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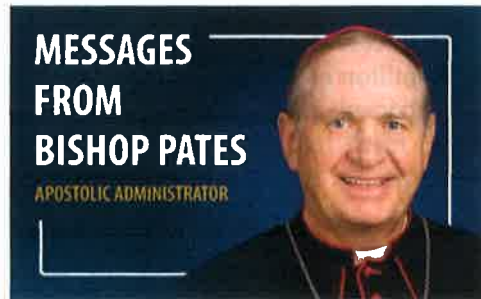


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AN INVITATION FROM THE CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

I write to ask every Catholic woman in the Archdiocese of Dubuque to consider joining the Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA) as a member. For some of you that means right at your local parish, and for others that may mean at a neighboring parish. Visit www.iowacatholicdaughters.org for more information and to find a local chapter.

The Catholic Daughters is one of the oldest and largest organizations for Catholic women having been founded in 1903, and is dedicated to the principles of “unity and charity”. Today the CDA focuses on the concerns of a contemporary church and society as well as issues that affect the well-being of women and children. CDA offers the opportunity for women to come together to share their faith as well as in service to their church and civic communities.

Thank you for your continued support of the Catholic Daughters.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Richard E. Pates

Apostolic Administrator of Dubuque



CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOUNDATION FUNDS EARMARKED FOR IMMIGRATION LEGAL SERVICES

By Cassie Bird

One of Catholic Charities’ four objectives as part of their 2023-2026 strategic plan is to “adapt services to address the unique needs of the expanding population of immigrants and refugees.” One of the strategies to fulfill this mission is to continue enhancing the services of their Immigration Legal Services program, and a recent action taken by the Catholic Charities Foundation supports this initiative.

By vote of their Board of Directors, the Catholic Charities Foundation has voted to earmark \$100,000 per year out of their annual distribution to Catholic Charities for the next five years for the Immigration Legal Services program.

The foundation is governed by the voting members sitting on the Catholic Charities Board, who have approved setting aside these funds to support the work of Immigration Legal Services that will help to compensate for the difference between the amount raised thus far through ArchdioceseOne, and the financial goal for the program.

This goal of \$7 million for Immigration Legal Services was set to ensure provision of services for 10 years. Currently through ArchdioceseOne, approximately \$1.23 million has been restricted to support Immigration Legal Services through the special appeal, which is well below the goal listed above.

The Catholic Charities Foundation was originally named St. Mary’s Home, and was first incorporated on July 1, 1912 as St. Mary’s Orphan Home. Catholic Charities Foundation is a separately incorporated part of the Archdiocese of Dubuque, and today its sole purpose is to receive, manage and distribute funds to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Dubuque.

Tracy Morrison, Director of Catholic Charities, commented on the



importance of the Foundation. “It’s important that donors who desire to support our work have a vehicle to ensure their gift is being

managed wisely, and the Catholic Charities Foundation allows donors to support our work in perpetuity.”

“The Catholic Charities Foundation provides 5% of the 3-year rolling average of assets in the foundation to Catholic Charities to be used to support our annual operating budget,” Morrison said. “This 5% is used to subsidize ministries that do not have revenue sources that cover all expenses (which is all of our ministries).”

The Catholic Charities Foundation supports all ministries of Catholic

Charities, unless a donor restricts his/her gift to a specific program.

Morrison was very supportive of the idea of the Catholic Charities Foundation earmarking these funds to work in conjunction with the funds donated to ArchdioceseOne to continue supporting the Immigration Legal Services ministry. "We know that to ensure Immigration Legal Services will be available for the next 10 years, we need to raise approximately \$7 million. The \$500,000 the Catholic Charities Foundation has earmarked will be restricted to support Immigration Legal Services, thus ensuring these critical services are available for many years in the future."

Paul Lee, Pastoral Associate at St. Stephen the Witness Student Center in Cedar Falls, is a Catholic Charities Board Member. He also commented on the board's decision to approve the earmark of these funds for Immigration Legal Services, and how that decision was rooted in faith, in order to secure the future of the program.



"As a Catholic, it is my moral responsibility to do what I can to protect the poor and vulnerable. As a board, we collectively felt the mandate to do for the least of our neighbors (cf. Mt 25:40)" Lee said. "By lending our prayers as well as our financial support to bolster the Immigration Legal Services program of Catholic Charities, we are putting our money where our mouth is, as the saying goes. This significant investment, God willing, will give this program the strength it needs to be the tangible expression of our collective intentions to care for those on the peripheries of our local communities."

From July 2022 to July 2023, in Cedar Rapids alone, 268 free legal consultations were offered. Out of those consults, Catholic Charities staff were able to take on 163 new clients. Meanwhile, 198 on-going clients were provided with legal

services - out of these 198, 161 have fee waivers where the client paid nothing for legal representation. This is only a portion of the work that program staff have been able to accomplish over the past year, in only one of their locations thanks to financial support provided for Immigration Legal Services by donors.

New gifts and pledges are still being accepted through the end of the calendar year that will be counted toward the financial goals of the four beneficiaries. If you would like to make a gift to support Immigration Legal Services, or any of the four ministries included in the appeal, gifts can be made online at www.archdioceseone.org, or by mail to ArchdioceseOne, 1229 Mt. Loretta Ave, Dubuque, IA 52003.

If you have any questions or would like assistance making a gift, please contact Director of Stewardship Development, Jeff Schneider, at (563) 556-2580 ext. 219 or by emailing jeff.schneider@dbqarch.org. You can also contact Cassie Bird, Associate Director of Stewardship Development, at (563) 556-2580 ext. 211 or by emailing c.bird@dbqarch.org.

ArchdioceseOne Update

Thanks to your sacrificial gift, over \$16.5 million has been raised for the ArchdioceseOne special appeal. Over \$7.8 million of this amount has been left unrestricted, and over \$1.23 million has been restricted to Immigration Legal Services.

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