



# Catholic Charities Diocese of Norwich

*Providing Help, Creating Hope*

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The holiday season is fast approaching and Catholic Charities needs your help!

Catholic Charities serves as a visible presence of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Norwich by providing services that effectively address the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of individuals and families. Catholic Charities programs are designed to help individuals develop self-sufficiency while protecting, preserving and promoting dignity.

Due to the continued economic downturn, Catholic Charities is dealing with an increasing number of individuals and families seeking help for basic services such as food, rent and prescriptions. Senior citizens, the middle class and the working poor have been hit hardest by the downturn.

With increases in unemployment and foreclosures, more and more families need our help with basic material assistance to get through the months ahead. Some will need help with utilities such as electricity and heat; others with food. Some will need diapers and baby formula.

Because we are Catholic, we are compelled to see and hear the needs of our neighbors. We are called by Baptism to respond to those in need with generosity and compassion. The 2011 Catholic Charities Annual Fund Campaign gives each one of us a chance to participate in making the world a better place for our brothers and sisters in need. Our goal is to lift individuals and families out of poverty so that they are in a better position to weather the economic downturn and provide a stable future for themselves and their loved ones.

The holiday season is traditionally the time of greatest need, so we are requesting that you be as generous as your circumstances allow in supporting this year's effort. That is why we are asking for your support of the 2011 Catholic Charities Annual Fund Campaign. When making your holiday plans, please remember those people who are hungry, disabled, impoverished or dealing with the loss of a job or home. Your help is so important, needed and appreciated – now more than ever.

Once you have decided upon your gift, we ask that you please return the gift card in the enclosed response envelope at your earliest convenience. For whatever you are able to do, for whatever you can give, you have our thanks and our prayers that the choicest blessings of God be with you always.

On behalf of those who turn to the Church in their 'hour of need', we express our heartfelt gratitude.

Wishing you and your loved ones a Blessed and Holy Christmas.

Gratefully yours in Christ,

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