

***We are God's hands  
providing housing, health,  
and hope to His children.***

**2022**

# ANNUAL REPORT



**Catholic  
Charities**  
Diocese of Kalamazoo

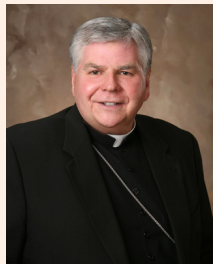




## A MESSAGE FROM BISHOP BRADLEY

*Charity is not an idea or a pious feeling but is an experiential encounter with Christ; it is the desire to live with the heart of God who does not ask us to have a generic love, affection, solidarity, etc. for the poor, but to meet Himself in them.*

*~Pope Francis*



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

This insightful reflection by our Holy Father beautifully captures the spirit behind what Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo is. The tireless dedication of the staff and their loving service to those most in need throughout our Diocese is an inspiration and witness to Jesus' command to "Love one another as I have loved you." (Jn. 13:34)

Catholic Charities accompanies young mothers, from the early months of pregnancy through birth and beyond, bringing Christ's Love in the Caring Network Program. The agency provides support and loving presence to teens and their families in crisis through the Ark Services Program. The Bread of Life Food ministry provides food for the body and encouragement for the spirit for those in need of sustenance. And for our revered older sisters and brothers, Baraga Manor provides housing in a safe and loving environment.

In these and the many other programs sponsored by Catholic Charities, those they serve are seen as beloved members of the Body of Christ, bringing the Loving Face of Jesus to those who are served throughout all stages of life in each of the nine counties that make up our Diocese of Kalamazoo.

Thank you to all who generously and sacrificially support Catholic Charities. If you have not yet done so, I encourage you to consider adding your financial and prayerful support. Together may we be the Face of Christ's Love to all we encounter, especially those who are in need.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

*+ Paul J. Bradley*

Most Reverend Paul J. Bradley  
Bishop of Kalamazoo



## A MESSAGE FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

From all of us here at Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo, we thank you for joining us on this mission to serve our brothers and sisters throughout southwest Michigan. We are all called to assist those in need throughout our community, whether that be through time, treasure, or talent. Because of your generosity, homeless and runaway children have a safe place to stay. Those suffering from food insecurity are provided with supplemental food. People who are struggling with their mental health have a compassionate therapist ready to walk with them. Mothers with young children receive guidance, as they raise their children, as well

as material support. Those seeking to make the United States their home are able to receive legal immigration assistance. While the care we provide is directly linked to the modern day needs of those coming to our doors, our mission, and yours is grounded in the parable of the Good Samaritan and the innkeeper who were quite literally called to serve. While the needs of our society are great, may we all continue to have open hearts and open minds to serve all with compassion.

On behalf of the many people whose lives were transformed through the good works of Catholic Charities, I thank all of you for your generous support. We look forward to continuing to partner with each of you in the future.

*Toni Newell*

Toni Newell, Executive Director  
Catholic Charities Diocese of Kalamazoo

2022: A YEAR IN REVIEW  
NINE COUNTIES, TEN PROGRAMS, 25,000 PEOPLE SERVED

**PROVIDING HOUSING...**

*Ark Services for Youth provides life changing services for homeless, precariously housed, trafficked youth, youth in crisis and their families. In 2022, the Ark Services:*



- Provided 827 nights of safe housing for youth.
- Case managers spent 1,800 hours advocating and improving outcomes of the youth and their families.
- Responded to 428 crisis calls/inquiries with intervention services, resources, and referrals.
- Ark Cottages provided nine units of permanent housing for young adults 17-24 years of age.

"When I first arrived at the Ark Shelter, I was mad, scared, and didn't know what to expect. I learned a lot from my stay there. I gained a best friend (my roommate), but the most important thing I learned was to be open, ask for help and always be willing to learn."



*Baraga Manor is a 48-unit low-income apartment complex in Otsego, MI serving seniors 62+ and mobility impaired adults throughout southwest Michigan.*

"To say thank you doesn't feel like enough.  
You give us hope. You give us grace."

## PROVIDING HEALTH...



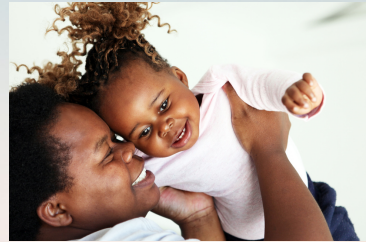
*Bread of Life Food Distribution Program provides supplemental food to those in need with no income requirements. In 2022, Bread of Life:*

- Packed 23,260 boxes of food, utilizing 86 volunteers.
- Partnered with 16 community organizations to feed over 36,000 individuals.
- Hosted 32 fresh food distributions.

*Caring Network offers pro-life services for at-risk pregnant teens, women, and their families. In 2022, Caring Network:*

- Served 263 mothers and families.
- Provided 879 hours of case management resulting in 98% of babies born healthy.
- Completed 246 home visits to families in Kalamazoo helping parents with young children.
- Educated 732 parents through 174 childbirth and parenting classes.
- Gave \$65,055 worth of donated material items to support mothers and babies.

"I am truly immensely grateful to you. I needed a lot of help, and you were there and helped me quite a lot. Thank you and may God multiply his blessings to you. May God bless you and give you much more."



*The Catholic Community Center provides a caring Christian presence to the people in the Benton Harbor area, including food and utility assistance services. In 2022, the Center:*

- Provided 887 individuals with food.
- Gave emergency utility assistance to 626 households.
- Aided 504 neighbors with referrals and resources.

"As everyone is standing in line waiting their turn for the pantry, we can hear the chatter amongst them about how thankful they are that we're here to help them. Thanking us so much and mentioning they don't know what they'd do without the pantry. They'll tell us and the volunteers, God Bless You!"



**PROVIDING HOPE...**

*Bridges Mental Health Counseling provides counseling to individuals, families and couples, giving help and hope to those struggling regardless of insurance. In 2022, Bridges:*



- Provided 530 counseling sessions.
- Supported all counseling needs for Ark Shelter and Caring Network clients.
- Served local Catholic Schools with in-person counseling services for students.

*Home Heating Assistance provided heating assistance to 270 households, keeping over 700 people warm through the winter.*

"We have many seniors that live on fixed incomes that are unable to pay for a propane fill or high gas bills. This assistance program allows them to stay warm in the winter."

*Immigration Assistance provides the indigent immigrant population with low-cost, competent legal representation in their immigration matters. In 2022, the Immigration Assistance program:*

- Processed 331 cases/consultations representing 36 counties.
- Aided 30 people to become US citizens (including 1 diocesan priest).
- Successfully renewed 56 green cards and 87 work permits.

"I want to thank you for your unprecedented support during this process and for the incredible determination you have displayed fighting my case, for answering my endless calls to providing constant reassurance...Your efforts are making a huge impact on my life. My family and I are eternally grateful to you for your assistance in the immigration process."



## Diocese Ministry Work

*In coordination with the Diocese of Kalamazoo*

*The Migrant Ministries program provides spiritual and catechetical support, food, material items and referrals to the large influx of migrant farm workers that live in our Diocese during the harvest seasons.*

*In 2022, Migrant Ministries:*

- Visited over 300 migrant camps (homes).
- Provided support to more than 13,000 individuals.
- Hosted 2 priests and 2 sisters, along with assistance from 14 local parishes enlisting over 90 volunteers to serve the migrant workers.



"Thank you for coming to visit and sharing with us. It gives us great joy knowing that we are not alone, that there is a group from the Catholic Church that cares for us and accompanies us in this time when we do not have our family here with us."

*Outreach to Persons with Disabilities, a ministry of Sanctity of the Human Person, supports and provides resources to persons with disabilities, their parents and caregivers, pastors, and parish staff. In 2022, the Disabilities Program:*

- Provided 19 gatherings to 47 participants through Caregiver Connection and Creative Connection support groups.
- Hosted the Advent Family Day for persons with disabilities and their caregivers.



"This is my space. My time. Here I am with people who understand. I can vent, ask questions, speak from my experience, receive wisdom and support, share our faith and hold each other in prayer."

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

**TOTAL REVENUE**  
**\$3,047,395**

**CONTRACTS/GRANTS**  
**\$1,372,022**

**FUNDRAISING/CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**\$555,418**

**DIOCESE CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**\$364,000**

**DIOCESE PROGRAM SUPPORT**  
**\$314,824**

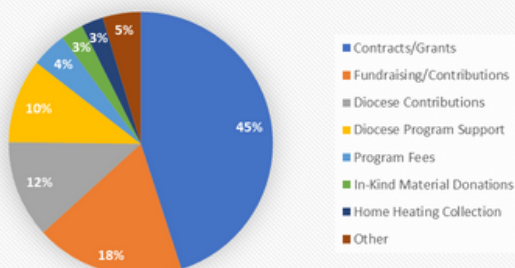
**PROGRAM FEES**  
**\$132,967**

**IN-KIND MATERIAL DONATIONS**  
**\$84,043**

**HOME HEATING COLLECTION**  
**\$81,788**

**OTHER**  
**\$142,333**

### REVENUE



**TOTAL EXPENSES**  
**\$2,935,524**

**ARK SERVICES FOR YOUTH**  
**\$1,292,076**

**CARING NETWORK**  
**\$495,951**

**ADMINISTRATION**  
**\$340,948**

**BREAD OF LIFE**  
**\$156,148**

**MIGRANT MINISTRIES**  
**\$154,096**

**BRIDGES MENTAL HEALTH**  
**\$137,670**

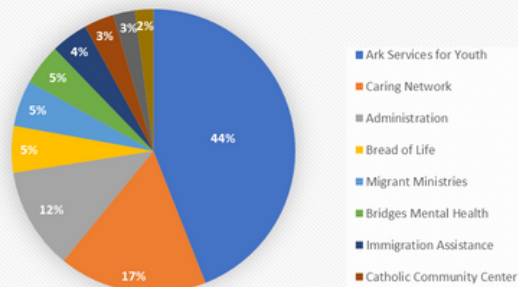
**IMMIGRATION ASSISTANCE**  
**\$123,859**

**CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CENTER**  
**\$100,338**

**HOME HEATING**  
**\$73,092**

**SANCTITY OF THE HUMAN PERSON**  
**\$61,346**

### EXPENSES



# THANK YOU TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS

In 2022, 148 volunteers provided 5,475 hours of service.

"Each volunteer opportunity has led me to great people and a feeling of making a difference in our little part of the world. I'm grateful and blessed to be able to volunteer and will do so as long as I can."



In 2022, \$84,043 of donated items were given directly to our clients.

Catholic Charities held their first annual St. Nicholas Raffle Event and raised over \$50,000. This will continue to be a major fundraising event for the agency. *Save the Date - December 6, 2023!*



## OUR LOCATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE  
1819 Gull Road, Kalamazoo, MI 49048

THE ARK SHELTER  
990 West Kilgore, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

CARING NETWORK AND BRIDGES  
COUNSELING  
1441 South Westnedge, Kalamazoo, MI 49008

BREAD OF LIFE DISTRIBUTION CENTER  
551 Romence Road, Portage, MI 49024

BARAGA MANOR  
301 Washington Street, Otsego, MI 49078

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY CENTER  
346 Catalpa, Benton Harbor, MI 49022

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