



Catholic Charities

Archdiocese of Dubuque



Dear friends,

Monsignor Jim Barta once said to me: Quakers are known as peacemakers, and Amish as furniture-makers (and living simply), but what are Catholics known for? What comes ready to mind are things like rituals, rules, and the rod of punishment; Bingo, fish fries, capes, and swords. Those aren't bad, but not really powerful enough to attract or retain members in the Catholic Church. So, what is? Here's the deal, Parker: We are followers of Jesus in his Catholic Church.

"No one among them was in need." – That was said of the first Christians, in the Acts of the Apostles, because they shared with the poor. Can that be said of our generation too? It can if we share - that's what Jesus wants us to be known for! Yes, devout prayer, a beautiful Mass, great RE or Catholic school, but not without serving the poor.

When Catholic Charities makes its appeal for 2021, help them to help the poor. And helping them (please, God) will help us to be able to answer Monsignor Barta honestly: We Catholics are known for helping people who can't provide for or protect themselves.

Confident of your generosity, and grateful for it, I am.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Michael Jackels

Michael O. Jackels
Archbishop of Dubuque

For us, living by his teaching and example are vital, and the most important is love of God and neighbor. Loving God by loving our neighbor is practiced by helping people who can't protect themselves – like the unborn and immigrants – or provide for themselves, such as the poor.

Protecting and providing for others is pure and undefiled religion. It is the basis on which Jesus will judge us: those who did will enjoy heaven, those who did not will not. It also has the ability to cover a multitude of sins and it can thwart the worldly allure and spiritual threat of power, privilege and perks.

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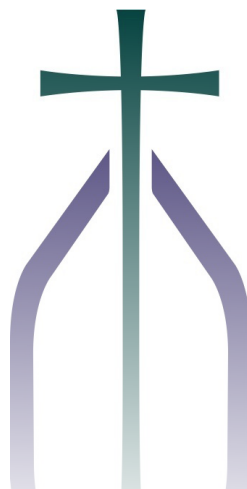
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"Catholic Charities has helped me out in so many ways. Helping me believe in myself and gain my confidence back is the best thing about my Circle. I knew there were good people in the world but I didn't know they would help people like me."

"This past year was full of pain and grief for my family and after coming to my breaking point, I reached out to Catholic Charities for grief counseling. The EMDR therapy helped me work through my grief and pain in a way that was so helpful. We laughed, we cried, we worked together to begin my healing. Through Catholic Charities counseling, I am able to say that I am starting to become the person that I have always wanted to be."

"Catholic Charities has helped me with my immigration paperwork for years. I'm so grateful to be able to continue to live and work here legally. I wouldn't even know where to start with the process and cannot imagine doing this on my own."



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"It was over 40 years ago that I put my son up for adoption and I always wondered what he was doing and where he was. When we started the post-adoption search process, we both knew it could go either way but ours is a happy story with lots of happy tears. My son agreed to meet and we are so grateful to have a new beginning together thanks to Catholic Charities!"

"Thanks to affordable housing at Catholic Charities, I was finally able to get out of an abusive relationship and I have a new outlook on life. My apartment is coming together and I'm so happy."