



2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Making Christ A Home In Your Heart

100% of your gift supports 14 ministries like **Catholic Charities!**

In 2016-2017, Catholic Charities provided services to 17,892 individuals. Emergency financial assistance, pregnancy support, homeless assistance/shelter and counseling services brings the Gospel to life in our Diocese—to love and serve our neighbors as ourselves.

A story of Faith, Hope & Charity.

Ben and Tonya stopped suddenly at the front door of Catholic Charities. They told themselves they were too proud to ask for help but now admitted they needed it. The loss of a job and an unexpected illness had put them deeper in debt. That morning their electricity was shut off and they knew the water would be next—how would they take care of their kids? No lights and no way to cook brought them to the ‘*crisis point of the poor*’ a scenario faced daily by thousands of people in our Diocese.

Ben and Tonya both took a deep breath and slowly opened the door. An uplifting smile greeted them. “Hi, welcome to Catholic Charities. How can we help you today?”

Your support is vital to the health and well-being of our community. Hunger, homelessness, mental illness, loss of a marriage or struggles within a family can happen to anyone at any time. Says Pope Francis, “Take care of God’s creation. But above all, take care of people in need.”

Your gift can be mailed to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; placed in your parish offertory; or made online at www.dioceseaj.org

