



Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg E-News July 2016

Welcome to the e-newsletter from Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg. This brief publication will give you an update on the latest news and happenings from our agency.

Message from the CEO

Dear Friends,

The mission of Catholic Charities is to foster the ideals of Christ by providing help, compassion, and dignity to those who come to us in need. We do this regardless of a person's circumstances, background, religious preference or ability to pay. Every day, we help homeless families, pregnant women, children who need a home, those overcoming addictions, the sick, the elderly, the hopeless and the poor. We never turn a client away. Furthermore, most of our services are offered at minimal or no cost to the client. This is possible through the generosity of our funders, the Diocese of Harrisburg, the contributions of parishioners, individual donors, corporations, and religious and civic organizations.

We strive to provide the highest quality in social services and the most comprehensive array of programs available in our communities. I will continue to work closely with our Board of Directors, management and staff to achieve our strategic goals and make the most of our financial and human resources.

The socio-economic and political landscape is constantly changing. Our challenge is to effectively respond to the complex needs of the communities we serve, while competing for limited public and private dollars.

We encourage you to get involved through prayer, volunteerism, advocacy, and giving. [Learn how you can get involved](#) and help us share the love of Christ by helping those less fortunate.

May God bless you,

Mark A. Totaro, Ph.D.
Executive Director/CEO

Featured Program – Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families

Since 1992, the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families has been providing a safe, secure environment for families facing a homeless crisis. Click [here](#) to read about the important work being done each day at the program.

Shrines of Italy Trip with Bishop Gainer

We are pleased to announce that our trip with Bishop Ronald Gainer this fall to the Shrines of Italy is nearly sold out!. The tour will take place August 27 - September 6, 2016.

This exciting trip is coordinated by Pentecost Tours whose business is focused solely on Catholic pilgrimages. The company's pilgrimages are spiritual journeys of a lifetime to some of the most spectacular and inspirational sites throughout the world.

In addition to this exciting tour of some of Italy's most historic churches, **our group will be present in Rome with Pope Francis as he celebrates Mass and canonizes Blessed Teresa of Calcutta on Sunday, September 4, 2016.** Truly a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity!

For more information and to download a tour brochure, visit <http://www.cchbg.org/events/shrines-of-italy-tour-with-bishop-gainer-august-27-september-6-2016/>

Interfaith Shelter Golf Classic – May 9th

Thanks to everyone who helped make our annual Interfaith Shelter Golf Classic a huge success! The event took place on Monday, May 9th, 2016 at Blue Ridge Country Club in Harrisburg, PA. There were 124 registered golfers, and the tournament raised more

than \$13,000 to benefit the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families. Mark your calendars for next year's event – Monday, May 15th, 2017!

Come and See Dinner – September 21st

Mark your calendars for the annual Catholic Charities Come and See Dinner which will take place on Wednesday, September 21st at the Cardinal Keeler Center in Harrisburg. The evening includes a reception and auction, buffet dinner, and remarks by Linda Schaefer, the last photojournalist to be given permission by Mother Teresa herself to photograph the work of Missionaries of Charity, and her journey 21 years later as a witness of Mother Teresa's legacy. All proceeds from the Come and See Dinner will benefit the Catholic Charities Homes for Healing – Evergreen House, Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families, and Lourdeshouse Maternity Home. All are welcome! Click [here](#) to this important event.

Shelter Shuffle 5K – September 24th

The 12th annual Shelter Shuffle 5K Run/Walk will take place on Saturday, September 24th on the grounds of the former Harrisburg State Hospital (across from the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg). Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. Racetime is 9:00 a.m. The registration fee is \$20 per person if received on or before September 1st (\$25 per person after September 1st). Registration is free for participants who collect \$50 or more in sponsorships. All proceeds benefit the Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families. Click [here](#) to register or to make a donation to this important event.

Support Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities relies heavily on the generous financial contributions of those who support us with their charitable gifts. All of the services offered by our agency are provided regardless of age, creed, religion, or ability to pay. Please consider supporting our important work. Your financial contribution will provide help and create hope for those in need.

There are various methods to make your gift to Catholic Charities. For more information, visit our [Donation Page](#).

Do you have clothing to donate?

The Interfaith Shelter for Homeless Families is a partner with [Community Aid Pa](#). If you have clothing to donate, please consider utilizing the tan collection bins at Keller Williams Realty (530 N Lockwillow Ave, Harrisburg), St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (310 Hertzler Rd, Mechanicsburg), or at the Derry Township Recycling Center (650 Clearwater Rd, Hershey).

We are also looking for additional locations to house donation bins. If you can help, please contact Christopher Meehan at cmeehan@cchbg.org or 717-657-4804 (ext 284).

Connect With Us

There are numerous ways to stay connected with Catholic Charities:

- For a list of our various office and programs, visit our [Contact Page](#)
- Check out our [website](#)
- Visit our [FaceBook Page](#)
- Follow us on [Twitter](#)

Thank You!

Thank you for your continued interest and support of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg. We are blessed by the work we do each day to provide help and create hope for those in need and grateful for the generosity of our benefactors.