

**SUFFERING
DOESN'T
HAVE A
SEASON.**

**TIME FOR
GIVING**

**PARISH TOOLKIT
2025**

SERVING  **Catholic
Charities
Dallas**
UNTIL IT'S SOLVED

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Pulpit guide

Eleven programs, One mission.

Catholic Charities calls the community to action to join us in addressing the root causes of poverty, hunger, and homelessness by serving, educating, and empowering all those in need.



Children's Services

Safely reunifying families one child at a time.



Community Health Clinic

Providing free healthcare to underserved families.



Disaster Preparedness & Relief Services

Addressing the immediate and long-term needs of disaster victims.



Educational Services

Building literacy two generations at a time.



Homelessness & Housing

Providing housing solutions for the formerly homeless.



Hunger Services

Alleviating hunger and food insecurity in our community.



Immigration Legal Services

Providing equal representation and access to legal services.



Next Gen Wealth Academy

Empowering individuals and families to achieve financial stability.



Pregnancy, Parenting, & Adoption

Connecting, protecting, and promoting loving families for children.



Refugee Services

Helping refugees find security in their new home.



Senior Services

Empowering adults to maintain their independence.



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Office of the Bishop

Dear Brothers in Christ,

How do you show love to others? In the Gospel of Mark, Jesus commands us to Love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. In the next breath, he instructs us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Have you ever truly sat with this commandment? What does it look like to love your neighbor as yourself?

Sometimes loving others means listening or offering prayers. Other times, love must come in more tangible forms, fulfilling the needs of struggling families and neighbors. This past year, Catholic Charities of Dallas helped 700 patients with compassionate healthcare visits and over 2,000 parents and children strengthen their English language and literacy skills. More than 500 formerly homeless individuals now have their own bed, and 200 seniors have a community that believes in them. I see so much good work being done, and yet there is still more to do. I am grateful that, with CCD, we can act in love to assist our neighbors in all 9 counties of our diocese.

Catholic Charities Dallas walks alongside our parishes in this important ministry of service, and it cannot act without the support of our parish communities. I know that many of you answer the call to support Catholic Charities Dallas throughout the year. We are grateful for all financial support that comes regularly, and during CCD's second collection, "Time for Giving". Additionally, there are many other opportunities to support CCD including in-kind donations, volunteering, and offering your facilities to programs that help those in the community. CCD is ready and willing to do even more, but they need your parish's active participation in this "Time for Giving." Together, our 77 parishes can raise over \$1M in support of our missions.

Solidarity teaches us that our neighbors don't just live on our street. Our neighbors can live in another city or another county. As the shepherd of this Diocese, I ask that you partner even more deeply with Catholic Charities. Please share the good work of CCD with your parish and give your parishioners the opportunity to share their compassion and generosity to our brothers and sisters in need. Right now, is the time to give!



Faithfully yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature of Most Reverend Edward J. Burns in black ink.

Most Reverend Edward J Burns
Bishop of Dallas

Your parish's role in Time for Giving



How you can help

1. Spread the word to your parishioners that CCD remains on the front lines every day serving our neighbors in need with food, housing, education, financial assistance, immigration legal services, and more. Introduce Time for Giving to your parishioners.
2. Access parish bulletin ads, social media posts, and other resources at ccdallas.org/toolkit.
3. Solicit generous giving from your parishioners that will help sustain CCD's ever-growing response to the needs in our community.



Next steps

1. Have a parish staff meeting, including the pastor and business manager, to come up with a Time for Giving game plan! Use the enclosed marketing materials to discuss with parish leadership how your parish will respond to the call for giving.
2. Follow up quickly with CCD staff to provide feedback, volunteer needs, and updates on progress. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Devyn Buschow, CCD Parish Relations Program Manager, at dbuschow@ccdallas.org or 469-801-8107.

Information & Resources



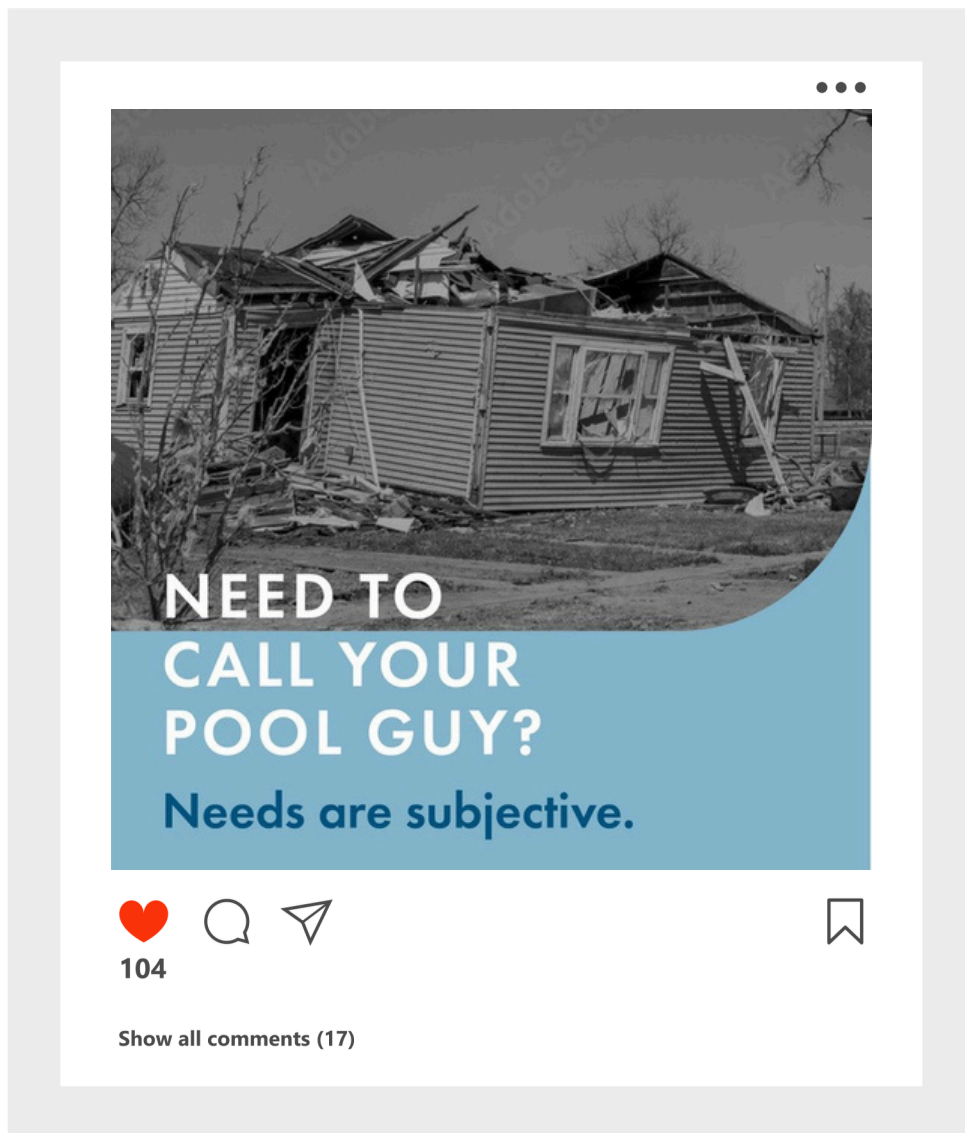
Coming soon

In the weeks leading up to the Time for Giving second collection weekend, CCD will continue to supply you with resources for your parish. Here is what you can expect:

1. CCD has yard signs available for parishes to use on church grounds. Our team will be in contact with parish staff to coordinate signage delivery.
2. Print and digital assets are now available for use at your parish. Please scan the QR code on the following page or visit ccdallas.org/toolkit to access all the materials. We encourage you to use as many assets as possible in addition to incorporating Time for Giving in the liturgy of the Mass (explained in the following pages). Thank you in advance!

Thank you for your partnership and for providing your parish and Catholic Charities Dallas the opportunity to continue to work together in community for the greater good of all in our diocese.

If there are any services, specific programs (i.e., Mobile Community Pantry, parenting classes, citizenship workshops), or other collaborations that Catholic Charities Dallas can provide to benefit your parish and its parishioners, please let us know! Contact our Parish Relations Program Manager, Devyn Buschow at dbuschow@ccdallas.org or 469-801-8107 for more information.



Download campaign assets

Visit ccdallas.org/toolkit or scan the QR code to access print and digital materials to share with your parish!



To be included in digital newsletter (Flock Notes): Week of April 20, April 27, & May 4

Across our diocese, we are seeking support for Catholic Charities Dallas' annual appeal, Time for Giving. Now, more than ever before, our neighbors are in need. This annual campaign helps fund the work of CCD serving the "least among us." Time for Giving represents the chance for us all to respond in love and generosity to our brothers and sisters in need. Please respond generously to ensure CCD can continue touching thousands of lives each year across North Texas. Your donation helps Catholic Charities Dallas:

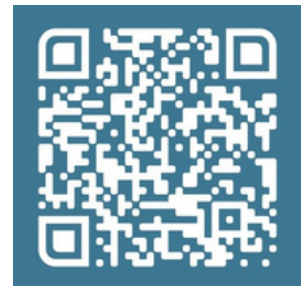
- Care for the formerly homeless - \$100 buys essential household items, like toilet paper, hygiene products, and cleaning supplies for a person exiting homelessness.
- Educate the disadvantaged - \$250 a month provides early learning kits for preschool children in our Together We Learn program.
- Feed the hungry - \$500 provides meals to over 2,600 people. Provide emergency relief - \$1,500 covers one month of rent for a family displaced by disaster.

To view the multiple ways to give, scan the QR code or visit ccdallas.org/tfg
On behalf of all those we serve, thank you!



Example of yard sign

**Find more digital assets
like this one at
ccdallas.org/toolkit or
scan the QR code!**





FOR BULLETIN COORDINATORS

Please include the following messages in your bulletin along with a bulletin graphic or QR code (visit ccdallas.org/toolkit to download campaign resources).

Bulletin insert for the week of May 4

Time for Giving represents the chance for us all to respond in love and generosity to those in need. We read in the book of Ecclesiastes, "There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every affair under the heavens." (Ecc 3:1) Now is the time to support our brothers and sisters in need. Please respond generously during the Time for Giving / CCD second collection weekend to help change the lives of the many who are served each year in North Texas. To learn more about the mission of CCD, visit ccdallas.org/tfg. On behalf of all those touched by your generosity, thank you!

Bulletin insert for the week of May 11

Every day, Catholic Charities Dallas helps our community's most vulnerable by helping all those in crisis move toward a better life. Last year, CCD served close to 200,000 individuals. Now more than ever, our neighbors need help. Please give generously today to support the holy work of serving all those in need. "For I was hungry, and you gave me food, I was thirsty, and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me..." (Matt 25:35) For more information about CCD, we invite you to view ccdallas.org/tfg. Thank you, and God bless you!

Bulletin insert for the week of May 18

For over 130 years, the doors to Catholic Charities Dallas have been open to the innocent, the hungry, the homeless, the disadvantaged, and the suffering. Please support Catholic Charities so they can continue providing essential services throughout all nine counties of the Diocese of Dallas. Your gift will touch the lives of those in need, including some of your fellow parishioners. For more information, please visit ccdallas.org/tfg. Thank you for your generosity!

Bulletin insert for the week of May 25

Today, please give generously to support Catholic Charities Dallas' ministry to those in need across our diocese. CCD provides 39+ services, including feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, and welcoming strangers. Your generosity will transform the lives of others while offering dignity, possibilities, and hope for a better life. Thank you for supporting the mission of CCD. We invite you to visit ccdallas.org/tfg for more information on the incredible impact of your gift. May God bless you for your generosity!



FOR MASS COORDINATORS

Prayers of the Faithful: Week of April 27

That through the faces of those who are suffering, living in poverty, and striving for a brighter future, we may see the face of Christ and respond to Catholic Charities Time for Giving in a way that speaks to their dignity; We pray to the Lord...

That the Church will continue to grow in holiness through merciful mission to those who are most in need of God's love; We pray to the Lord...

That Pope Francis, Bishop Burns, and all bishops will recognize God's call to mission on behalf of all people neglected by society; We pray to the Lord...

That we might embrace our poor and our suffering sisters and brothers as Christ embraces and loves all of us; We pray to the Lord...

Prayers of the Faithful: Week of May 4

That the success of the Catholic Charities Dallas Time for Giving appeal may shower with mercy those who are hurting: our homeless, our hungry, our lonely, and our disadvantaged; We pray to the Lord...

That all those served by Catholic Charities may find in our parish community respect, dignity, and Christian love; We pray to the Lord...

That the love of God will be seen in the love that we show to the least of our brothers and sisters through our support of Catholic Charities' annual appeal; We pray to the Lord...

That God's voice calling us and empowering us for mission in His name will stir our hearts to mercy, compassion, and love for all humanity; We pray to the Lord...

Catholic Charities Time for Giving message to be presented by a priest or deacon

As we heard in today's Gospel, Christ commands us to love one another as He loves us (John 15:17). This command to love our neighbor is the driving force behind the work of Catholic Charities Dallas. For over 130 years, Catholic Charities has fed the hungry, sheltered the homeless, welcomed the stranger, and created hope for those in our community and in our own parish who are most vulnerable and most in need.

On behalf of Catholic Charities, I would like to share what they do and how Jesus calls us to walk with them in service of others. In our diocese, close to 200,000 individuals and families were served through Catholic Charities' 11 missions and 39+ programs last year. CCD distributed more than 6 million meals and hundreds of thousands of diapers to individuals and families. Their Brady Center provided our growing senior population with access to essential resources and a safe place to enjoy community, congregate for meals, and participate in stimulating activities. They opened new doors to more than 2,000 children and their parents by providing educational services to build literacy skills across generations. Those are just a few of the many ways CCD has provided hope to thousands in our community.

As your pastor/priest/deacon, I want to personally thank you for your past support of the charitable mission of the Church through Catholic Charities' Time for Giving annual appeal. Time for Giving / CCD second collection weekend is an invitation for all of us in the Diocese of Dallas to unite and respond with joy and gratitude for the gifts God has given us, and to reach out in love to those among us who are less fortunate. Today, I am asking you to open your hands and hearts to embrace the poor, just as Jesus asks us.

Perhaps you or someone you know has received support through Catholic Charities. This support would not have been possible without the help generous volunteers and donors. Catholic Charities is ready to serve even more of our brothers and sisters in need, but they cannot do it alone. Today, let us join CCD in their mission to love others as Christ loves us. Our second collection today will support the charitable work of Catholic Charities in our diocese. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to support their work. Your gifts make a lasting difference, provide hope, and directly cause immediate, long-term, and vital change in the lives of children, families, and seniors.

Thank you for making time to love one another through service and generosity. May God abundantly bless you and your families!



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and a time for every affair under the heavens."
Ecclesiastes 3:1**

Thank you for supporting Time for Giving!