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August 23, 2022

Dear Pastors and Parish Administrators,

## Happy Catholic Charities Awareness Month!

This September, Catholic Charities Community Services (CCCS) – the charitable service arm of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix founded in 1933 – is **celebrating its 89<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and entering its 90<sup>th</sup> year of service!**

Catholic Charities walks alongside and affirms the dignity of the most vulnerable individuals and families throughout the Diocese of Phoenix. We assist those marginalized by society with solutions that permanently improve lives. Due to the dedication and passion of our team members, the agency was able to continue serving the most vulnerable in every program and in every location in central and northern Arizona even through the pandemic.

Included in this packet, is an **endorsement letter from Bishop John Dolan**, encouraging you and your parish to join us in celebration of our shared missions. Catholic Charities desires to walk alongside you, too, as you nurture those in your parish and community who can benefit from our services. ***Together we can bring hope to those who have been marginalized!***

Please join us by spreading awareness about the work we do. Here are some simple ways to get you started:

1. **Share our promotional materials with others.** Let us know if you need more in print or digital.
2. **Place our bulletin announcements** in your weekly bulletin frequently.
3. **Include our prayer intentions** (written by our own Sr. Betty Banja) during Mass.
4. **Welcome your “Parish Champions”** to host a table after masses in September.
5. **Add our Catholic Charities link to your resource page** for quick access to anyone in need <https://www.CatholicCharitiesAZ.org/>.

**Our Online Toolkit has numerous resources you may use anytime:**

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- Bulletin Announcements to use for the entire month of September and beyond.
- General information about CC-Awareness Month, "Joining Hearts" (Arizona's only Catholic Adoption Program) & Counseling Programs
- Pulpit Announcements
- Prayer Intentions
- Parish Champion Volunteer (ambassador/liason) information for anyone interested at the parish to learn about our services and share them with parishioners. (Must have Pastor's blessing!)
- Online Toolkit can be accessed at: <https://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/ccawareness-toolkit>

A member of our Parish and Community Engagement Team will call your parish to ensure you have received the material for **Catholic Charities Awareness Month**.

For any questions or additional materials, please contact Dulce Valdez, Parish and Diocesan Engagement Manager, at [dvaldez@cc-az.org](mailto:dvaldez@cc-az.org) or 602.650.4832. We are also available to discuss anything you need at [pmulligan@cc-az.org](mailto:pmulligan@cc-az.org) or 602-650-4835 or [cpeterson@cc-az.org](mailto:cpeterson@cc-az.org) or at 928-778-2531.

The work we do together unites us in faith and service, even more so during these hard times and those still ahead, so thank you for proclaiming the gospel in both word and deed.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul S. Mulligan".

Paul S. Mulligan, MTS, MBA  
President & CEO

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