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2007-2012 Strategic Direction

The 2007-2012 strategic direction calls Catholic Charities to first of all affirm its Catholic identity and embrace its mission. It will be through a theological reflection of our Catholicity and mission that we will fulfill the Board's desire and commission to have Catholic Charities (1) be connected with the parishes of the Diocese, and (2) have the people of the Diocese identify and share in our common work of *caritas*.

This strategic direction calls us to examine what we do and how we are doing it, challenging us to be faithful to our identity and mission and ever flexible and collaborative in our service delivery system. We will continue in immigration service but revamp it to embrace our Hispanic brothers and sisters. And we will launch into a new initiative, Parish Social Ministry, putting into a formal program our desire to work with the parishes and people of the Diocese.

Finally, the plan will challenge us fiscally as we look not only to the present but into the future as we build our resources in order to be of continued service. We will implement this strategic direction because *we have come to believe in God's love* (cf. 1 Jn 4:16).

Please remember Catholic Charities in your will. Thank you for your support.

Mission Statement:

Catholic Charities proclaims Christ's Gospel of Life and promotes human dignity by alleviating poverty and strengthening individuals and families

Vision Statement:

Believing in the presence of God in our midst, and called by the Diocesan Bishop, Catholic Charities proclaims the sanctity of human life and the dignity of the person by sharing in the mission of Jesus given to the Church.

To this end, Catholic Charities works with individuals, families, and communities to help them meet their needs, address their issues, eliminate oppression, and build a just and compassionate society.



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Adoption

Building new families is a wonderful way Catholic Charities has been serving our community for over seventy years. We help families prepare to welcome an adoptive child, whether an infant, a child with special needs, or a child from another country. We will work with your strengths to find creative approaches for your unique parenting experience and offer encouragement along the way. We also provide support, education, and referrals to adoptive families with our "Friends of Adoption" Post Adoption Resource Centers.

Birth Parent Support Services

Catholic Charities offers counseling and compassion to expectant birth mothers and fathers to help you make the best decision for you and your child. We also provide information and referrals to help you deal with other concerns in your life. Free, confidential support will be extended to you whether you choose to parent your child or make an adoption plan for your child.

Emergency Services

At one time or another we all may find ourselves in a difficult situation. Catholic Charities offers confidential, compassionate assistance with life's basic needs. In a crisis that affects your family's well-being, our staff will respond with supportive counseling, financial assistance for rent, food, or transportation, and referrals to ease your stress and help you move toward a healthy future.

Financial Counseling

Financial difficulties can develop quickly. Catholic Charities will help you learn about credit and finances, develop a household budget, and manage your debt. Whether you need a fresh start or just some advice, we will work through your financial difficulties with you. We also offer housing counseling to help families buy a home, prevent foreclosure, or obtain a reverse mortgage.

Legislative Advocacy

Catholic Charities advocates for just public policies, working in concert with Catholic Charities USA and the Wisconsin Catholic Conference, to provide a legislative voice for human rights and dignity.

Individual, Marriage* and Family Counseling

The family is the basic unit of society - the "domestic church." With a family centered approach, Catholic Charities fosters honest dialogue when the relationship between family members is tested. We address all issues affecting the family system, including spirituality, love and commitment. We also provide counseling to address a wide range of life issues including conflict, depression, and addiction.

*Services available in:
La Crosse, Eau Claire,
Stevens Point, and Wausau



Immigration Assistance

Catholic Charities provides direct legal assistance to all immigrants for naturalization, adjustment of status, immigration services under the VAWA program (Violence Against Women Act), and other immigration services. In addition we provide all immigrants general assistance and/or referrals for special needs.

Parish Social Ministry

Catholic Charities assists, nurtures, and supports individual parishes in our common mission to show the love of God in our communities. Catholic Charities fosters a deepening knowledge of our faith through Catholic Social Teachings and promotes parishioner service in local communities to those who are vulnerable, broken, or underserved.



In Home Support*

Catholic Charities helps children with Autism, Aspergers, and other disabilities by working with families and children in a family centered approach to support the needs of everyone involved. We work to meet the needs of children with differing abilities in the least restrictive way possible keeping in mind the dignity of the individuals served.

*Services available in: La Crosse County

Domestic Abuse Support*

Many families are affected by some form of domestic abuse. Catholic Charities seeks to increase safety and decrease isolation for victims and to challenge attitudes and behaviors that perpetuate the cycle of violence. We offer a 24 hour, toll-free Helpline 888-200-8426, counseling, advocacy, safety planning, and access to shelter and other services.

*Services available in: Crawford County

HIV/AIDS Ministry*

Catholic Charities provides direct pastoral care and practical support to all infected or affected by HIV/AIDS. We also provide information concerning transmission and prevention of HIV/AIDS and diminish myths and unbiased fears to promote an informed and compassionate response to those living with HIV/AIDS and those who love them.

*Serving Central and Northern WI from our Stevens Point location

Project Rachel

A post abortion healing and reconciliation program.

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