MISSION
In response to the teachings of Jesus Christ, the mission of Catholic Charities Archdiocese of Saint Louis is:
• to serve people in need, especially those who are poor and vulnerable;
• to work to improve social conditions for all people in the community;
• and to call members of the Church and community to do the same.

IN THE PAST YEAR
Our services benefited more than 157,000 people directly or indirectly.

• 76% of people we helped live below the poverty line ($22,050 for a family of four).
• 156,937 meals were provided to the homeless.
• 3,963 unemployed or underemployed adults were placed in permanent jobs, given job skills training and/or job search assistance.
• 17,345 children received compassion and care.
• 29,479 senior adults were served by Catholic Charities.
• 70% of our clients completed programs or demonstrated progress on their goals.
• 68% of our clients improved their living environment.
• 93% of our clients were satisfied with services.

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES AGENCIES
Catholic Charities Community Services
Catholic Family Services
Cardinal Ritter Senior Services
Good Shepherd Children & Family Services
Marygrove
Queen of Peace Center
St. Martha’s Hall
St. Patrick Center
Serving Those in Need, Especially the Most Vulnerable

**Youth Agencies:**
Marygrove, Good Shepherd Children & Family Services

*Residential Care:* Emergency and long-term care for children and youth who are homeless, abused or face serious family problems, most of whom are in the custody of the state.

*Maternity Services:* Residential care for females that are pregnant and in the custody of the state. Crisis Pregnancy services for single females or couples in need of assistance.

*Adoption and Foster Care:* Recruitment and training of Foster/Adoptive homes. Case management and supervision of children in the foster care system, Adoption home studies.

**Community Based Agencies:**
Catholic Charities Community Services, Catholic Family Services, Queen of Peace Center, St. Martha’s Hall, St. Patrick Center

*Community Outreach Sites and Programs:* Strategically located throughout the Archdiocese, community outreach programs provide direct aid and services for disadvantaged individuals and families including meals and social activities for the elderly, youth camp and after school programs, housing counseling, legal assistances, refugee assistance, translation and counseling, as well as community health initiatives to enhance wellness.

*Family Counseling:* Helps individuals, families, and youth understand and resolve personal and family issues.

*C-Star:* Offers comprehensive substance abuse treatment and rehabilitation services for women and their children at four area sites.

*Domestic Violence Shelter:* Provides safe haven for women and children affected by domestic abuse.

*The Homeless and Those at Risk:* Offers employment training and opportunities and helps persons who are homeless and those at risk of becoming homeless to develop self-sufficiency.

**Senior Agency:**
Cardinal Ritter Senior Services

*Housing Facilities:* Makes safe, affordable housing available for independent seniors and those needing assistance.

*Personal Counseling:* Offers a wide variety of counseling services to senior adults and their families, enabling them to cope with issues of aging. Continuum of care and Adult Day services, Homemaker services, and Foster Grandparent program.

**Improving Social Conditions for All**
Catholic Charities advocacy strives to take the Good News of the Gospel and make it a reality in our state’s public policies. The more we can change structures and policies as well as hearts and minds, the more we will enable the most vulnerable and those living at the margins to develop their God-given potential. In this way, we respond to those in need, we call all people to work for justice and to bring about the Kingdom of God.

**Calling Others to Do the Same**
Catholic Charities of St. Louis calls others to do the same. Through our Parish Social Ministry, we educate people about Catholic Social Teaching and engage them in our three-fold mission. Our Parish Social Ministry Department publishes a monthly email newsletter that informs people about our Catholic Charities Federation, educates them about Catholic Social Teaching, promotes volunteer opportunities, and connects leaders from various parishes. We use social media and our newsletter to invite others to be part of our mission.