

Providing *Help & Hope* to the people who need it most.



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Basic Human Need has no specific **FACE** and no particular **COLOR**.

A person in need of **HELP** could be living in your **NEIGHBORHOOD**


and sitting right next to **YOU** and your family at church on Sunday.

An **EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND** will be subsidized by

the **ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**.



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 **Catholic Charities** this fund will be a direct line of assistance through your Pastors to Parishioners.

Please find information and Parish Referral Form inside



Questions & Answers

If you have additional questions, please call

1-888-405-1183



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Archdiocese of Hartford
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Q: Who does the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND program help?

A: The program is designed to help ANY parishioner in the counties of Hartford, Litchfield and New Haven within the Archdiocese of Hartford who has fallen on hard times due to unemployment, illness, or any similar situation that is causing serious financial strain. Basic human needs that are funded with this program include food, clothing, rental assistance, car repairs, credit counseling, job coaching and employment programs.

Q: Where do the EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUNDS come from?

A: This program is funded entirely by the **Archbishop's Annual Appeal**. Our Pastors continue to see an increase in parishioners seeking assistance, more than ever before. This fund will allow Catholic Charities the ability to provide assistance to individuals, referred by their Parish Pastor, for basic human needs.

Q: What if I know of someone in need who does not have a parish and/or is not Catholic?

A: Catholic Charities has provided help to people of all faiths in the Archdiocese since 1920. Please have them contact the Catholic Charities office in their respective community.

Q: I just lost my job and have never been out of work before. Can you help me while my family gets back on track?

A: Yes we can. The program is made just for people like you – individuals/families who have found themselves in temporarily challenging financial situations. What makes this program attractive is that, upon approval by your Pastor, you will receive emergency assistance without it affecting your credit or financial standing. This is not a loan, so you will not have the additional burden of a new debt to pay. When you fill out the **PARISH REFERRAL FORM**, be sure to include copies of bills that you need help with – such as home heating oil, water or other utilities.

Q: Are the inquiries kept confidential? I'm embarrassed about sharing my financial needs.

A: This program is designed to be completely confidential. Your private information (by way of the **PARISH REFERRAL FORM**) is mailed/delivered directly to your Pastor or Priest. He reviews the request and sends it on to the Catholic Charities Parish Coordinator, who also keeps your information confidential.

Q: I sent my form to my Pastor a week ago and haven't heard anything yet, what do I do?

A: Every effort will be made to answer your requests, but due to the anticipated heavy volume of request forms, we ask for your patience. After sending the **PARISH REFERRAL FORM** to your Pastor, he will only contact you if he has questions about your form, otherwise, he will immediately forward your form to the Catholic Charities Parish Coordinator. The Coordinator will review the referral and contact you within 1 day of receiving the form.

If you have not heard from the Coordinator within 10 days, please contact your Pastor.

Parish Referral Form

This section to be completed by Pastor or Priest.

Name: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Authorization Signature: _____ *

Parish Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

*Form must be authorized and faxed with copies of bill(s) to:

FAX: (860) 548-1930.

Or Mail to Catholic Charities Parish Coordinator:
839-841 Asylum Avenue, Hartford, CT 06105-2801

Name of Individual Referred: _____ Date of Referral: ____/____/____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Social Security #: _____

Marital Status: Married Single Divorced Family Size: _____

Employed: Yes No If yes, where: _____ Amount of Monthly Income: \$ _____

Source of Income: Social Security: _____ Unemployment Compensation: _____

Current Student: Yes No

Are you currently receiving services from Catholic Charities: Yes No

If yes, describe: _____

Reason for Request: (please check , fill out information, and attach copies of invoices/statements.)

Housing/rental assistance (please attach a photocopy of your lease or mortgage)

• Number of months past due: _____

• Amount of monthly rent: \$ _____ Amount requested: \$ _____

Utility assistance

• Electricity Supplier: Amount requested: \$ _____ Account #: _____ (please attach a copy of billing statement)

• Gas Supplier: Amount requested: \$ _____ Account #: _____ (please attach a copy of billing statement)

• Heating fuel: Amount requested: \$ _____ Company name and Account #: _____ (please attach a copy of billing statement)

Transportation assistance

• Bus tokens, list quantity: _____

• Automobile repair, explain: _____

Medical: _____

Clothing: _____

Food: _____

Other: _____

Applicant Signature: _____ Date of Referral: ____/____/____

Assessment/Determination: *This portion to be completed by Catholic Charities Authorized Representative:*

Resources and/or other Catholic Charities services offered or provided: _____

Date of determination and Parish Pastor/Priest notified: _____

Authorized Catholic Charities Signature: _____



Archbishop's Annual Appeal Emergency Assistance Fund Basic Human Needs

The **Emergency Assistance Fund** will be funded by the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Distributed by Catholic Charities, this will be a direct line of assistance via our Pastors to Parishioners.

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Connecticut is seeing the largest demand in basic human needs that we have seen in decades.



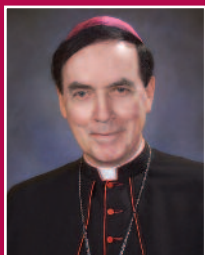
Connecticut Statistics*:

- 290,899 People living in poverty
- 85,908 Children under the age of 18 living in poverty
- 28,290 Children under the age of 6 living in poverty

Current Unemployment:

- 7.2% in Connecticut and 7.6% in the U.S.
- Since December 2007, Connecticut has lost 29,300 jobs
- In 2008, the U.S. lost 2.6 million jobs, the highest yearly job-loss total since 1945

*Statistics provided by Catholic Charities; 2006 U.S. Census; Connecticut Department of Labor and U.S. Department of Labor.



Most Reverend Henry J. Mansell
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