous other unmet needs. Our Counseling services have expanded in seven deaneries and into the Newton Grove deanery this year, meeting our stated target of providing both Spanish/English counseling services throughout the diocese.

What can we see for Catholic Charities now? The hungry are more numerous, many asking for help for the first time in their lives. What we face now is a period of creative stabilization, stretching our resources and strategically planning for the years ahead. We are faithful to the call to serve. While Catholic Charities is motivated by our faith as expressed through Catholic Social Teaching, we are also a part of a broader faith-based mission and a world wide common cause of people of good will. We are connected in all that we do. We are connected in the power of faith, the assurance of hope and the demonstration of love in the God whom we trust and who entrusts to us this mission in our time and place. You are an integral part of this connection and our mission. Thank you for your prayers, friendship and support.



## Program Spotlight: Parish Social Ministry

Our work in Parish Social Ministry (PSM) grows stronger each year. This program is an integral part of **Catholic Charities mission: to assist the parishes, communities and Diocese of Raleigh in accomplishing the social mission of the church. In its roles of servant, advocate, facilitator and convener, Catholic Charities acts in the parish and community-at-large to heighten awareness of issues and, when appropriate, provides services to fulfill unmet needs. Catholic Charities serves people in need through advocating for social and economic justice as well as addressing immediate needs with emergency resources or direct services.**

Work with the New Bern parish of St. Paul Catholic Church is a shining example of the fulfillment of our mission. Last year, parishioner Lilly Krmar requested a consultation with Catholic Charities Regional Director Linda McAlister and Sr. Joan Jurski of the Office of Peace and Justice/Respect Life. Lilly intended to develop ways in which her parish community could become more aware of social justice issues. By availing herself of the education and training resources of our agency and obtaining the support of her pastor, Lilly was able to involve her fellow parishioners in issues such as immigration and hunger.

St. Paul's group invited Sr. Joan to give a "welcoming the stranger" immigration talk to about 60 people. After her visit there, Sr. Joan remarked the parish group "felt strengthened" to embark upon more activities and advocacy for



justice, not only in their community, but around the globe.

Their latest focus is on world hunger. St. Paul's group did a Bread for the World project that involved the parish in a letter-writing campaign to elected officials seeking an end to world hunger.

Sr. Joan affirms the Church's position that is written in Communities of Salt and Light: "The parish is where the Church lives." Facilitating the results that individuals and parishes are looking to accomplish, Sr. Joan finds progress being made in many parishes in our diocese: "What Catholic Charities does is connect with the passions of those seeking to do justice and promote peace. We provide guidance along with resources to affirm their efforts."

## Special Events Calendar

### January

"A Chocolate

Affair...To Remember"

Saturday, January 31, 2009

7-10 pm

St. Ann Catholic Church

365 N. Cool Spring St

Fayetteville, NC

Tickets \$25 per person

Tickets/info call: 910-424-2020

*Plenty of sweets...samplings...desserts, live and silent auctions...fun for all!*

### February

#### **Hunger Crisis Conference**

Featuring Rev. David Beckman

Executive Director of Bread for the World and one of the foremost advocates for hungry people

February 27 and 28, 2009

The Catholic Community of St. Francis of Assisi

11401 Leesville Road, Raleigh, NC 27613

919-847-8205

for information/registration go to

[www.franciscancoalition.org](http://www.franciscancoalition.org)

### March

"All That Glitters"

annual dinner-dance-auction

March 21, 2009

Presented by



Benefiting the  
**Senior Pharmacy Program  
of Catholic Charities**

St. Paul's Family Life Center  
in New Bern  
from 6:30—10:30 p.m.  
(252) 638-2188



*Providing Help.  
Creating Hope.*

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January 2009

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We rejoice in the work of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh, Inc. as it reflects the compassion of Jesus Christ and manifests the social mission of the Church. Through this Annual Report, we make an accounting to you as stewards of Diocesan, donor and community resources that are used to provide service to our clients. You will also have a glimpse into the array of work that Catholic Charities provides to the most vulnerable among us.

Just before Thanksgiving, I was privileged to dedicate and bless the new building occupied by Catholic Parish Outreach/Centro Para Familias Hispanas (Catholic Charities food pantry and family center in Wake County). After the formal ceremonies concluded, I stayed to visit with the volunteers, supporters and clients in attendance. I was moved by a volunteer who said, "I am humbled by those we serve who have so little while we live with abundance." Through the grace of God and the outpouring of people giving of their time, talent and treasure through Catholic Charities, it is clear that hope is being created where there once was hopelessness. I acknowledge the volunteers, donors and all those served by Catholic Charities for being shining examples of the divine mercy and love of God, Our Father.

I have seen first hand how the professional staff and volunteers of Catholic Charities demonstrate a profound reverence for all of human life and affirm the dignity of each individual they encounter. It is my hope and prayer that all of us will be renewed in our commitment to demonstrate that same respect for life in our homes, parishes and communities manifested through our generosity and compassion. May the Lord Jesus strengthen you and may Mary, Our Mother guide you as you provide help and strive to offer hope for all people, especially for the most vulnerable among us.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Raleigh  
President, Catholic Charities

# Annual Report July 1, 2007-June 30, 2008

Catholic Charities Services Provided and Families and Individuals Served in FY 2007-08			
Catholic Charities Direct Services	Service Contacts	# of families served (Unduplicated)	# of individuals served (Unduplicated)
Adoption (Individuals are estimated)	157	51	102
Counseling (Office-based)	3,195	596	1,021
Family Support	10,264	3,666	15,124
Emergency Assistance	32,288	9,928	35,481
Immigration	646	286	315
Counseling (School-based)	1,150	141	141
School social work (Individuals are estimated)	4,610		1,000
Information and Referral	2,410	2,410	2,410
<b>Total (Unduplicated total of categories above)</b>	<b>54,720</b>	<b>14,477</b>	<b>42,545</b>
Catholic Charities Community Presentations or Workshops			
Individual participants in presentations/workshops	Over 75	At least 550 families participated	2,500

## Sources of Financial Support

In addition to major funding from the Bishop's Annual Appeal of the Catholic Diocese of Raleigh, Catholic Charities receives support from parishes, United Way, Federal and State Combined Campaigns, private and public foundations and nearly 4,000 individual donors. Thank you to all our supporters!



# Catholic Charities Financial Report Year Ended June 30, 2008

## Support and Revenue

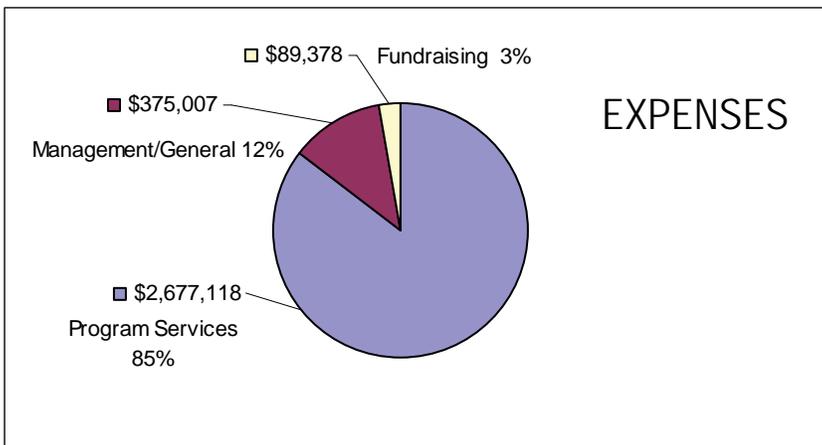
Government & private grants	\$506,324
Program service fees	\$257,854
Diocesan support (BAA)	\$1,124,000
Contributions/events	\$952,542
United Way	\$161,063
Investment loss & other income, net	<\$27,001>
<b>Total Support &amp; Revenue</b>	<b>\$2,974,782</b>

## Expenditures

Personnel	\$1,861,230
Assistance to individuals/families	\$479,097
Program support	\$262,162
Occupancy/operations	\$539,014
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$3,141,503</b>

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh, Inc. was audited in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards by the independent certified public accounting firm of Williams Overman Pierce, LLP for the 2007-08 fiscal year.

A copy of the full audit report is available upon request. Please call Patricia Reid, Development Director (919) 821-8146.



## Board of Directors 2008-2009

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# Board's Eye View

By Johnnie Winters, Chair



Dear Friends,

As stewards of God's creation, we all wear a variety of hats. Among the hats I wear are those of: daughter, wife, mother of three sons, parishioner of Saint Patrick Catholic Church in Fayetteville and Chair of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh, Inc.

In my four years on the Board of Directors, I have seen the organization grow to better meet the needs of ever-growing populations seeking assistance. It may be true that "the poor will always be with us," but Catholic Charities is doing all it can to help reduce poverty and hunger both

directly through emergency assistance and through services to help those in need to be able to help themselves. There is nothing more gratifying to me than to visit one of our regional offices and see Christ's hands and feet at work in the actions of our staff and volunteers as they assist those who come to our doors. And I am always humbled as I witness Christ's love in the faces of those we serve as they change from downcast or afraid to smiling and hopeful.

With support from the Diocese of Raleigh and a diverse base of donors and grantors, we lift up the stranger lost in a complex new society, we respect

and uphold each individual's human dignity, and we offer ways for each person to realize their God-given potential to the fullest. As a volunteer myself, let me invite you to consider volunteering at the Catholic Charities office nearest you.

If you are already volunteering with or donating to our agency, on behalf of those we serve and the Board of Directors, let me extend our deepest gratitude.

## Catholic Charities Celebrates Grand Opening of Food Pantry and Family Center: CPO/CPFH

The largest food pantry serving Wake County's hungry opened at a larger facility in November. Bishop Burbidge and other dignitaries were on hand for the dedication attended by about 200 program volunteers and visitors.

With strong, direct financial support from parishes, Catholic Parish Outreach (CPO) has served the poor and most vulnerable among us for more than thirty years. With the programs housed together, CPO serves as a portal to other family support services provided by Catholic Charities through Centro Para Familias Hispanis. The programs are located at: 2013 N. Raleigh Boulevard, Raleigh, NC (919) 873-0245.



## 2008 John J. Carey Award Winners

The John J. Carey Award is given for outstanding contributions to social ministry in the Diocese of Raleigh and to persons showing a strong commitment to the Church's social mission. The award was initiated by the Board of Directors of Catholic Social Ministries in 1989 and named for its retiring director, John J. Carey, who was the first recipient.

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh presented its annual John J. Carey Award to Charles Giordano and James Scharenbrock of St. Brendan the Navigator Church in Shallotte, NC. Eight years ago, the men started selling plants they had raised from seedlings in their homes to benefit St.

Brendan's Loaves and Fishes program to feed the poor. Their operation has grown to the point where they have a greenhouse and support not only programs through St. Brendan's but through various faith communities in Brunswick County, as well as Habitat for Humanity. Last year Mr. Giordano and Mr. Scharenbrock raised more than \$20,000 for the poor.



*Mr. and Mrs. James Scharenbrock, Mrs. and Mr. Charles Giordano*

## IRA ROLLOVER EXTENSION

### Use Your IRA as Never Before: To Make a Gift to Catholic Charities

On August 17, 2006, President Bush signed into law The Pension Protection Act of 2006 that encourages financial support of charitable organizations across the United States. The new legislation offers a welcome incentive to donors who want to use the money in their IRAs to make charitable gifts. On October 3, 2008, Congress passed and the President signed the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act of 2008 (H.R. 1424), legislation that includes a two-year extension of the IRA charitable rollover. The provision was extended on October 3, 2008 and is retroactive to January 1, 2008. It expires on December 31, 2009.

**How the New Law Works:** The IRA rollover provision allows charitable distributions of up to \$100,000 from an IRA or a Roth IRA to be excluded from your gross income. In addition, the amount rolled over will count against a donor's minimum distribution requirement. As in previous versions of IRA rollover legislation, there is no federal income tax deduction available for these contributions in addition to their exclusion from income.

You may contribute funds this way if:

- ▣ You are age 70½ or older
- ▣ The gift is \$100,000 or less each year
- ▣ You make the gift on or before December 31, 2009
- ▣ You transfer funds directly from an IRA or Rollover IRA to the charity
- ▣ You transfer the gift outright to one or more public charities; rollovers to a planned gift, such as a gift annuity or a charitable remainder trust, do not qualify.



**Example of How The New Law Works:** Edith, aged 80, has \$450,000 in an IRA and has pledged to give \$75,000 to her church this year. If Edith transfers \$75,000 from the IRA, she will avoid paying income tax on that amount. She cannot, however, claim a charitable deduction—it is a pure "wash." Edith has found an easy way to benefit her church without tax complications. If she desires, Edith could give more than \$100,000 because the legislation allows a maximum \$100,000 gift in both the 2008 and 2009 tax years. If her spouse has an IRA and is 70½ or older, he can also give up to \$100,000 each year.

**How to Make a Gift:** Contact your IRA custodian to transfer your desired gift amount to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh, Inc. For more information and a suggested transfer form, please feel free to call Patricia Reid at (919) 821-8146 or [patricia.reid@raldioc.org](mailto:patricia.reid@raldioc.org) with any questions. You may also write her at: Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Raleigh, Inc., 715 Nazareth St. Raleigh, NC 27606.

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### Special note from the editor

In keeping with Catholic Charities best practices in stewardship, we have combined publications. This is both your winter edition of our semi-annual newsletter, ***Blessings***, and our Annual Report for the last fiscal year. While our fiscal year ended June 30, we report after our audit is complete late in the calendar year. We hope your reading will be both enjoyable and informative. If you would like more information or for any reason you no longer wish to receive our mailings, please contact Patricia Reid, Development Director, 919-821-8146 or email [patricia.reid@raldioc.org](mailto:patricia.reid@raldioc.org).