Dear Friends,

2020. What a year! It was filled with difficult times beyond what any of us could have imagined; from a pandemic to natural disasters. It presented all of us with simultaneous personal, professional, economic and spiritual challenges. Facing historical difficulties, I have to say I’ve never been more inspired by the dedication of the people who work at Catholic Charities. You should be, too. They pushed into a higher gear. While at home taking care of family, children and relatives, our agency teams transitioned to full remote operations and sustained all current services and created new unique programs to meet the needs of low-income families, especially those with children in rural areas of our diocese. Within the first few weeks of the onset of COVID, before public help arrived, we served nearly 1,000 families with emergency needs. We had specific initiatives that assisted healthcare and restaurant workers who suddenly woke up one morning to find either never-again work under life-threatening conditions...or, on the other hand, found themselves out of work without any income and nowhere to turn. Our CDDRR staff rose to meet their needs while maintaining all other services from hosting adoption workshops, to helping reunite immigrant children with their families, to housing homeless pregnant women in our Sanctuary for Life and providing transitional support to men recently released from prison.

Our mission is to serve those in need during their greatest time of need. This past year was a time of greatest need, and because of generous donors and the Diocese’s support, we are able to live this mission everyday. As I have, I hope that you too can find inspiration in the remarkable work of Catholic Charities summarized in this year’s report.

Sincerely in Christ,

David C. Aguillard, MPA, MHA, MA
Executive Director

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**2019-2020 FINANCIAL REPORT**

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**Total revenue for the year 2019-20 were $6,655,571; total expenditures were $6,495,972.**
Income and expense variation based on difference in funding years.
Annual audit conducted by Postlethwaite & Netterville, C.P.A.

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**2019**

- **Providing Help and Encouragement During Crisis**
  - 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.
  - 3,749 people found strength through mental health counseling at 5 locations, some from our Spanish-speaking counselors.

- **Creating Hope for a Brighter Tomorrow**
  - families moved into Families First on Evangeline for counseling, budgeting help, employment services and tutoring.
  - 72 parents living in Pointe Coupee helped prepare their children for school through Home Instruction for the Parents of Preschool Youngsters (HIPPY) and 9,563 home visits were conducted.

- **Welcoming Immigrants and Refugees Seeking Freedom**
  - families faced with crisis pregnancies were provided counseling in order to make life-affirming decisions for their unborn children.
  - individuals were provided with specialized post adoption counseling or Search and Reunion services.
  - 1,647 people were reached through Community Outreach Events.

- **Strengthening Families through Service**
  - 1,626 special needs children received individual classroom help from 6 Foster Grandparents at 1 East Baton Rouge and Pointe Coupee schools.
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  - 1,190,000 19 rent and utility help households.
  - CCUSA funded disaster case management for immigrants who no place else to turn for help. |

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TEN THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT CATHOLIC CHARITIES

1. Touched the lives of over 14,000 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, which is far below the national average for administrative costs.

4. Provides successful, unduplicated services proven to improve lives and strengthen our community—since 1964.

5. Ranks #1 among 211-info Line referral agencies.

6. Partners with nonprofits, other faith groups, foundations, universities and governmental agencies.

7. Known as a national leader in disaster recovery and the primary long-term recovery service provider for disaster survivors.

8. Addresses the root causes of poverty to improve the lives of our clients, their families and our community.

9. Primarily funded by donations, contracts, fees and grants; less than 20% is funded by the Diocese.

10. Populations & services include:
   - Families & individuals
     - Adoptions
     - Behavioral health counseling
     - Diaper bank
     - Early childhood intervention
     - Families First Housing
     - Foster Grandparents
     - Homelessness prevention
     - Job services
   - Disaster survivors
     - Mental health counseling
     - Case management
     - Relief supplies
   - Immigrants
     - Legal services
     - Relocation for refugees
   - Pregnant women in crisis
     - Counseling
     - Housing at Sanctuary for Life & St. Patrick’s House
     - Transportation
   - Prison Ministry
     - Joseph Homes ex-offender housing
     - Family support groups
     - Pre-release programs

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.

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HOW CAN YOU HELP

- Pray
- Volunteer
- Donate
- Bequest or memorial intention
- Offer employment or mentor worker
- Sponsor or mentor a family
- Start or join 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.