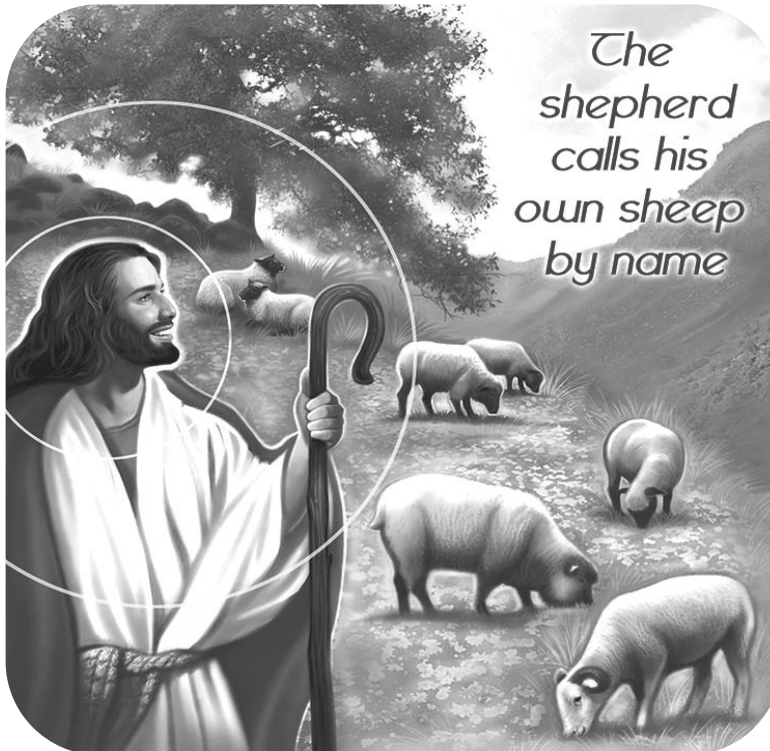


May 7, 2017
Fourth Sunday of Easter



ST. CATHERINE

OF SIENA ST. LUCY

PASTORAL TEAM

Rev. George Omwando, Pastor
Rev. John J. Carolan, Pastor Emeritus
Mrs. Shelby Boblick, Pastoral Associate
Ms. Gail Rohmann, Music Director
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Mrs. Sharon Leamy, School Co-Principal
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Mrs. Amanda Pomareda, Office Manager / Adm. Ass't.
Mrs. Fannie Cooper, School Secretary

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Tuesday, Wednesday, & Fridays: 8:30 AM—4:30 PM
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WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

Weekday Masses:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday - 8:30am
Word Service with Communion, Thursday, 8:30am

Weekend Masses:

Saturday Morning - 9:00am
Saturday Evening - 5:00pm
Sunday Morning - 8:30 & 10:30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday at 4:00 PM to 4:30 PM; or by appointment.

Baptisms

Baptism of infants and young children is celebrated on the 2nd and 3rd weekends of the month. Parents are asked to attend a Baptism preparation session/class prior to the ceremony. Please call the rectory to register for the preparation and set a baptismal date.

Thoughts From Our Pastor



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The month of May is devoted to Mary, the mother of our Lord Jesus. This tradition informally began in the Middle Ages to counteract secular customs that were arising during that time. A more structured dedication began to develop in the 18th century and was fully established by the end of the 19th century. Mary has a unique role in salvation history as the Mother of God, conceived without sin. By her own free will, she agreed to bring the “Word made flesh,” (John 1:14) our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, into the world. Mary is prefigured in Genesis 3:15 as the one who would crush the head of the serpent (a figure of Satan) through her Divine Son. Still she in no way overshadows Him, nor would she ever wish to! Her life in the Gospel years was one of service and great devotion to Jesus, from the cave in Bethlehem where she gave birth to Him, to Calvary in Jerusalem where she stood by His cross in His Crucifixion -- from Crib to Cross, as it were. While she has a somewhat low profile in the Gospels, her words there still resonate with us today and challenge us to follow her example of humility, obedience, and service to God. We read when she gives her famous assent to becoming Jesus’ mother: “Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word” (Lk 1:38). A short time later, she proclaims with joy in the Magnificat when visiting her relative Elizabeth, that “My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior” (Lk.1:46-47). I do understand that the month of May can bring so many excitements, like school closing for the summer break, graduations, summer plans, weddings etc. But we should not forget our devotion of Mary, even if only by simply saying a decade of rosary or spending some time in the church.

This fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as Good Shepherd Sunday, derived from the image of the Good Shepherd in today’s Gospel (John 10:1-10). Jesus declares “*I am the Good Shepherd.*” He describes Himself as not only “the shepherd” but the “good shepherd.” What does this mean? Jesus is making a contrast between Himself and the religious leaders, the Pharisees (John 10:12-13). He compares them to a “hireling” or “hired hand” that doesn’t really care about the sheep. In John 10:9, Jesus speaks of thieves and robbers who sought to enter the sheepfold stealthily. In that passage the Jewish leaders (Pharisees) are contrasted with Christ, who is the Gate. Here, in John 10:12, the hireling is contrasted with the true or faithful shepherd who willingly gives up his life for the sheep. He who is a “hireling” works for wages, which are his main consideration. His concern is not for the sheep but for himself. Interestingly enough, the shepherds of ancient times were not usually the owners of the flock. Nevertheless, they were expected to exercise the same care and concern the owners would. This was characteristic of a true shepherd. However, some of the hirelings thought only of themselves. As a result, when a wolf appeared—the most common threat to sheep in that day the hireling abandoned the flock and fled, leaving the sheep to be scattered or killed (John 10:21-13). Let us listen to the voice of the Good Shepherd who never abandons us.

Finally, let us welcome with open hearts and hands those who received Communion for the first time here in our community. God bless you!

Rev. George O. Omwando

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

WE THE PARISHIONERS OF ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA-ST. LUCY PARISH, SEEK TO DEEPEN OUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH GOD AND TO CELEBRATE GOD’S PRESENCE IN WORD AND SACRAMENT. BY ACCEPTING ALL INTO OUR FAMILY WE SEEK UNITY IN CHRIST AND SEEK TO PROCLAIM HIS GOOD NEWS IN THE DISCIPLESHIP OF OUR LIVES.

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS:

Parish Pastoral Council
Madonna Sloan and Joyce Wade,
Co-Chairs
Parish Finance Council
John McGuire
Spiritual Life Commission
Faith & Fellowship:
Connie Rakitan
Liturgy Committee:
Cantors: Gail Rohmann
Celebration Choir: Gail Rohmann
Praise Choir: Julius White
Greeters & Ushers: Jim Lewis

Ministers of the Eucharist:

Jeanne Visteen
Ministers of the Word:
Jeanne Visteen

Servers: TBA

Ministers of Care: Shelby Boblick
Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA): Fr. George O. Omwando
Women’s Ministry: Shelby Boblick

Human Concerns Commission
Peace & Justice Committee:

Mary and Martin Senica
Transportation Committee:
Tom Farwell

Education Commission

Baptism Com.: Fr. G. Omwando
Bible Study: Russ McCaughey

Religious Education of Children:
Christine Wedekind

St. Catherine/St. Lucy School:
School Board Chair: Natasha Lee

Parish Development & Services Commission

Collection Counters: Carol Kallok
Facilities Committee: Fr. George Omwando, Amanda Pomareda
Fundraising Committee:
Pat Nelson / Cynthia Weaver

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Weddings - Please contact a parish priest to set a wedding date. Allow at least 6 months for preparation.

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a sacramental process, celebrated in the midst of this Faith Community. This process assists adults, as well as children over the age of 7, in learning about the Catholic Faith. Through its witness, worship, service, and teaching our Faith Community offers the invitation and support necessary for initiation into the Catholic Church.

Ministry to the Sick, Hospitalized and Shut—Ins

Please notify the Parish Office so that we can visit and minister to your confined loved-ones.

Newcomers

Please fill out a registration form after Mass, or come by the Rectory Office during the week.

Fair Trade - TODAY

This weekend will be the last Fair Trade sale of the year. Candy bars \$3. 2@\$5. Please support us with your purchase of coffees, teas, and chocolates. *Thank you!*

500 Club Certificates

Certificates are \$25 each and will be included in every weekly drawing from now through October 22nd, 2017. The prize each week is \$25 except for three weeks when the prize is \$500. If we sell all 500 certificates, there will be a 4th drawing for \$500. Purchase forms are available in the back of church and at the rectory. Thank you!!!

-The Fundraising Committee

500 CLUB WINNERS

\$ 25.00

May 7, 2017

Jack Flynn,

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Save the Date

Wednesday, May 10
Lou Malnati's Pizza Event

Sunday, May 21
Confirmation - CH

Saturday, June 3
Fr. George's 10th Ordination Anniversary, & Fr. John's 92nd Birthday Celebration

Tuesday, July
White Sox Outing - OS

1ST COMMUNICANTS OF 2017

This Sunday, May 7th, the following children will be receiving their First Communion. Please keep them in your prayers.

- Ariana Lazaro*
- Jemiah Funches*
- Andrew Salameh*
- Claudia Smith*
- Abigail Gnonlongfoun*
(Parish Special Education)
- Alexis Green*
(St. Angela)
- Frederick Banks*
(St. Angela)



Easter Altar Memorial Flowers

Special envelopes are still available at the doors of the church. Fill out the envelope and then drop it in the regular collection basket in the next few weeks.

TODAY IS FOOD FIRST SUNDAY

Thanks in advance to all for your kind generosity!

Parish Calendar

Monday, May 8

- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 4:00 - 9:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6:30-8:00 PM - F & F - LMC

Tuesday, May 9

- 8:30-11:30-- School Council Spelling Bee - M
- 9:30 AM - Bible Study - RRT
- 11:00 AM - Staff Meeting - RDR
- 11:30AM - 3PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 7:00 PM - PPC Agenda - RRT
- 7:30-9PM - Praise Choir Rehearsal - MMR

Wednesday, May 10

- 11AM-11PM - LouMalnati's Pizza Day - OS
- 11:00AM-1:00PM - Organ Lesson - CH
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 6:30-8:00 PM - Religious Education Closing Program & Art Fair - LMC
- 7:00 PM - Finance Council Meeting - RD
- 7:30-9PM Celebration Choir -CH

Thursday, May 11

- 11:00 AM - Quilting Ladies - RD
- 1-3:30PM & 7-9:30PM - F&F - LMC
- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C
- 4:00-8:00 PM - Voice Lessons - CH
- 6:00-8:00 PM - AA - RD

Friday, May 12

- 2:30 PM - Day Care - C

Saturday, May 13

- 1:00-4:00 PM - Confirmation Retreat - LMC
- 6-9PM - Ugandan Mother's Day Celeb.—M
- St. Mary's Crowning

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At St. Catherine-St. Lucy, will take place next weekend at all Masses!

Mass Intentions for the Week

- Mon. May 8**
 8:30 † Lilly Mae Williams
 By: Evie Stockinger
- Tue. May 9**
 8:30 † Arnold Palmer
 By: Tom and Pat Nelson
- Wed. May 10**
 8:30 † Winifred Ballew
 By: Cynthia Weaver
- Fri. May 12**
 † Daniel McLean
 By: Sue Vanek
- Sat. May 13**
 9:00 † Thomas Ott
 By: Christina Tamayo
- 5:00 † Nellie Baker
 By: Thom and Sue Schouten
- Sun. May 14**
 8:30 **FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH**
 8:30 † Alexander Vincent
 By: The Vincent Family
- 10:30 † John and Mary Sim
 By: Mary and Martin Senica

Our Parish Stewardship
St. Catherine-St. Lucy Church



April 30, 2017	\$ 3,204.00
On-Line GiveCentral	\$ 962.00
Weekly Budget	\$ (7,308.00)
Amount Under Budget	\$ < 3,142.00 >

Online donations can be made to St. Catherine-St. Lucy Parish at www.givecentral.org

Thanks for your continued financial support!

Today's Readings

First Reading — All peoples called by God will receive the gift of the Spirit if they repent and are baptized (Acts 2:14a, 36-41).
Psalm — The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want (Psalm 23).
Second Reading — Once we were like straying sheep; but now we have been returned to the shepherd, our guardian (1 Peter 2:20b-25).
Gospel — The shepherd leads the sheep out into pastures of abundant life (John 10:1-10).

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Readings for the Week

- Monday: Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
- Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-7; Jn 10:22-30
- Wednesday: Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
- Thursday: Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
- Friday: Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
- Saturday: Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
- Sunday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12

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Saints and Special Observances

- Sunday: Fourth Sunday of Easter; World Day of Prayer for Vocations
- Wednesday: St. Damien de Veuster
- Friday: Ss. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras
- Saturday: Our Lady of Fatima

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MAY 14, 2017

5:00 PM **8:30 AM** **10:30 AM**

Altar Servers

Michael Giometti	Martin Senica	Leslie Agbefe
Steve Legatzke		Ian Elsen

Ministers of the Word

Frank Pond	Jeanette Cannon	Christine Diaz
Paul Koko	Wrenetha Julion	Bill Holmes

Ministers of the Eucharist

Chemetha Baker	Kevin Kell	Terry Sullivan
Pat Koko	Bill Cragg	Pat Nelson
Brenda Fojtik	Marjorie Fields	Shelby Boblick
Susan Kumler	Annie Rowan	John McGuire
	Ginny Jones	Bern Wheel
	Kathy Mortell	Marie Wheel

1st & 2nd Readings for the Upcoming Sunday are offered. Their sole purpose is to help us all of us "receive" and "hear" the word of God.

MAY 14TH, 2017 - 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

First Reading: Acts 6: 1-7

In Jerusalem at the time of Christ, some Jewish people spoke Greek, others spoke Aramaic, and each group went to its own synagogue. It appears that the apostles were among those who spoke Aramaic. In today's reading, we will hear some of the problems this created in the Christian community and how these were addressed.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

The First letter of Peter was written to a Christian community that felt alienated from their pagan neighbors. Today the author reminds them that they belong to a special group of people, the people of God.



Mark your calendars for Sat., June 3...

...The 5 p.m. mass will honor:

1. this special anniversary for our faith-filled pastor and his classmates;
2. this birthday for our treasured pastor emeritus; and
3. the gift of the Holy Spirit, Pentecost.

The party to follow in Maguire Hall will include a catered, buffet dinner and music provided by a D.J.

A minimum donation to St. Catherine - St. Lucy Church of \$5 per individual or \$20 per family is requested, if possible.

Please join us at what promises to be a wonderful occasion for fellowship. We'll celebrate our faith family and those who shepherd us in dedication to God.

Contact Shelby Boblick at: shelbysboblick@comcast.net
To offer event assistance.



Bible Study - Tuesdays 9:30 AM

Please consider in joining us every Tuesday at 9:30 AM only for Bible Study at the Rectory. If you are trying to find answers to your daily life questions, or are willing to have an hour of peace and knowledge about our religion, please come. It is totally free.

Communion & Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Rectory at 708-386-8077 to let us know if you or a member of your family is in need of the sacrament of anointing of the sick or would like to have Holy Communion brought to your house or nursing home or both.



Praying for the Sick In Our Parish

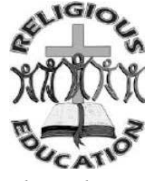
Karla Alegria, Coletta Ali, Fr. John Carolan, Myriam Claude, Lillian Czaplicki, Raymond Doelker, Anita Evenson, Katherine Gradnik, Marcus Hall, Joe Hargadon, Phillip Jones, Donna Kanapes, Paul Koko, Kate Kroker, Dolores Malkowski, William Medor, Eileen Nauss, Scarlett Evans-Perez, Raul Perez, and Carlton Shanks.

The name of your close relative will remain on this list for four weeks. After that, you will have to call us again to reinstate it into the list. If you wish to include a name of a sick member of your family here, please call Amanda at the rectory during office hours. Thank you.

Bequests

PLEASE consider remembering our parish in your will or trust. We have been blessed in the past by the generosity of so many parishioners and I am hopeful this will continue into the future.

-Father George



This weekend

We have four children from the parish making their *First Communion* at the 10:30 mass. *Frederick Banks, Jemiah Funches, Abigail Gnonlongfoun, Alexis Green, Ariana Lazaro, Andrew Salameh and Claudia Smith.*

Congratulations to them all for being good students and excited about the Sacraments.

On Sunday, May 21 thirteen of our students from the parish will be receiving the sacrament of *Confirmation* and four students from St. Bernadine will be joining us. Bishop Manz will be the presider. Please join us at mass for this sacrament to show our support for the young people in our parish who want to be a part of this faith filled community.

Please join us this Wednesday, May 10 in LMC for the Religious Education Fair starting at 7:10 p.m. This is an opportunity for our parishioners to come and witness what our parish children have been learning throughout the school year. There will be a short prayer service following the evening in the chapel.

Just stop by and visit our children, the future of our church.

The Call of the Good Sheperd

The Twenty-third Psalm, today's responsorial psalm, is arguably the best known of all the psalms. The line that reads "Even though I walk in the dark valley / I fear no evil; for you are at my side / with your rod and your staff / that give me courage" (Psalm 23:4) connects this week's scriptures to the wonderful story of the road to Emmaus, which we heard last week. The Lord Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is constantly at our side. He calls us each by name, beckoning us into a deeper relationship with him. "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Faith & Fellowship –

THE BIG SHEBANG

On Thursday, May 18th, Faith and Fellowship marks the close of its season until Fall with Mass at 7:00 p.m. followed by dinner. Please join us! RVP– Connie Rakitan, 708-383-9276 or faith_fellowship@hotmail.com

Take me out to the Ballgame!

Chicago White Sox vs. Los Angeles Dodgers

Tuesday, July 18
Game Time - 7:10 p.m.
Cost - \$24 each

Tickets for the White Sox Game will begin selling on June 3rd. At the same time the Raffle for *Two Tickets to a Cross Town Cubs/White Sox game on July 25th* will be sold. Cost per chance is \$10.00

Sale of tickets for our outing and the raffle will begin on June 3rd after all masses and will continue until June 18, 2017, which is Father's Day.

The Raffle drawing will be after the 10:30 AM mass.

Archdiocese of Chicago Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass

The annual Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass for 2017 will be held on Sunday, September 17 at 2:45 p.m. Cardinal Blase J. Cupich will preside over this special Mass where 500 couples will rejoice in their 50th wedding anniversary.

If you're married 50 years this year, or you were not able to come this past year and want to come next year, please keep this date free and keep an eye out for more information, coming soon!

Annual CROP Walk TODAY

The *Annual CROP Walk* will step off today, from Pilgrim Church, 460 Lake St., Oak Park, at 2PM.

If you wish to walk, pick up a walker envelope from a parish recruiter in the Gathering Area after Mass. If you wish to sponsor a walker, a walk recruiter will still be at all Masses this weekend. Bill Cragg is our Parish Recruiter, phone: 708-383-5776.

Proceeds from the Walk go towards feeding and housing the hungry around the world. In addition, 25% of the money goes to local charities like West Suburban PADS, Pine Avenue, OPRF & Columbus Park Food Pantries, and the Cluster Tutoring Program.

Film Screening and Discussion— TODAY

St. Giles Parish—12:30-3:00 PM

McDonough Hall 1101 Columbian Avenue, Oak Park. Join us for a screening of **13th**, a documentary that explores the intersection of race, justice and mass incarceration in the United States



Give Central allows our parish to provide its parishioners a safe and convenient way to make regular, automatic electronic contributions and can also be used for special events and other collections.

We understand that most transactions today are done electronically. We want to provide you with that same convenient option at church.

You can go directly to our website: www.stcatherinestlucy.org to be able to find the link to *GiveCentral*

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School News

- ..# Students in Grades 3-8 will be participating in Spelling Bees this week against ten other Catholic grade schools. The 5th and 6th Grade Bee is here at St. Catherine-St. Lucy on Tuesday, May 9. Stop by Maguire Hall at 9:30 to catch the action.
- ..# The 8th Grade is headed downtown on Thursday, May 11, to hear financial presentations, courtesy of Big Shoulders and the Stock Market program.
- ..# Also on May 11, the Nielsen Corporation will be here to do some spring cleaning for us. We'll have workers outside, in the school, and in the gym.
- ..# Friday, May 12, at 8:30am, is the last school Mass for our 8th Graders. We will miss them, but they will always have special place in our hearts.
- ..# Congratulations to all the First Communicants!

Heaven

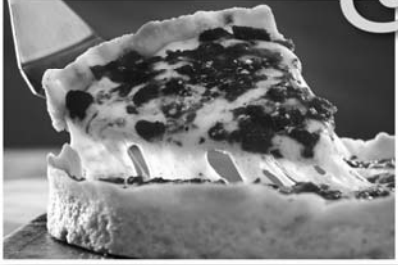
The goal of religion is not to get us into heaven—but to get heaven into us.
—Anonymous

Memorial Brick Garden

Our brick garden project is ongoing. The forms to purchase a memorial brick are in the back of Church and at the Rectory. After Easter we will be placing three special bricks in the garden honoring three very special people.

We honor Father George on the occasion of his 10th anniversary from ordination; we remember Alice Marshall for her commitment to our school, and we honor Sharon Bryant (teacher) for her 25 year teaching commitment to St. Catherine-St. Lucy School.

FUNDRAISING Giveback EVENT



Date: Wednesday, May 10, 2017

Time: 11:00 am- 11:00 pm

Location: **Lou Malnati's**: Oak Park
1038 Lake Street — 708-358-0800

DINE-IN • CARRYOUT • DELIVERY (*within zone*)

FOR QUESTIONS:

Please contact Jeanne Visteen—
jvisteen@yahoo.com
708-383-2068

Lou Malnati's will donate 20% of total sales to St. Catherine of Siena-St. Lucy Church (20% based on pre-tax purchase, excluding alcohol) from every order received. Dine in, Carryout or Delivery (within zone) with this FLYER on 5-10-17.

Fundraiser/Flyer Must Be Mentioned At Time of Order

Cannot be combined with any other promotional offers including but not limited to: Discounts, Deep Dish Dough rewards redemption or Malnati's Mail welcome coupon.

Please mention Fundraiser Event when placing order.

Offer valid only at the date and location listed above.

Archdiocese of Chicago

OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP
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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

This is a special year for the Archdiocese of Chicago as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of Catholic Charities. Catholic Charities' centennial year is truly a celebration for all of us because its great tradition of charitable care has included the support of volunteers and donors from every parish in the archdiocese. For 100 years, through every era of war, peace, poverty and prosperity, Catholic Charities has worked together with the faithful to fulfill the Gospel mission to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, welcome the stranger, comfort the afflicted, and bring hope to the hopeless.

Each year on Mother's Day, we have an opportunity to make a financial contribution to the Catholic Charities Mother's Day Collection. This year, as we face increasing violence in our communities, it is a critical time for us to come together to support Catholic Charities. With more than 150 locations throughout Cook and Lake Counties, Catholic Charities' services are intentionally located in the most troubled areas.

Through food and nutrition programs, early childhood education, alternatives for at-risk youth, trauma and grief counseling, job training, domestic violence programs, and substance abuse treatment, Catholic Charities' services are a powerful antidote the culture of drugs, gangs and violence that takes root in desperate areas.

Your donation to Catholic Charities will help the Church's efforts to promote peace, restore human dignity, and bring hope to those living with brutal violence and poverty. Please contribute as generously as you are able during Catholic Charities collection on Mother's Day. Or, make your donations directly to Catholic Charities at 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60654, www.catholiccharities.net/donate. May God bless you and your families.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Cardinal Blase J. Cupich Archbishop of Chicago