Dear Friends,

Whew, what a year! We welcomed our new Bishop, Michael Duca, concluded a long-term recovery program implemented in the aftermath of the floods of 2016, maintained our refugee resettlement program despite drastic reductions in arrivals, adopted new bylaws, were recognized by the American Immigration Lawyers Association as the non-profit of the year in our region, launched a new corporation to provide alternatives to payday loans ... and served 33,000 people total through all of our programs combined.

But the work of our agency is larger than these numbers alone and more meaningful than singular accomplishments. It takes place within the mystery of the Body of Christ, made possible through the guidance of our Catholic mission and support of our Catholic community. Our Mission Statement reminds us that ours is a call to service; our Catholic Church, built on a tradition directly rooted in the life of Christ and passed on through the people we are blessed to serve and work with.

Among them, we are particularly thankful for Bishop Robert W. Muench, who retired this past year. His belief in the Catholic mission and support of our Catholic community.  Our Mission Statement reminds us that ours is a call to service; our Catholic Church, built on a tradition directly rooted in the life of Christ and passed on through the people we are blessed to serve and work with.

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2017-2018 FINANCIAL REPORT*

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Total revenues for the year 2017-18 were $118,933, 181.88; total expenses were $118,795, 762.23

* Pie charts do not include pass-through funds distributed to other Louisiana Catholic Charities Reentry Alliance agencies.

Our Mission

We proclaim the gospel vision of Jesus Christ as our mission by serving the needs of individuals and families, especially the poorest, and working with Church and community for justice, peace, and compassion in society.

2017-2018

- 810 families in danger of homelessness received financial assistance for housing, utilities and other basics.
- Special assistance for housing and utilities was re-established in Tangipahoa Parish.
- 252 people found strength through mental health counseling at 7 locations, some from our Spanish-speaking counselors.
- Of the 86 people, mostly chronically unemployed, who found jobs, 98% were still employed 9 months later.

In a new partnership with hospitals, 101 new mothers received Baby Love bags filled with 3-weeks of baby care items for their newborns.

Protecting Life and Building Families through Adoption

- 61 families enrolled in Families First on Evangeline for counseling, budgeting help, employment services and tutoring.

46 attended a six-week course for first time homebuyers.

- 430 people learned to manage their money, and 4 months later, were utilizing good financial habits.

- 39 parents living in Pointe Coupee helped prepare their children for school through HIPPY—Home Instruction for the Parents of Preschool Youngsters.

Creating Hope for a Brighter Tomorrow

- 66 families moved into families. First on Evangeline to provide alternatives to payday loans.

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Supporting Communities Recovering after Disaster

- 5,500 families enrolled in Disaster Case Management to recover from damages caused by the storms of 2016.

- Case managers worked with 11 different parish long-term recovery committees to tap into donations of household goods and repair money to help families move back into their homes.

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Raising a Joyful Voice for a Better Society

Advocacy volunteers and staff worked with the Louisiana Conference of Catholic Bishops on human rights legislation from death penalty abolition and criminal justice reform to ethical adoption practices, poverty alleviation, and immigration rights.

Catholic school students strengthened their faith through volunteering, donating household goods and participating in Operation Rice Bowl.

The Faith Fund was launched to fight the plague of payday loans, a new initiative made possible by the Campaign for Human Development.

FROM JULY 2017 TO JUNE 2018, CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF BATON ROUGE TOUCHED THE LIVES OF 33,000 MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN OF ALL FAITHS.

Sincerely in Christ,

David C. Aguillard
Executive Director

Price LeBlanc Toyota donated 2 new vehicles to assist in our work.
Ten Things to Know About Catholic Charities...

1. Touched the lives of 33,000 people of all faiths last year in the 12 civil parishes comprising the Diocese of Baton Rouge.
2. Gifts the community with opportunities to help their neighbors through volunteer service.
3. Commits 97 cents of every dollar to services . . . far below the national average for administrative costs.
4. Provides successful, unduplicated services proven to improve lives and strengthen our community—since 1964.
5. Known as a national leader in disaster recovery and the primary long-term recovery service provider for disaster survivors.
6. Addresses the root causes of poverty to improve the lives of our clients, their families and our community.
7. Partners with nonprofits, other faith groups, foundations, universities and governmental agencies.
8. Primarily funded by donations, contracts, fees and grants; less than 6% comes from the Diocese of Baton Rouge.
9. Populations & services include:
   - Families & Individuals
     - Adoptions
     - Behavioral health counseling
     - Diaper Bank
     - Early childhood intervention
     - The Faith Fund
     - Families First Housing
     - Foster Grandparents
     - Job Services
     - Homelessness prevention
     - Lost custody
     - Mental health counseling
     - Case Management
     - Relief supplies
   - Immigrants
     - Legal services
     - Relocation for Refugees
   - Pregnant women in crisis
     - Counseling
     - Housing & Sanctuary for Life & St.
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How you can help
- Pray
- Volunteer
- Donate
- Bequest or memorial intention
- Donate furniture or vehicles
- Offer employment or mentor a worker
- Sponsor/mentor a family
- Start or join your Church’s social responsibility program
- Spread the good news

Call 225-336-8700 or visit www.CatholicCharitiesBR.org to find out how you can become involved.

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Lives changed ...

Patricia

I have changed since I came into Sanctuary for Life. I can see myself succeeding, and I am proud of all that I have accomplished.

A year ago, Patricia was homeless and pregnant. Today, she’s working, living in an apartment with her baby boy Benji, and has reconnected with her two older children of whom she’d lost custody. She credits the counselors and resident managers at Sanctuary for Life for her success.

Donald

I like reading “Where’s Spot?” to my little sister. It’s my favorite book.

Three years ago, Donald had no books in his Pointe Coupe home or people to read to him. Thanks to HIPPI, he’s at the top of his kindergarten class today. His teacher was impressed at how well he could read before stepping into her classroom. His success inspired his both parents to return to college to finish their degrees.

Jasmine

Without God leading me to Catholic Charities, I’m not sure where I’d be today ... probably still lost.

Four years ago, 22-year-old Jamine moved into Families First Housing with her husband and 3 children. While there, she learned how to manage their money, set up a savings account, and attended our parenting classes. Now, she and her husband both have earned their high school diploma and own their own home.