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Dear Pastors and Parish Administrators,

This September, Catholic Charities Community Services (CCCS) – the charitable service arm of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Phoenix - **is celebrating Catholic Charities Awareness Month!**

**Catholic Charities, founded in 1933**, continues to walk alongside and affirms the dignity of the most vulnerable individuals and families throughout the Diocese of Phoenix, in Central and Northern AZ. We assist those marginalized by society with solutions that permanently improve lives. As we give thanks for the graces bestowed upon us to serve, we want to welcome you and your parish community to join us in as we celebrate over **90 years of service during September, also known as “Catholic Charities Awareness month.”**

We have an **endorsement letter from Bishop John Dolan** encouraging you and your parish to join us in celebration of our shared missions. Catholic Charities desires to walk alongside you, too, as you nurture those in your parish and community who can benefit from our services. **Together** we can bring hope to those who have been marginalized!

Please join us by spreading awareness about the work we do. Here are some simple ways to get you started:

1. **Share information about our services with others.** Let us know if you need more print or digital material.
2. **Place our bulletin announcements** in your weekly bulletin or on social media frequently.
3. **Include our prayer intentions** during Mass (written by our own Sr. Betty Banja).
4. **Welcome your “Parish Champions”** to host a table after masses in September and beyond.
5. **Add our Catholic Charities link to your resource page** for quick access to anyone in need <https://www.CatholicCharitiesAZ.org/>.

**Our Online Toolkit has numerous parish resources you can access anytime:**

- Bulletin Announcements to use for the entire month of September and beyond.
- General information about Catholic Charities Awareness Month, Joining Hearts-Pregnancy Counseling and Adoption Program, (Arizona’s only Catholic Adoption Program), as well as our other Counseling Service.



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- Pulpit Announcements
- Bilingual Agency Overview videos
- Prayer Intentions
- Parish Champion Volunteer (ambassador/liaison) information for anyone at your parish who is interested in learning about our services and sharing them with parishioners. (Must have Pastor's blessing!)
- Miracle Project information to engage youth in serving
- **Online Toolkit can be accessed at:**  
<https://www.catholiccharitiesaz.org/ccawareness-toolkit>

**Join us in helping us spread awareness, to people in need, by sharing the material mailed to you in September for Catholic Charities Awareness Month.**

For any questions or additional materials, please contact Dulce Valdez, Parish and Diocesan Engagement Manager, at [DValdez@cc-az.org](mailto:DValdez@cc-az.org) or 602.650.4832. Our leaders, Paul Mulligan, President and CEO, and Cathy Peterson, Executive Director, Northern Arizona, are also available to discuss anything you need at [pmulligan@cc-az.org](mailto:pmulligan@cc-az.org) or 602-650-4835 or [cpeterson@cc-az.org](mailto:cpeterson@cc-az.org) or at 928-778-2531.

The work we do together unites us in faith and service, so thank you for proclaiming the gospel in both word and deed.

Sincerely in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul S. Mulligan".

Paul S. Mulligan, MTS, MBA  
President & CEO

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Cathy B. Peterson  
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