Dear Friends,

As the Year of the Lord, 2016 progresses inevitably toward its final days, a new year has already begun with the season of Advent.

This splendid season in the Church’s sacred cycle indeed reminds us to prepare for the Lord’s coming at the end of time. Likewise, this time of preparation to spiritually celebrate the Incarnation of the Eternal Word made flesh at Christmas also teaches us to value the things that really matter to God, here and now.

The prophet Isaiah on the second Sunday of Advent speaks on behalf of God’s will for our world, and eloquently represents the work of Catholic Charities, in season and out of season. “Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land’s afflicted. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.” (Is. 11)

The dedicated staff of Catholic Charities through its 23 programs continues to serve faithfully, compassionately and justly the vulnerable populations throughout Mississippi. As the Diocese of Jackson enters into the implementation phase of our year-long pastoral planning process with a refreshed mission and vision with specific pastoral priorities, it is crystal clear that the mission of Catholic Charities “to be a living sign of Christ’s love” is at the heart of the overall mission of the diocese. “To serve others” was expressed repeatedly at the Listening Sessions earlier this year as an essential attribute of the Diocese of Jackson for our time, and this has been a way of life for Catholic Charities since its inception in 1963.

Later on in the Spring of 2017 I intend to pass the torch of leadership at Catholic Charities to a full-time director, but in the interim this experience will continue to broaden my horizons to see the visible presence of Christ at work in those who serve and in those who are served.

At the turn of the new year, on January 1, 2017, Catholic Charities will move onto River Road off of Fortification Street in the neighborhood of the YMCA. We are certain that this new location will strengthen our mission and programs. Moreover, later in 2017, we hope to open the doors to a first-class facility for our Domestic Violence Shelter. The vision and foresight of staff and board members, as well as the dedication of a multitude of benefactors have made it all possible. Let us be faithful in our prayer for one another as we rejoice in the knowledge that the Lord is near.

Yours in Christ,

Joseph R. Kopesky
Success story: Foster Care

Brian, a 10-year-old boy was referred to Catholic Charities’ Therapeutic Foster Care (TFC) services due to his challenging behaviors. He exhibited oppositional and defiant conduct towards adults, as well as difficulties sustaining attention and had a hard time managing high levels of energy. Brian also had a history of complex trauma.

Brian was placed with foster parents and given a TFC therapist. The therapist worked with him individually, as well as with his foster parents to provide treatment that was trauma-focused, enhanced his coping skills and addressed behavioral challenges. Brian’s foster parents provided a nurturing, structured, and consistent environment that helped increase Brian’s feelings of safety. He began to share things about his past, as well as, his present worries.

“We feel a strong need to provide a safe and loving home to children who are not as blessed as our children are...and ourselves. It hurts our hearts to see these children who did nothing wrong be exposed to the trauma and abuse that they have experienced. These children are so vulnerable...and at times extremely defiant, and they come to you with a variety of issues. Regardless of the baggage, they deserve love, and a safe place to grow up,” stated one of Brian’s foster parents.

Brian’s foster parents affirmed his kind heart, provided appropriate affection and modeled healthy relationships for him while he was under their care. They also advocated for him at school, which aided the school system in assessing his need for additional services and put an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) in place.

Together, the foster parents and the TFC therapist, met with Department of Human Services workers and Brian’s biological mother to plan for reunification. He has since reunited with his biological mother.

TFC continues to work with the family to ensure they are connected with community resources. Today Brian resides with his biological mother and the family has access to the services they need to maintain this placement.

Migrant Support Services

My name is Sophia. I came to the United States in 2004 with my now ex-husband, my daughter, and my son. My ex-husband was very violent and possessive. He would constantly beat me.

The last time he beat me, my seven-year-old daughter asked our neighbors for help and they directed us to the Migrant Support Center at Catholic Charities for help.

I did not speak English, I did not understand the system nor had legal documents in the United States. At the Migrant Support Center, they did a lot for my children and me. First, they helped us get into a shelter for women to keep us safe, started the process for an application for a U-Visa as a victim of crime.

In addition, they helped to provide therapy services for me and my children and interpreted for us because we did not speak English.

Thanks to them, I learned to speak English. I got my U-Visa, and now am able to work legally. Today, I am a permanent resident.

I work and have my own little business. My children go to school and they are happy.

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Programs

More than 23,000 served last fiscal year; more than 85% percent were non-Catholic

Children’s Services

Adoption/Maternity/Infant Foster Care Program (601.960.8469) provides domestic and international adoption home studies, pre and post placement services for adoptive families. Overall counseling is available to the adopted child, adoptive parents, and birth parents before and after placement. Maternity services include confidential prenatal counseling, exploring parenting options, adoption planning and referrals for women who are facing an unplanned pregnancy. Total served 347

Hope Haven Residential (601.376.0500) provides residential services for adolescents in a therapeutic crisis center. Services involve short-term respite with individual and family therapy. Total served 265

Hope Haven Home-Based (601.376.0500) provides in-home counseling and service coordination to families whose children have a mental health diagnosis. Total served 293

Crisis Response and Outreach (601.376.0500) offers crisis intervention for adolescents including 24-hour telephone and mobile crisis response with on-site intervention at the convenience of the family in crisis.

Solomon Counseling Center (601.326.3719) services are available to any individual, couple or family needing support in dealing with issues that affect their quality of life. Specialized treatment is available for children and adolescents who have experienced trauma of any type. Total served 312

Therapeutic Foster Care (601.326.3735) offers intensive in-home services designed to help children in the Department of Human Services custody with serious emotional disorders develop the skills needed to function in home and community settings. Total served 463

Unaccompanied Refugee Minors Program (601.981.6040) is a long-term therapeutic foster care program including group homes for refugee children from war-torn countries and individuals seeking political asylum. Total served 38

Adult Services

Alcohol and Drug Services (601.922.0026) provides residential treatment for women who are at least 18 years old, identified as chemically dependent, abusing drugs and/or alcohol, and are pregnant and/or bringing a small child younger than the age of six with them. Services are provided through Born Free Residential Program for primary treatment. New Beginnings Transitional Program focuses on extended treatment services to pregnant and parenting
women after completion of the treatment program. **Total served 96** (includes women and children)

**Shelter for Battered Families (601.366.0222 or 1-800.273.9012)** is available to help victims of domestic violence and their children during a critical time in their lives. Services provided include temporary safe housing for up to 30 days, trauma-informed care, support/counseling, legal advocacy, and safety planning. Counties served include Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Copiah, Simpson, Sharkey, Issaquena, Warren, and Yazoo. **Total served 10,418** (includes shelter clients, crisis calls and workshop participants)

**Second Stage Transitional Housing (601.366.0222)** provides safe, temporary housing for homeless women and children for up to one year with three month extensions available up to 24 months. Additional scattered site transitional housing is available for battered women and children fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault, stalking, and dating violence situations. **Total served 525** (includes transitional clients and community education)

**Karitas Day Care (601.366.8281)** provides an atmosphere free of violence for children who have witnessed domestic violence where they are treated with respect. **Total served 110**

**Rape Crisis Center (601.982.RAPE)** provides services to victims/survivors of rape and sexual assault 14 years of age and older. Services include crisis intervention, individual and family counseling, support groups, court resources, police/court escorts, human/sex trafficking resources, safety planning, prevention/community education, volunteer support and community outreach campaign to engage men and boys to work against sexual assault and violence. **Total served 400** (includes individuals served, crisis calls and workshop participants)

**Natchez Office (601.442.4579)** offers emergency utilities and food assistance. Community referrals and resources are also provided for permanent housing placements and hotel assistance as needed. **Total served 720**

**Guardian Shelter for Battered Families (601.442.0142 or 1-800.273.6938)** is available to help victims of domestic violence to recover from the trauma of their abuse. Services provided include emergency shelter up to 30 days, support/counseling, group support, case management, safety planning, advocacy and trauma-informed care. Counties served include Adams, Claiborne, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Wilkinson, Walthall counties and Concordia Parish, LA. **Total served 6,194** (includes shelter clients, crisis calls and workshop participants)

**Natchez Rapid Re-Housing Program (601.442.0142)** provides permanent housing and support to victims of domestic violence in Southwest Mississippi. Assistance is provided with locating safe affordable homes. The goal of the program is to ensure stability of the family by securing permanent housing, rent assistance, child care, counseling, case management, employment and moving assistance. **Total served 95**

**Children’s Program (601.442.0142)** provides an atmosphere free of violence and positive reinforcement, a nurturing, secure, and developmentally appropriate environment for children, incorporating the needs of individual families. **Total served 49**

**Guardian Sexual Assault Center (601.446.8668 or 888.721.5460 hotline)** helps eliminate or reduce the incidence of rape and sexual assault. Services offered include a 24 hour crisis line, mental health intervention, crisis intervention, counseling for victims, police/court escorts, the Guardian Thrift Store and prevention community education. **Total served 424** (includes individuals served, crisis calls and prevention education)

**Supportive Services for Veteran Families (601.326.3738)** provides services aimed at developing housing stability for very low income veterans and their families who reside in or who are transitioning into permanent housing. Caseworkers are located in Greenwood and Jackson. **Total served 293**

**Community & Social Outreach Ministries**

**Formally Parish Social Ministry (601.326.3725)** raises awareness of issues affecting the poor and vulnerable across Mississippi. With guidance from Catholic Social Teachings, diocesan Catholics are empowered to live out their faith by confronting systems that perpetuate poverty and injustice through advocacy and charitable works. Opportunities for involvement are with the Poverty Task Force, MS Catholics against Human Trafficking and Parish-based Faith in Action teams. **Total served 145**

**Disaster Preparedness & Response (601.326.3725)** responds to relief needs in communities affected by natural disasters. Most of the families served are at or below the poverty level. Services include disaster case management and assistance with material resources as they are available. Parish-based preparedness and response training is available to parishes throughout the Diocese of Jackson. **Total served 118 households**

**Health Ministry (601.213.6378)** provides resources, education and program development assistance in health ministry to the Diocese of Jackson. Individual parishes are assisted with establishing their own health ministry through guidance, shared resources and specialized training of Faith Community Nurses and Lay Health Advocates. **Total served 158**

**Vardaman Family Life Center, Vardaman, MS (662.682.9992)** provides service to under-resourced and immigrant individuals and families in Northeast Mississippi who seek hope and help as they struggle to navigate through life. With support through individual case management, immigration services, educational classes and personal enrichment sessions, individuals and families are empowered to live healthy, self-fulfilled lives and to thrive in their communities. **Total served 138**

**The Migrant Support Center (601.948.2635)** offers affordable immigration legal services and support to individuals and families that struggle with a complex immigration system. Expanded education & outreach services are available to migrant ministries throughout the Jackson Diocese. **Total served 1,299**

**Volunteer Program**

601.326.3760. Serving the Diocese of Jackson. **Total served 512**

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**SAVE THE DATE Tennis Tournament April 2-9, 2017**

The USTA $25,000 Women’s Challenger is scheduled for April 2 – 9, 2017 at River Hills Club and you don’t want to miss out on Mississippi’s only professional tennis tournament! In addition to the fierce tennis competition, the week is filled with special events including the return of last year’s highlight event, The Celebrity Chef cook off, as well as the ladies health luncheon and tennis clinics. All of the special events and tournament matches are open to the general public so make plans to come out. All the proceeds from this year’s tournament go directly to help run the programs of Catholic Charities. We hope you will join us for some great tennis and support Catholic Charities!
Each program at Catholic Charities devises Quality Improvement Indicators and Outcomes on an annual basis as benchmarks or goals for the year, which gauge improvements with programmatic issues and client-level improvement, respectively. These are tracked quarterly, and the results for Fiscal Year 2015 are included in this report. For Fiscal Year 2015, our adult programs met or exceeded 69.4% of their quality assurance indicators, and 70.5% of service delivery outcomes. Our children’s programs met or exceeded 84.6% of their quality assurance indicators, and 71.4% of service delivery outcomes.

QUALITY ASSURANCE INDICATORS

Adult Programs

Children’s Programs

QUALITY ASSURANCE OUTCOMES

Adult Programs

2016 Total Revenues

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The following charts reflect condensed financial statements for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2016 and 2015. Copies of Catholic Charities Form 990 and financial statements are available upon request to: Catholic Charities, Inc., 850 East River Place, Jackson, MS 39202.

2016 Functional Expense

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*Natchez Programs include Domestic Violence Shelter, Rape Crisis, Emergency Assistance, Counseling.