CATHOLIC CHARITIES and CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING



Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Paterson

Catholic Family and Community Services (CFCS)

- Father English Community Center Division
- Hope House Division
- Hispanic Information Center Division

Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD)

Straight and Narrow Inc (S&N)

Dignity of Work

"The economy should serve people, not the other way around." -U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Multilingual Center provided Latino young adults with developmental disabilities job skills and socialization and enrichment activities like dance, music and art. Almost 8,000 hours of service was provided to children, adults, and seniors.

Hispanic Information Center Community Services assisted 256 persons with job search, 378 with emergency food, 123 rental and 77 utility assistance, 9 with emergency furniture and 166 with clothing.

Dignity of the Human Person

"Every economic decision and institution must be judged in light of whether it protects or undermines the dignity of the human person."

-U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Legal Services advocated for 649 undocumented families; 684 additional people were provided with consultation services always mindful of keeping families intact. In response to the federal government's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals, CFCS Legal Services established a special unit to serve eligible young people.

Community and Participation

"It is good for people to realize that purchasing is always a moral—and not simply economic—act."

-Pope Benedict XV

After-School Programs or other out- of-school time programs at the Father English Community Center gave 175 youth at-risk, older children and teens, an alternative to the negative influences that surround them. Hispanic Information Center with a team of dedicated bilingual and bicultural staff served 197 children in its after-school and summer programs for youth and teens.

Option for the Poor and Vulnerable

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

- Matthew 25:40

Sussex and Passaic County Aging Services served 21, 616 meals through Meals on Wheels; 55 families were supported by services provided by the Sussex Adult Day Center. An additional 160 clients received a meal at one of the senior lunch nutrition sites totaling 16,073 meals served.

Hispanic Information Center's Foster Care Program provided 117 children, ages birth to 17, with a loving and nurturing family life while waiting for reunification or adoption.

Solidarity

"We are one human family...we are our brothers and sisters keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. [This is] at the core of the virtue of solidarity."
-U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

Intoxicated Drivers Resource Center presented 12 and 48 hour programs to 4,109 drivers with alcohol related traffic offenses.

The Blessed Kateri Migrant Ministry Help-Line gave information on transportation, clothing, furniture, ESL, and Mass schedules. The Help-Line also made medical or dental appointments for 557 people. The Ministry also provided 4,173 hours of service in transporting clients and doing follow-up appointments.

Rights and Responsibilities

"If you want peace, work for justice." -Pope Paul VI

Hope House Adult Behavioral Health Services assisted 524 individuals with counseling, addiction treatment or co-occurring treatment services. Sixty seven adolescents received substance abuse treatment.

Mount Carmel Hospital, a 20-bed state-licensed detoxification hospital for people addicted to alcohol, cocaine and heroin had 440 patients. As clients enter these programs they are advised of their rights and responsibilities and help shape their plans of care.

Stewardship of God's Creation

"The concerns for non-violence, sustainable development, justice and peace, and care for our environment are of vital importance for humanity." -Pope Benedict XVI

Utilizing single-stream recycling program, most of our sites now separate all acceptable recyclable materials and other trash which significantly reduces the trash going to a landfill.