



Catholic Charities

DIocese of SYRACUSE

Creating Hope, Transforming Lives
2019 ANNUAL REPORT



“Let us touch the dying, the poor, the lonely
and the unwanted according to the graces
we have received and let us not be
ashamed or slow to do the humble work.”

—*Mother Teresa*

BISHOP'S MESSAGE



Dear Benefactors of Catholic Charities,

St. Augustine of Hippo once wrote of his spiritual journey: “Late have I loved you, Beauty so ancient and so new, late have I loved you! You were with me, but I was not with you...You called, shouted, broke through my deafness...” As he readily attests, Augustine was for many years blind to God around him and his lifestyle showed it, especially in its self-centeredness.

At times, you and I may feel that our ability to recognize God in our midst, especially in the neediest of our society, is lacking as well. Yet, this annual report for Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Syracuse demonstrates how our God is making inroads in our lives as well. The courageous and loving response of Catholic Charities staff and volunteers in the midst of the challenges of the past 12 months, particularly COVID-19, give witness to the living faith, hope, and charity that are the hallmarks of this important apostolate in our diocese.

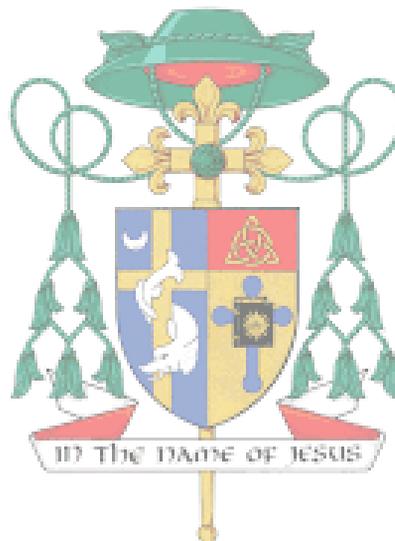
Yet, it could not happen without your own loving and generous support. As St. Teresa of Kolkata reminds us: “It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving.” I thank you for the love you have shown which testifies to the beauty so ancient and so new present in the gift of human life.

I invite you to read this report highlighting the moments of God breaking through in our diocesan family over the past year. Again, know of my heartfelt gratitude for your spiritual and financial participation in these moments. Let us keep one another in prayer, especially praying for all who are served by Catholic Charities and those who seek to be instruments of God's love and peace each day. May God bless you all your days!

In the Name of Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads “+ Douglas J. Lucia”.

Most Reverend Douglas J. Lucia
Bishop of Syracuse



CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends,

As we all learn how to live in a “COVID” world, you might find it hard to remember life “pre-COVID.” As we put together this 2019 Annual Report, it was a chance for all of us at Catholic Charities to pause and consider our hard work and accomplishments for the past year.

“Catholic Charities is forever tied to the people we serve, regardless of the circumstances, just as Christ is forever tied to each one of us.”

In 2019, we served a record number of individuals across the Diocese of Syracuse, responding to their most basic needs of food, clothing, and shelter. We also implemented new programs including our runaway and homeless youth shelter in Utica that includes apartments for youth. This truly innovative program reflects the best of Catholic Charities – responding to local needs in a creative and highly effective manner.

Before there was a pandemic, there was Catholic Charities serving the members of our community who are most vulnerable and in greatest need, and after the pandemic hit, the same is true. Catholic Charities is forever tied to the people we serve, regardless of the circumstances, just as Christ is forever tied to each one of us.

A special thanks to our Board of Trustees and all of our Catholic Charities staff for their hard work and dedication to the people we serve.

God Bless,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael F. Melara" with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Michael F. Melara
Chief Executive Officer



SERVICES PROVIDED

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF SYRACUSE PROVIDED SERVICES TO **225,997 INDIVIDUALS**



YOUTH Under 18 30,449	ADULTS 18-64 43,061	SENIORS 65+ 8,748
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499 Veterans



OUR YOUTH
Education & Enrichment Programs
22,538 served

PREPARED FOOD PROGRAMS



Summer Lunch: **16,317 Meals**
Child & Adult Care Food Program:
43,400 Meals



FOOD PANTRIES
59,851 Clients Served
1,237,653 Pounds of Food Provided

SHELTER

696 Shelter beds for homeless
5,594 Permanent supportive housing placements for formerly homeless
7,296 People received rental assistance to stay in their homes



ALL CLIENTS

16,395
Received Public Assistance
60,647
Are Below Poverty Level



VOLUNTEERS

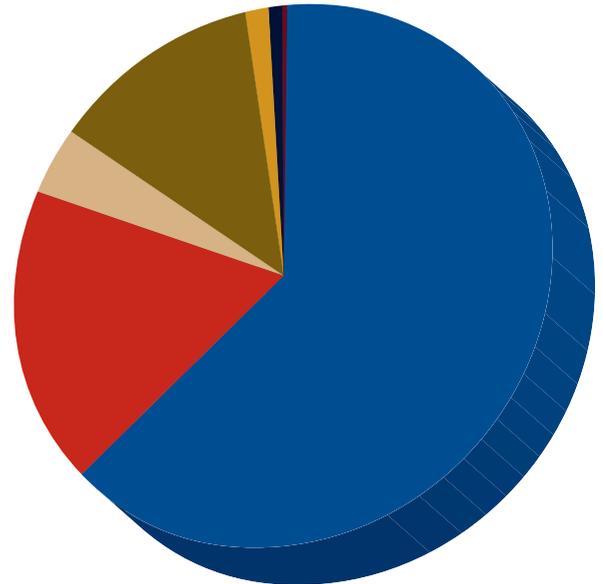
680 Total Number of Volunteers
64,564 Total Number of Volunteer Hours



ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR: JANUARY-DECEMBER 2019

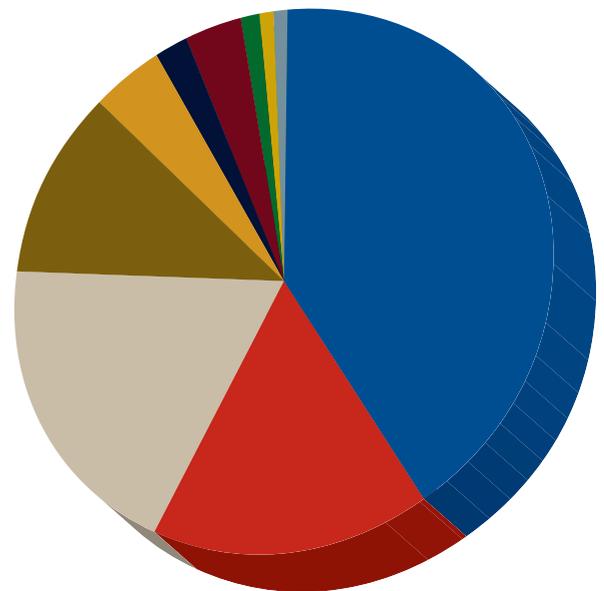
REVENUE

Government Funding	\$46,418,741	63.12%
Program Service Fees	\$13,358,763	18.16%
Investment & Management	\$3,112,309	4.23%
Bequests & Contributions	\$8,634,770	11.74%
United Way	\$991,782	1.35%
Diocesan Support	\$791,582	1.08%
Special Events	\$237,788	0.32%
Total	\$73,545,735	100.00%



EXPENDITURES

Residential Services	\$25,861,396	41.02%
Mental Health Services	\$10,499,912	16.66%
Children & Family Services	\$12,053,820	19.12%
Administrative Services	\$6,935,156	11.00%
Refugee Services	\$2,667,506	4.23%
Emergency Services	\$1,232,571	1.96%
Other Indirect Services	\$2,121,922	3.37%
Employment & Training Services	\$720,943	1.14%
Elderly Services	\$548,642	0.87%
Fundraising	\$399,308	0.63%
Total	\$63,041,176	100.00%



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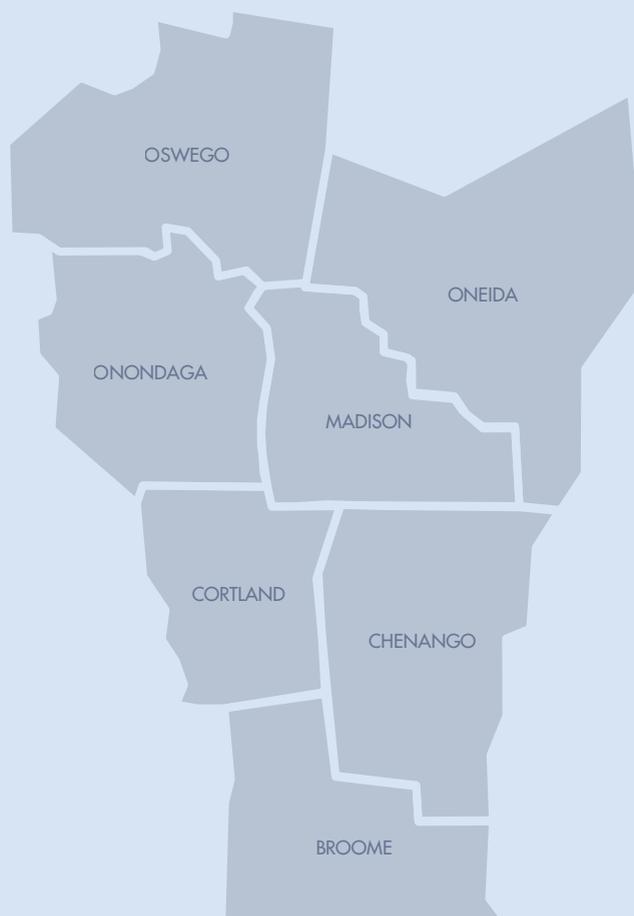
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