



CATHOLIC *Diocese of Fresno* CHARITIES

Dear Friends,

As we journey through this Lenten season, we as Christians are called to prayer, fasting and almsgiving. The foundational call of Christians to charity is a frequent theme of the gospels. Almsgiving is a way to live out our gratitude for all that God has given us. God continues to provide to Catholic Charities the blessing of committed and generous donors.

Through friends like you, over 275,000 people were served last year with food, clothing, housing support, health care access and diapers. We've also been able to become a source of comfort for thousands of families through disaster relief services, disaster preparedness education and immigration legal services for those wanting to become U.S. Citizens and achieve the American dream. We are called to action, in our hearts and in our hands, to provide both help and hope to those in the greatest of need. But it is only possible through your support.

Our growing staff of 71 servants, along with hundreds of volunteers throughout the Diocese of Fresno, are blessed to become the face of Christ to some of the most vulnerable in our society - because of you.

Please consider sending a donation in the enclosed envelope to help those most vulnerable. May you always remember whenever you feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty or welcome a stranger, you are encountering the Risen Christ.

Thank you for your continued commitment to embracing the poor, the weak, and those who simply have nowhere to turn. Thank you for continuing to do it with dignity, respect and deep love. Thank you for allowing Christ to minister through us as we carry His goodness into the world.

May you have a Spirit filled Lenten season and be drawn closer in your relationship with Christ.

May God bless you always,

Jeff Negrete
Executive Director

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