



CHARITY IN *Action*

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The Secretariat for Catholic Human Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia (CHS) is the largest faith-based human services provider in Southeastern Pennsylvania and benefits more than 300,000 individuals of all faiths annually.

CHS is comprised of various agencies that administer a broad range of human services programs throughout the five-county Philadelphia area as an expression of the charitable works of our local Church and daily touch the lives of immigrants, those experiencing homelessness, women in crisis, at-risk youth, senior citizens, the intellectually disabled, those facing hunger, and more.

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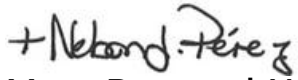
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

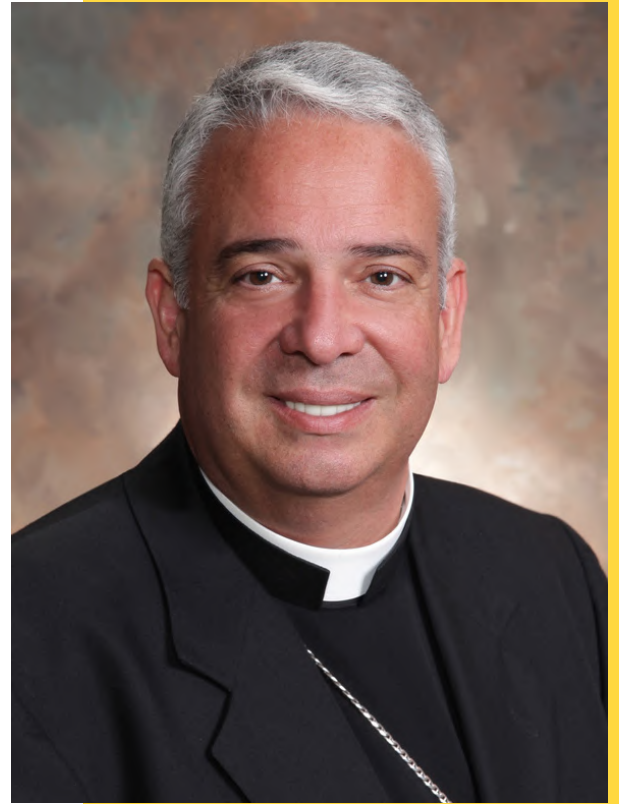
Through its many good works, The Secretariat for Catholic Human Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia builds on the legacy of Jesus Christ by lifting up the poor, proclaiming liberty to captives, restoring sight to the blind, and freeing the oppressed.

As you read about the transformative impact we have in our local communities, please know we count on your continued prayers for God's blessings on our unceasing efforts to make the love of Christ evident through the charitable works of our Church.

Sincerely in Christ,



Most Revered Nelson J. Pérez, D.D.
Archbishop of Philadelphia



Dear Friends,

I am lifelong Philadelphia Catholic whose faith continues to be fulfilled though my social work career having been involved with the charitable works of our local Church.

I am proud to work day in and day out with the Catholic Human Services staff you see featured here and those they so well serve.

May you be inspired in reading about the positive impact we are having in our local communities and please keep all of us in your prayers as we continue serving those most in need.

Sincerely,



James T. Amato, MSW
Secretary for Catholic Human Services
of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia

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IN THE

News



Rice Bowl 'alive and well,' and helping millions around the world



At a Feb. 18 press conference and prayer service, Bishop McIntyre blessed hundreds of cardboard Rice Bowl containers, marking the archdiocesan start of an annual campaign by Catholic Relief Services that enables faithful to “live out Lent,” he said.

47th Annual Rice Bowl Blessing and Kick-off Video



The 47th annual Rice Bowl blessing and kick-off was shared to the Archdiocesan Facebook page. To view an archived version of the broadcast, please visit: <https://fb.watch/bnBy4Cc4CB/>

AT A *Glance* >>>

Owen Applestein of Merion Liberty Troop donated homemade sandwiches to Deacon Anthony Willoughby at Saint John's Hospice (SJH) as part of his Eagle Scout project. Owen will be collecting toiletries and other items in the coming weeks to help more clients served by SJH.



St. Edmond's Home for Children hosted its annual Night to Shine event which provides a prom night experience and celebrates those with disabilities. Night to Shine is an initiative of the Tim Tebow Foundation.

Nutritional Development Services delivered bags filled with food on Valentine's Day to senior housing residents and senior center members at facilities operated by Catholic Housing and Community Services. The food was donated by the St. Pio Foundation.



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During Catholic Schools Week, students at Blessed Trinity Regional Catholic School in Mayfair hosted a twinning dress down day. Students presented a check to Beth Wood, administrator of Catholic Social Services' Northeast Family Service Center (NEFSC), with the proceeds totaling \$623.00. The donation will assist in stocking the NEFSC diaper pantry; Clothing Cuties Closet, and food cupboard. In addition to the donation, Beth was also named "Hero of the Month" for her work providing for those in need in the community!

Beth said, "I am truly honored and thankful to be named hero of the month! I work with a remarkable and dedicated team that I share this honor with everyday!"



Seniors at St. Edmond Senior Community Center in South Philadelphia recently enjoyed a visit from Senator Anthony H. Williams. Seniors were given the opportunity to engage with Senator Williams and ask questions.

Lola DeCarlo-Coles, administrator of Catholic Social Services' Southwest Philadelphia Family Service Center, recently spoke about how Rice Bowl impacts those in need locally. CSS' Southwest Family Service Center food cupboard is supported by Nutritional Development Services which benefits in part from Rice Bowl donations.



National Social Work Month

At Catholic Social Services, there are many incredible employees working behind the scenes – like our social workers!

CSS social workers daily touch the lives of immigrants, those experiencing homelessness, women in crisis, at-risk youth, senior citizens, students, the intellectually disabled, those facing hunger, and more.

Learn more about the social work profession and opportunities at Catholic Social Services by visiting: archphila.org/about/employment/.

“One of the wonderful things about social work is that it is multifaceted. There are many different ways to be a social worker in many different settings. It’s all grounded in helping people, walking alongside of them to get to whatever their goal is – not my goal for them, but theirs.”

**-Heather Huot
Director, Catholic Housing
and Community Services**

Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month

Catholic Social Services offers a continuum of care to men, women, and children with intellectual disabilities through programs like The Communities of Don Guanella and Divine Providence and St. Edmond's Home for Children.

CSS' Developmental Programs work towards promoting individuality, empowering personal choice, and promoting dignity and respect.

Dedicated staff provide a safe community and loving environment enabling persons with disabilities to flourish, to find happiness with dignity, and to participate in all facets of community life!

Learn more about how CSS' Developmental Programs are working to make a difference.





Community Food Program

Archdiocese of Philadelphia

Nutritional Development Services One-Can Meal Lenten Food Drive



Nutritional Development Services is hosting its annual “One-Can Meal” food drive to enable broad and meaningful participation in the Lenten season. Lenten food drives help fulfill the season’s call to almsgiving.

All goods donated will be distributed throughout the five-county area to NDS' network of over 50 food cupboards and outreach centers.

You can help your neighbors in need by donating non-perishable “one-can meal” food items online or in person. The online food drive can be found by visiting:

<https://yougivegoods.com/lent2022>

ONE-CAN MEAL IDEAS *for donating*

- Non-perishable proteins such as canned tuna and chicken, peanut butter, and beans
- Soups and chili
- Canned fruits in 100% fruit juice
- Canned vegetables
- Whole grains

*No or low sodium canned goods are a healthy option for our neighbors in need!

CONTACT NDS *for more information*

To schedule a donation pickup/drop-off or for more information on the Lenten food drive, please contact Denise Hopkins, NDS Community Food Program administrator:

- 215-895-3470 ext. 77823
- dhopkins@ndsarch.org



UPCOMING

Events & Initiatives



CRS Rice Bowl Initiative

March-April

A quarter of all donations to Rice Bowl supports Nutritional Development Services hunger and poverty relief efforts throughout Philadelphia.

[Learn More >](#)



Catholic Charities Appeal Mass

March 21st

The Catholic Charities Appeal invites you to a special Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Archbishop Pérez on Monday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

[Learn More >](#)



Annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities

April 22nd

Archbishop Pérez will celebrate the annual Mass for Persons with Disabilities on Sunday, April 22nd at 2:30 p.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of Saints Peter and Paul.

[Learn More >](#)



Catholic Charities Night with the Phillies

June 30th

Join us on Thursday, June 30 at 6:05 p.m. for Catholic Charities Night at Citizens Bank Park to watch the Phillies vs. the Atlanta Braves. A portion of all tickets sold will go directly to CCA beneficiaries.

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