Dear Friends,

The pandemic has affected all of us in different ways, but there seems to be a common thread in our experience—feeling as though the last year was “lost” to us. I want to remind you that even if you did something small—like learning a new skill, spending more quality time with your loved ones, or checking on a neighbor—you brought something to Jesus in the last year. In such a difficult and uncertain time, I believe that should be celebrated.

Here, Pope Francis reminds us that even the smallest acts of love can lead to great things. In this Annual Report, you will see the big picture of our record-breaking year of service at Catholic Charities. As the Executive Director of our agency, I am proud that we served families in every single county of our Diocese and provided help and hope to 16,892 individuals and families. But as a follower of Christ, I am prouder of the thousands of small acts of love and service we brought to Jesus this year. That is why this year’s Annual Report places a special focus on the people whose individual acts of service led us to such an incredible result. Volunteers like Ray Vargas, whose hard work made our material distribution events possible. Clients like Joe and Cristina Rivera, who trusted us in their time of need. Staff like Manuelita Myers, who helped Texas Winter Storm victims through their darkest moments.

If you are reading this report, that means you, too, had a hand in helping others by supporting the Catholic Charities mission.

We still have much work to do, but there is hope on the horizon. This report is proof that when we come together, our small acts of service will lead to great things. At Catholic Charities, we are ready to continue working to ensure every person in our community can thrive in their God-given gifts and dignity.

I wish you many blessings, big and small, in the year to come.

In His Peace,

Sara Ramirez
Executive Director

“It would be good to ask ourselves every day: “What do I bring to Jesus today?”. He can do a lot with one of our prayers, with a gesture of charity for others. This is how God loves to act: He does great things, starting from those small things.”

– Pope Francis
During the pandemic, many families were forced to choose between paying their bills or providing for their family—like the Rivera family, who couldn’t afford new glasses for their daughter who desperately needed them. At Catholic Charities, we believe that’s a choice no parent should have to make.

Joe and Cristina Rivera were doing just fine before the pandemic. While they lived paycheck-to-paycheck, the Riveras’ income was enough to cover their expenses. But when the pandemic hit, Joe’s hours were drastically reduced. With two young daughters to care for, the Riveras did everything they could to keep their family afloat. Joe scrambled to find odd jobs to make up for his lost income. Cristina devoted herself to helping the children with their remote classwork so they wouldn’t fall behind.

Cristina quickly noticed her youngest daughter, Eva, straining her eyes during class and struggling to complete her assignments. Concerned, Cristina took Eva to the optician, where she learned Eva needed special $500 lenses for her glasses. With an already strained budget, Joe and Cristina gathered all the money they had to pay for the necessities—rent and Eva’s glasses. It wasn’t enough.

Feeling as though she was out of options, Cristina reached out to Catholic Charities for help. Her call reached Victoria Garcia, a case manager in the Financial Stability program.

“The Riveras were afraid if they fell behind on rent, they wouldn’t be able to catch up before the eviction moratorium ended,” said Victoria. “They were in a position where they had to choose between Eva’s health or keeping a roof over the family’s head. We believe that’s not a choice anyone should have to make.”

Catholic Charities paid a full month of the Riveras’ rent, allowing them room in their budget to pay for Eva’s glasses in full. No longer in pain, Eva thrived in her classes and was drawing for fun again. Victoria’s help meant so much to Eva, she asked her mother if she could call Victoria herself to express her gratitude.

“Everyone at Catholic Charities are angels for all the help they have given me and my family,” Eva told Victoria.

**Names changed for client confidentiality**
EXCEPTIONAL PROGRAMS

Catholic Charities of Central Texas offers a holistic set of programs to strengthen families and promote respect for human dignity and life.

COUNSELING SERVICES

- Conducted 2,590 mental health counseling sessions
- Delivered 50 mental health presentations to special groups including parents, students, teachers, incarcerated individuals, and military service members

DISASTER RESPONSE

- Distributed $1,266,174 in emergency funding across 17/25 Central Texas counties
- Provided support to 2,614 families impacted by COVID-19 and the Texas Winter Storm at emergency material distribution events

FINANCIAL STABILITY

- Distributed $1,338,401 in financial assistance to 8,027 clients
- Achieved housing stability for 89% of clients

IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

- Assisted 1,107 clients from 51 countries
- Conducted 1,009 consultations representing clients in over 17 different processes, including DACA, removal defense, and naturalization cases

ST. MICHAEL’S VETERAN SERVICES

- Served 325 veterans and dependents
- Distributed $187,737 in aid to military families

ST. GABRIEL’S PREGNANCY & PARENTING PROGRAM

- Conducted 300 virtual parenting and life skills classes
- Distributed more than 75,000 diapers and other material items
- Provided a healthy start to 485 babies

VOLUNTEER PROGRAM

- Facilitated 6,800 volunteer hours with a focus on offsite group volunteer opportunities due to COVID-19 restrictions

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PARISH RELATIONS

- Partnered with 30 parishes and 11 Catholic Schools to engage leadership, staff, and parishioners in our mission
- Engaged 72 parishes in a diocesan-wide Catholic Charities Weekend awareness campaign

16,892 individuals and families served through our programs and emergency assistance events

$336,400 Value of in-kind donations distributed to underserved Central Texas families

25/25 Served clients in 25/25 Central Texas counties for the first time in our history
I would like to express my profound gratitude for the assistance you have provided me in this time of need. You made me understand that not only are there people and organizations that offer assistance to people in need; but some of them also do it in the true spirit of Christ.

– St. Michael’s Veteran Services client

FINANCIAL REPORT FY 2020-2021

$7,252,280
REVENUE BY FUNDING SOURCE

$7,164,550
EXPENSES BY PROGRAM

Government Grants 45%
Individuals, Corporations and Foundations 34%
Catholic Diocese of Austin 14%
Program Revenue 7%
Financial Stability 25%
Immigration 21%
Legal Services 10%
Disaster Response 8%
Administration and Advancement 7%
Counseling Services 7%
St. Gabriel’s Pregnancy and Parenting Program 3%
St. Michael’s Veteran Services 5%
Parish Relations 0.15%
Other (Bequest)** 1%

**As decided by the CCCTX board, this amount was moved to agency reserves per best practice standards

*Amount raised from individuals, corporations, and foundations
HERE TO HELP IN A CRISIS

Since the Texas Winter Storm hit her community, Manuelita Myers (Catholic Charities Case Manager) has worked tirelessly to help return Central Texas families to their pre-disaster state or better.

“I am talking to people at their most vulnerable and helping them through the hardest times in their lives,” said Manuelita. “They are so grateful when I tell them this is why Catholic Charities exists. We are not here to judge you. We are here to help you.”

Most Texas Winter Storm victims Manuelita has served are people who have never had to ask for help before. “They are hesitant to reach out, but they experienced so much hardship during the Winter Storm they had no other choice,” she said.

One Texas Winter Storm client particularly touched Manuelita’s heart. Joan Everett had recently suffered the loss of her husband. She had never asked for assistance any time in her life. After the Texas Winter Storm, her home was uninhabitable and she had been waiting for days to hear back from FEMA. Manuelita was struck by Joan’s perseverance and positive spirit in spite of her immense losses. Clients like Joan kept Manuelita motivated to help more Texas Winter Storm victims recover from the disaster.

“I kept hearing no one else but Catholic Charities had called them back,” said Manuelita. She said every person she called was grateful to speak with her, to have someone who could communicate with them in their native language, and to have faith-based services available to them during their time of need.

LIVING FAITH THROUGH SERVICE

Ray Vargas first came to Catholic Charities after seeing a call for volunteers in his parish bulletin. Now, more than ten years later, Ray is an invaluable part of the Catholic Charities family.

Over the years, Ray has stayed engaged in the mission and has been a key part of Catholic Charities’ growth. His talents have helped Catholic Charities tremendously, especially when it comes to sorting and processing material donations.

He was instrumental in setting up the Hope Donation Center where Catholic Charities stores diapers, wipes, hygiene items and more for families in need.

During the pandemic and Texas Winter Storm, our community responded with a flood of material donations to help families recover. Ray helped Catholic Charities quickly get those items into the hands of people in need. He worked closely with Claire Bordelon (Catholic Charities Volunteer Coordinator) to process donations, optimize use of storage space, and distribute hundreds of thousands of materials across Central Texas.

What’s more, Ray is passing on his passion for service to his children by involving them in his service work at Catholic Charities.

“I would always donate each year. But as time went on and I had kids, I realized I needed to do more than just donate money. I wanted to get my kids involved in helping others,” said Ray. “We can’t only be focused on ourselves and making ourselves comfortable. We have to go out of our way to do something for someone else.”

Having dedicated volunteers like Ray to call upon has never been more important to the Catholic Charities mission. Our ability to serve a record-breaking number of Central Texans would have been impossible without help from Ray and other Catholic Charities volunteers. They are an extension of the Catholic Charities staff and their work is a great service to our community.

“Whether you’re handing out diapers, food, or water like we did after the Winter Storm, that’s when you see the impact of what you’re doing,” said Ray. “You really see that it does make a difference.”
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!* 

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St. Theresa’s Catholic School, Austin

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