

Directory of Agencies and Services

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, Inc.

PASTORAL SERVICES

Engagement Encounter – A three-day all-inclusive marriage preparation program held at the picturesque McKeever Learning Center, EE is designed to give couples private time to build and refine their thoughts and skills for married life. Partial scholarships are available.

Pre-Cana – A marriage preparation seminar at various parish locations throughout the calendar year, Pre-Cana is led by a team of married couples and clergy to provide engaged couples with information on relevant topics.

NOVA – A one-day program designed for those who are free to remarry in the Church. Led by a team of remarried couples and clergy, NOVA encourages reflection on topics unique to remarriage. These include expectations of remarriage, legal issues, communication, blending families and marriage as a sacrament.

Marriage Encounter – A unique weekend experience designed to help revitalize healthy Christian marriage. Couples are invited to devote concentrated time and energy to their relationship with a focus on communication through dialogue with one another.

Retrouvaille – Designed for couples who are experiencing difficulty in their marriage, Retrouvaille is a confidential weekend experience to help strengthen damaged or hurting marriages. There are six weekly follow-up sessions, which couples are encouraged to attend.

Ten Great Dates! – A parish-based enrichment program with a fun-filled approach to building healthy marriages. Appealing to couples of all ages and stages, “Ten Great Dates” combines fun dates with marriage education skills.

Disability & Deaf Ministries – The ministry provides activities to enhance spirituality:

days or evenings of prayer and liturgy; overnight/weekend retreats; retreat for caregivers; planned activities with spiritual support groups including Victorious Missionaries, Faith and Light, Mental Health Outreach, Adult Religious Education and Parish Advocacy Program.

Parish Care & Concern – A program that promotes volunteerism in Parishes.

Bereavement Ministry – A parish-based outreach for those who are grieving.

Elizabeth Ministry – An initiative which responds to the needs of women during the childbearing years.

Justice & Peace/Respect Life Advocacy – Education, advocacy and monthly information bulletin

Pastoral Outreach Ministry to Refugees – Pastoral outreach to refugees addressing their religious and material needs.

Mission of Friendship – A variety of programs that provide lay and religious volunteers with an opportunity to form Christian community, to grow in faith and love with the people of Yucatan, and to share their gifts and talents with those in need.

Society for the Propagation of the Faith – A group that provides support for the pastoral and evangelizing programs of the Church in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands and remote regions of Latin America.

Mission Education – Speakers, videos, slide presentations and other teaching materials are available for use in diocesan schools and religious education programs as well as for parish groups such as parish councils, clubs or committees.

Catholic Rural Ministries – Pastoral and Ecumenical Outreach, Spiritual Support, Parish Education, Retreats/Enrichment Day Programs and Faith Sharing Groups for people of all ages.

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Healing Ministries

Rainbows – A bridge to emotional healing for youth grieving a divorce, separation or any other painful transition in their family.

Fellowship of Separated & Divorced – A support group for those who are hurting from separation or divorce.

PALS (People After Loss from Suicide) – A grief support group for those who suffer from loss due to suicide.

HIV/AIDS Support Group – A support group that helps address the unique challenges which members face.

COMMUNITY COUNSELING

Counseling & Adoption Services – Professional counseling; pregnancy counseling; problem gambling counseling; anger management groups; sexual abstinence program; Project Rachel; adoption services; refugee resettlement

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Good Samaritan Center – A shelter for temporarily homeless men; food/financial referrals; One-family apartments for temporary emergency purposes.

St. Martin Center – Emergency assistance; HIV/AIDS support; day care center; thrift store; nutrition education; housing & budget counseling

Prince of Peace Center – Soup kitchen; budget counseling; thrift store; food distribution; home case management and life skills; transitional housing for women and men who are homeless

St. Elizabeth Center – Food pantry; thrift store; clothing and bridal shop

YOUTH

Harborcreek Youth Services – Campus and community-based residential facilities; assessment/diagnostic services; private education; drug & alcohol counseling; community service; work experience; Multidimensional Treatment Foster Care.

St. Martin Center – Emergency assistance; HIV/AIDS support; day care center; thrift store; nutrition education; housing & budget counseling

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HOUSING

Better Homes for Erie – 52 units of affordable housing and social services for families.

SERVICES FOR OLDER PERSONS

Christ the King Manor – A continuing care retirement community providing skilled nursing care, personal care, Alzheimer units, rehabilitation services, home support and independent living cottages

John XXIII Home – A Nursing Home providing assisted living; respite; physical therapy; Alzheimer services; long-term care; counseling & referral; occupational therapy

DEVELOPMENT AND MARKETING

An integrated fund development and marketing program which includes an annual fund, major giving and planned giving to address the needs of the people from all faiths throughout the Erie Diocese

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www.ErieRCD.org 814.824.1250 or 800.374.3723

PASTORAL SERVICES

- Family Life 814.824.1261
- Disability and Deaf Ministries 814.824.1257
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- Parish Social Ministry/Respect Life 814.824.1254
- Pastoral Outreach to Refugees 814.824.1256
- Diocesan and International Missions 814.824.1231
- Catholic Rural Ministry
 - Potter and McKean Counties 814.544.8017
 - Clarion and Venango Counties 814.677.2032

Healing Ministries

- Rainbows 814.824.1253
- Catholic Fellowship of Separated & Divorced 814.824.1253
- PALS (People After Loss from Suicide) 814.824.1257
- HIV/AIDS Support Group 814.452.6113

COMMUNITY COUNSELING

- Catholic Charities Counseling & Adoption Services, Inc.
 - Bradford (Satellite Office) 814.368.8644
 - Clearfield (Satellite Office) 814.765.2215
 - DuBois 814.371.4717
toll free 888.793.6602
 - Erie 814.456.2091
toll free 800.673.2535
 - Greenville (Satellite Office) 800.350.2699
 - Grove City (Satellite Office) 800.350.2699
 - Meadville (Satellite Office) 814.337.5551
 - Oil City (Satellite Office) 814.676.8263
 - St. Marys (Satellite Office) 814.781.3034
814.788.5057
 - Sharon 724.346.4142
toll free 800.350.2699
 - Warren (Satellite Office) 814.726.9799

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

- Good Samaritan Center, Clearfield 814.765.6880
- St. Martin Center, Erie 814.452.6113
toll free 888.452.6113
- Prince of Peace Center, Farrell 724.346.5777
- St. Elizabeth Center, Oil City 814.677.0203

YOUTH

- Harborcreek Youth Services 814.899.7664
- St. Martin Center 814.452.6113
- Rainbows 814.824.1253

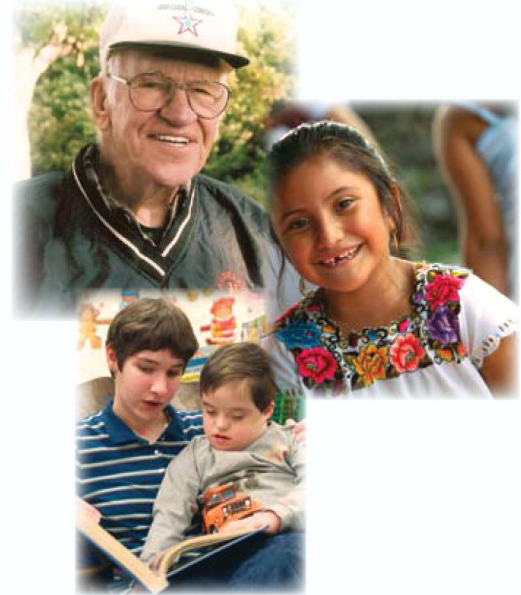
HOUSING

- Better Homes for Erie 814.456-0510

SERVICES FOR OLDER PERSONS

- Christ the King Manor, Du Bois 814.371.3180
- John XXIII Home, Hermitage 724.981.3200

- DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING ... 814.824.1258



“Within the community of believers
there can never be room
for a poverty
that denies anyone
what is needed for a dignified life.”

~ Pope Benedict XVI
Deus Caritas Est

Mission Statement

As Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Erie, we are witnesses and servants of Jesus Christ. We provide health care, social and pastoral services that educate, affirm and support individuals and families of all faiths to their fullest human potential. We advocate on behalf of those who are limited in power, voice and access. Catholic Charities agencies, institutions and programs are committed to the sacredness of human life and the betterment of society.



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Your Diocesan Leader in Health Care,
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