Have you considered a bequest or memorial gift to Catholic Charities?

Supporters of Catholic Charities who believe in the agency’s mission and efforts to help those in need can leave a lasting legacy by including a bequest to Catholic Charities in their will. Gifts to agencies of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester provide social benefits from the Rochester area, throughout the Finger Lakes, and into the Southern Tier. Each year, the work of these agencies touches the lives of 250,000 neighbors in need. We provide food, clothing, shelter, and a wide range of additional life-enhancing services to people of all faiths whose lives have been interrupted by poverty or illness.

As an approved charity under IRS section 501(c)(3), Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester is an eligible recipient of charitable gifts and trusts. A planned gift to any organization of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester will go a long way toward helping individuals and families in need, and, in turn, will help strengthen our communities.

What is a bequest?

A charitable bequest is a gift option that can be used by almost everyone and allows donors an opportunity to enjoy their legacies today at no immediate cost. Bequests are easy to arrange in consultation with an attorney preparing your will.

The wording of a bequest in your will can be as simple as the following: I hereby bequeath the sum of _______/or _____% of my estate to Catholic Charities (you can designate to Diocesan Catholic Charities, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624, or any of its agencies).

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Why Planned Giving?

In 2017, the Diocesan Catholic Charities Corporation and its two affiliates touched the lives of over 250,000 individuals in our twelve county Diocese. Four hallmarks of this service provision, as adopted by the Diocesan Board in 2004, are:

• We serve individuals of all faiths and denominations, not because they are Catholic but because we are called to do so by our Catholic faith.
• Given the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Preferential Option for the poor, we give highest priority to serving the poorest and most vulnerable individuals and families in our communities.
• Within our decentralized system of governance, decisions about service delivery are made and carried out locally.
• Through our shared back office services, and in other ways, we continue to have a strong record of efficient service provision with well below average administrative cost ratios.

Through our decentralized system of governance first established in 1985, we now provide services through nine different entities within the single Catholic Charities Corporation, and through two affiliated corporations, Camp Stella Maris and Providence Housing Development Corporation. Three components of this annual report give a broad overview of our work. The matrix of services describes the six generic types of services broken down by specific entity, with an overview of the number of persons served in each. The Diocesan map shows the location of our service centers. The approved 2017 audit presents our financial results for 2017.

This overview information is supplemented by specific sections for each entity providing 2017 highlights, including services, important events, community support and client stories.

In addition, Catholic Charities Justice and Peace staff continue to carry out our mission of advocacy and parish social ministry through regional activities and supporting advocacy for diocesan public policy committee priorities of opposition to abortion expansion, public policy measures to reduce poverty and education about the opioid epidemic. Catholic Charities also leads Diocesan pro-life efforts.

We are grateful for the outstanding leadership and support of the Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester, and each of our Board members which help to make this work possible.

Jack Balinsky, Diocesan Director
Regional Roundup

Catholic Charities Community Services

Imagine losing your son, but he’s still alive. For Sandy, this is her reality. Nine years ago, Sandy’s son, William, went to a party and came home a completely different person. A car accident at the age of 20 left Will with a broken neck and severe brain damage. He overcame the odds, first by surviving, then by walking normally. Unfortunately, the damage to his tempora-
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Over the next two years living at Catholic Charities’ Community Residence, Will would gain many skills, including taking his medications regularly, increased memory reading, daily chores like vacuuming and cleaning, laundry and banking. “He’s doing awesome,” comments Sandy. “Bobbi and her staff have come a long way with him and they have so much patience.” While Catholic Charities can’t turn William back into the man he once was, Sandy has this to say. “He is healing and we are getting accustomed to the new Will.” Catholic Charities’ Community Residential is the best program out there. I don’t have to wor-
y about his safety anymore. They have opened the door of opportunity for my son and I am so grateful.”

Sarah reached out to Turning Point for assis-
tance with rent. Coming to the office in tears, she sat down to tell us her story. She shared that her boyfriend had committed suicide earlier in the year, and that after his tragic death, she had been lied off from her job through no fault of her own. She was also helped with employment and was strug-
ging to find anything.

She was also helped with other essentials in-
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Mass is celebrated at least twice a week and Good Time, once a week. Celebrating Mass at Camp Stella Maris is an experience everyone should have at least once in their lifetime! The excitement and joy of a CPR Mass is something that our campers and staff wish could be taken back with them to their own parishes. Due to the difﬁculties of finding three priests per week, God Time was implemented in 2002 in response to dochers. During a week, the camp comes together at God Time to listen to the word of God and sing his praise.

Staff participate in Prayer once a week (staff night prayers). Just as campers participate in night prayers, staff ﬁnd it beneﬁcial to come together once a week to reﬂect on God and their time at Camp Stella Maris. Bringing indi-
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Catholic Charities of Tompkins/Tioga Counties

“Alex” was working in a fast food restaurant, part-time, attending community college classes full-time, and struggling to make ends meet. The agency provided him with an unlimited bus pass for both semesters of school in 2017. He is studying human services and is excited to join the workforce soon.

“Samuel” was a recent immigrant to the U.S. and was enrolled in local English classes. He sought assistance in finding employment.

Staff helped Samuel to create a resume and to look for jobs that didn’t conflict with his classroom time and work schedule at his home.

Staff also assisted him in applying for a clearing position, offering reference letters, and preparing for the interview. After he successfully landed the job, Samuel returned to get assistance in completing the hiring forms. He was pleased to be working and improving his language skills at the same time.

Food Bank of the Southern Tier

Food brings people together. Whether it’s preparing food, sharing a meal or providing for others, community is built around food. That’s what’s happening at The Bounty, a new school and food pantry pilot program run by BOCES East Learning Center in Binghamton. The Food Bank received a $25,000 grant from Enterprise Rent-A-Car Foundation to try out the program in the Southern Tier, enabling to establish the pantry and promote emergency food services to multidisciplinary families.

More than 300 students and family members receive food each month. Families who sign up for this program follow an order form so they have enough canned vegetables and fruits, proteins and dairy, grains and other items to supplement their diet for a week. The order method helps the pantry provide the food families want without distributing items they don’t need. And it empowers families to make their own nutritional choices.

Fred Fraley, Jr., of Binghamton, uses the school pantry to provide for his 14-year-old nephew, a student at the school. Fred is also caring for his mother who has cancer. Fred is disabled himself, but he said, and since he is not the boy’s legal guardian, receives no benefits for his nephew.

“I have only social security and disability (benefit), and no fixed stamps, so money gets tight real quick,” Fred said. “The school pantry is a big help. It’s nice to know that we get to keep some of that.”

“Jason is a 7-year-old Caucasian male with a history of Attention Deficit Disorder; Combined Type. Jason was evaluated by PARC (Palm City Residential Center) Intervention Program (CCIP) in kindergarten due to behavioral issues. Jason struggled with impulsive and reactive behavior. He struggled to manage his emotions, and would become upset over minor issues. Jason would become physically aggressive within the classroom when he was frustrated or upset and would spend significant lengths of time in the hallways. He would exhibit self-defeating behaviors such as head banging.

Jason was referred to CCIP services to provide him with extra support. The school has been provided with the first-round of services in grades K-8.

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Catholic Charities of Wayne County

Josephine's 7-year-old grandson came to be the focus of the intervention. He had behavioral issues in school and was referred to the Catholic Charities Early Intervention Program (CCIP). He struggled with attention and was referred to the program.

The agency extended the request to its volunteer base and immediately they responded to fulfill the need. For seven weeks, volunteer drivers transported “Joe” to his critical chemotherapy appointments. In December 2017, it was revealed that he was cancer free. “Faith in Action provided me with transportation for my radiation appointments and gave us the freedom we needed for seven weeks. Now, I am cancer free.”

The Bounty has far exceeded the Food Bank’s expectations. Jennifer Edgar, Director of Community Programs, “It’s become as much more than food,” Jennifer says, “The school is reaching out to families in ways they haven’t been able to before. And the families know something is going on. More than 300 families have subscribed to the program this year, a 40% increase from last year.”

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Catholic Charities of Livingston County

A new program to help families with special needs children is being launched by Catholic Charities of Livingston County. The Catholic Charities Family Independence Initiative (FII) began in 2017.

Regina has faced many setbacks throughout her life. When she was young, she missed school on a regular basis due to being hospitalized. Diagnosed with a heart condition, she was told that she would likely only live to age twenty-one. At fifteen years old, her boyfriend began to abuse her, ultimately leading to leaving her with their daughter. Years later, she fell into another abusive relationship. In 2012, both of her parents passed away. That same year, another brother of hers was born and an infection, Regina could not find it in herself to so much hug her children, and cried all the time. The family would slip up and go back in and out of work. "It's just a frustrating and not a path to faith, but I got you."
Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester, Inc.

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Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Rochester touched the lives of nearly 25,000 individuals in our twelve county diocese in 2017.

Catholic Charities helped 500 families with clothing assistance in 2017.

Food assistance in 2017 was at an all time high.

- 15.1 million meals were distributed to 162 Food Pantries - 18,900 people were served each week, 1% of which were children and 13% of which were seniors.
- 3.6 million pounds of food, including 1.7 million pounds of produce, were distributed by 84 sites on 799 occasions.
- 12,464 cases were served by Mobile Food Pantries at 23 senior housing facilities.
- Through the Backpack program, 2,916 children received 44,552 weekend and holiday backpacks.
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**Camp Stella Maris**
- Camp Stella Maris - 2,670 served | - ARBS Participants - 1,440 served | - Food assistance - 4,796 served |
- Summer Camp Participants - 1,440 served | - Off Season - 2,640 served |

**Providence Housing Development**
- Providence Housing - 2,700 served | - 792 units in 23 properties
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Thank You,
Sam

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Along with several of our sister agencies, Catholic Charities Community Services also provide support services to individuals with AIDS during their adult care management for children through our Children’s Health Home (CHH) program in 2017. Designed to provide a holistic approach to health care needs, CHH follows the needs assessment criteria set forth by the New York State Department of Health, New York State Office of Children and Family Services, New York State Office of Mental Health and AIDS Institute.

A dedicated care managers connect youth to needed services and coordinate health care goals with all providers to ensure consistent, quality care. The program also provides medication adherence coaching and assistance, including education and community programs. Enrolled youth must be under the age of 21 years old be actively enrolled in Medicaid and have two or more HIV health conditions such as asthma, obesity, ADHD, eating disorders and substance abuse.

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Providence Housing Development Corporation
Camp Stella Maris

For Providence Housing Development Corporation, 2017 continued to be a year of growth. In an extensive management portfolio, and its excellent reputation as a management company, in May Providence purchased the general partner interest and took over management of two properties: Mt. Morris Estates, Livingston County, and Willow Green Apartments in Harriman, Orange County.

On the development side, in December Providence was awarded tax credit funding for Durand Senior Apartments. This project, on the site of two former churches on Culver Road in Irondequoit, will contain 70 one and two-bedroom accessible units. St. A's Community will provide an Adult Day Service as part of the project.

Supportive Housing Services were augmented through a partnership with Tampers, an entity associated with Temple B'rith Kodesh and the Person Centered Housing Options, to provide 11 units for emergency shelter housing to help larger families.

Since 1926, Camp Stella Maris has served as the summer camp of the Diocese of Rochester. Campers celebrate their Catholic faith through traditional summer camp programming aimed at fostering emotional, physical and spiritual growth in a safe and caring environment. Together, campers and staff build a Christ-centered community that welcomes all and does away with the technology that seems to complicate young lives.

The Camp Stella Maris community is proud of our Catholic faith and celebrates it daily. Saying grace before each meal becomes a memorable experience at Camp Stella Maris. The entire camp is provided the word of the day each morning and it is the responsibility of each cabin to create their own grace for breakfast. The entire camp gathers together before lunch and dinner to say grace—a powerful experience! Each cabin participates in Night Prayers: it is the responsibility of the two counselors in each cabin to create an age appropriate prayer for their campers. This is a time for the twenty-fourteen campers in each cabin to reflect on the day and thank God for yet another great day at Camp Stella Maris.

Staff and campers close each day opening and closing campfire with the Mail Mary. Since 1926, Mail Mary has ended every day on Camp Stella Maris with a tradition at Camp Stella Maris for 93 summers.

Regional Roundup

As with grace, bringing the entire camp together to pray is a powerful experience. Mass is celebrated at least twice a week and live music is played. Camp Stella Maris is an experience everyone should have at least once in their lifetime! The excitement begins at 7AM Mass and continues throughout the day. It is something that our campers and staff wish could be taken back with them to their own parishes. Due to the difficulties in finding these priests per week, God Time was implemented in 2002 in response to do mass each week. The camp comes together at God Time to listen to the word of God and sing his praise.

Staff participates in Pratt every once a week (staff night prayers). Just as campers participate in night prayers, staff find it beneficial to come together once a week to reflect on God and their time at Camp Stella Maris. Bringing individuals together with such strong faith is a powerful experience.

Life Issues

St. Juan Diego appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant Virgen appeared to St. Juan Diego as a pregnant indigenous women. By embracing the mission entrusted to him, our Creator.

With grace, Saint Juan Diego helped bring Christ’s transforming love to cultures gripped by oppression and death. (Reprinted [Excerpted] from Respect Life Program, copyright © 2018, United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.)

As we have more years since 2013, our Diocesan Public Policy Committee again chose to emphasize our opposition to abortion expansion in the 2018 New York State legislative session. Governor Cuomo pushed for the passage of the abortion expansion bill from including it in his budget proposal, throughout the session, and even over the summer, calling for a special legislative session to pass it. This bill would endanger the lives of vulnerable women in their final trimester of pregnancy as well as their unborn children.

Through bulletin inserts and email alerts, parishes throughout the Diocese have encouraged to contact their legislators at key moments to oppose this bill. Once again, in spite of all the Governor’s efforts, this bill did not become law, sparing more lives that are cherished, chosen, and sent.
Have you considered a bequest or memorial gift to Catholic Charities?

Supporters of Catholic Charities who believe in the agency’s mission and efforts to help those in need can leave a lasting legacy by including a bequest to Catholic Charities in their will.

Gifts to agencies of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester provide social benefits from the Rochester area, throughout the Finger Lakes, and into the Southern Tier. Each year, the work of these agencies touches the lives of 250,000 neighbors in need. We provide food, clothing, shelter, and a wide range of additional life-enhancing services to people of all faiths whose lives have been interrupted by poverty or illness. As an approved charity under IRS section 501(c)(3), Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester is an eligible recipient of charitable gifts and trusts.

A planned gift to any organization of the Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Rochester will go a long way toward helping individuals and families in need, and, in turn, will help strengthen our communities.

What is a bequest?

A charitable bequest is a gift option that can be used by almost everyone and allows donors an opportunity to enjoy their legacies today at no immediate cost. Bequests are easy to arrange in consultation with an attorney preparing your will.

The wording of a bequest in your will can be as simple as the following:

I hereby bequeath the sum of [_____] (or _____% of my estate) to Catholic Charities (you can designate to Diocesan Catholic Charities, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, NY 14624, or any of its agencies).

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON PLANNED GIVING
Please check our web site at www.dor.org/index.cfm/catholic-charities
or e-mail CatholicCharitiesInfo@dor.org

Why Planned Giving?

In 2017, the Diocesan Catholic Charities Corporation and its two affiliates touched the lives of over 250,000 individuals in our twelve county Diocese. Four hallmarks of this service provision, as adopted by the Diocesan Board in 2004, are:

• We serve individuals of all faiths and denominations, not because they are Catholic but because we are called to do so by our Catholic faith.
• Given the Catholic Social Teaching principle of Preferential Option for the poor, we give highest priority to serving the poorest and most vulnerable individuals and families in our communities.
• Within our decentralized system of governance, decisions about service delivery are made and carried out locally.
• Through our shared back office services, and in other ways, we continue to have a strong record of efficient service provision with well below average administrative cost ratios.

Through our decentralized system of governance first established in 1985, we now provide services through nine different entities within the single Catholic Charities Corporation, and through two affiliated corporations, Camp Stalta Maris and Providence Housing Corporation. Three components of this annual report give a broad overview of our work. The matrix of services describes the six generic types of services broken down by specific entity, with an overview of the number of persons served in each. The Diocesan map shows the location of our service centers. The approved 2017 audit presents our financial results for 2017.

This overview information is supplemented by specific sections for each entity providing 2017 highlights, including services, important events, community support and client stories.

In addition, Catholic Charities Justice and Peace staff continue to carry out our mission of advocacy and parish social ministry through regional activities and supporting advocacy for diocesan public policy committees. We have a strong tradition of opposition to abortion expansion, public policy measures to reduce poverty and education about the opioid epidemic. Catholic Charities also leads Diocesan pro-life efforts.

We are grateful for the outstanding leadership and support of the Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano, Bishop of Rochester, and each of our Board members which help to make this work possible.

Jack Balinsky, Diocesan Director

2017 Financial Report

SUPPORT AND REVENUE:

Grants and contracts........................................ $ 33,702,168
Program service fees........................................ 23,248,564
Food in-kind assistance................................. 7,971,189
Contributions .............................................. 6,362,478
Investment income for operations...................... 2,015,530
Prior year adjustment...................................... 6,729,804
Other......................................................... 1,082,068
Net assets released from restrictions.................. 3,212,493
Total support and revenue................................ 75,034,642

EXPENSES:

Program services........................................... 65,268,948
Support services.......................................... 6,729,804
Fundraising................................................. 2,015,530
Total expenses............................................ 74,014,282
Excess (Deficiency)........................................ 990,360

OTHER ITEMS:

Investment income (loss), net.......................... 688,005
Investment income appropriated for operations... -
Effect of change in insurance liability................ -
Loss on disposal of property and equipment........ -
Total........................................................ 688,005

CHANGE IN NET ASSETS:

Beginning of year........................................ 1,793,479
Change...................................................... 351,101
Ending of year........................................... 2,144,580

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