

*CCRT: Catholic Community  
Response Team*

*Our Area Church In Action*

*“I was hungry and you gave me food; I was a stranger and  
you made me welcome” (Mat. 25:35)*

Pontiac Area Vicariate  
Spring 2011

# *When and Why was CCRT Formed?*

- **Opening: March 2004**
- **Response from the Vicariate to several factors:**
  - **2 populations in the Vicariate divided by I-75**
    - A relatively affluent population
    - A population living at or below poverty level
  - **St Vincent de Paul (Pontiac) not able to respond to all requests**
  - **Need to coordinate responses from different parishes**

# *An overview of our Vicariate...*

## **Median Income in the Vicariate:**

<b>Auburn Hills</b>	<b>\$ 53,100</b>
<b>Lake Orion</b>	<b>\$ 53,100</b>
<b>Oxford</b>	<b>\$ 55,700</b>
<b>Pontiac</b>	<b>\$ 27,802</b>
<b>Rochester</b>	<b>\$ 67,400</b>
<b>Rochester Hills</b>	<b>\$ 80,937</b>
<b>Waterford</b>	<b>\$ 50,758</b>
<b><i>State of Michigan</i></b>	<b>\$ 46,039</b>

Data based on the 2005 census

# *An overview of our Vicariate...*

## **People living at or below level of poverty**

<b>Auburn Hills</b>	<b>6.3%</b>
<b>Lake Orion</b>	<b>5.6%</b>
<b>Oxford</b>	<b>5.3%</b>
<b>Pontiac</b>	<b>29%</b>
<b>Rochester</b>	<b>2.7%</b>
<b>Rochester Hills</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
<b>Waterford</b>	<b>8.2%</b>

### **Federal poverty levels:**

<b>Family of four:</b>	<b>\$ 20,614</b>
<b>Family of two:</b>	<b>\$ 13,167</b>
<b>Individual:</b>	<b>\$ 10,294</b>

### **Median Rent:**

<b>Rochester Hills</b>	<b>\$ 882</b>
<b>Pontiac</b>	<b>\$ 704</b>

## *CCRT Mission*

CCRT provides direct support and referral services to those with crisis needs; We do it in a compassionate manner, in line with the Gospel of Jesus.

# *Whom do we serve?*

- Currently CCRT serves a client base of 2,955 persons. More than 8,000 services have been provided.
- We serve a very varied population:
  - Homeless people
  - People released from jail
  - People facing eviction and/or utility shut-off
  - People struggling with addictions
  - People with mental illnesses
  - People in need of clothing/food/furniture...
- Most of the clients have an average monthly income (disability or work) between \$ 600 and \$ 900 – below the federal poverty level







# *What do we do for our clients?*

Service	# Requests	# Assisted
Food, food vouchers	<b>1600</b>	<b>1600</b>
Housing, Rent payments security deposits	<b>195</b>	<b>130</b>
Utility payments	<b>182</b>	<b>110</b>
Clothing	<b>676</b>	<b>659</b>
Furniture/Household goods	<b>385</b>	<b>372</b>
Transportation	<b>16</b>	<b>15</b>
Identification Doc. Job information	<b>177</b>	<b>164</b>
Personal grooming supplies Healthcare/prescriptions	<b>650</b>	<b>650</b>

These numbers represent a 12 month average of services



# Ladies of Charity

"We acknowledge the **WOMANHOOD** of each person and the **WOMANHOOD-POWER** that is offered to support these concepts and is not limited by nationality, religious belief, race or sex."

CCRT  
CLOTHING ORDERS  
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DRAPES  
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ADULT BACKPACKS







# **The Day-to-Day story of our Clients**

Other includes medical/dental and prescriptions, transportation, car repairs, help for employment etc.







# *Other programs...*

- Gift of sight: provides eyeglasses to low income/uninsured clients
- “Sleep Tight” program provides beds for persons with medical needs and impoverished people.
- “Movers/Shakers” furniture program. Provides furniture for those affected by eviction or previously in a homeless shelter.
- Provides bikes (as means of transportation) for prison reentry population.
- Extensive intake for all persons coming to CCRT which help for referrals to other agencies such as Catholic Social Services, Mental Health facilities, Community Network Services.
- New in 2010 participation in recruitment for tutors for the Pontiac Community Schools. Data have shown that almost half our clients do not have a high school education. We plan to help recruit tutors through out the Vicariate.
- Uniforms Drive





# *CCRT location and staffing*

- We are presently located in Pontiac, Franklin St. sharing offices with Catholic Social Services
- 2 small offices and a storage room
- 2 paid staff each working 15 to 20 hours a week
- 12 volunteers donating 2 to 8 hours a week
- Intern(s) from Wayne University and (or) Job Corps youth worker paid through State Funding
- Hours 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday - Friday
- We usually see clients by appointment but exceptions are made in emergency situations

# *A Final Blessing...*

- May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, so that you will live deep in your heart.
- May God bless you with anger at injustice and oppression, so that you will work for justice, equality and peace.
- May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer, so you will reach out your hand to comfort them and change their pain to joy.
- And may God bless you with foolishness to think that you can make a difference in the world, so you will do the things which others say cannot be done.

**The Franciscan Four-Part Blessing**