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"The light of faith: this is how the Church's tradition speaks of the great gift brought by Jesus."
– Pope Francis in his first encyclical, "Lumen fidei" (The Light of Faith)



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“The Church makes an integral contribution to the well-being of this community in a way that enriches us all.”

June 8, 2014

Dear Friends:

“What does the Church bring to society?” Even when people seem to pose this question as a challenge, deep down there is usually a note of hope in it. Somewhere they heard the promise of Good News and they long for it to be true.

This report, *Catholic Impact 2014*, which I am pleased to present on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Archdiocese of Washington, highlights some of the many contributions made by the various agencies, groups and people of this local Church. Called to reflect the love and truth of Jesus, what they bring to others is the vision of a more fully and authentic human life, hope for a better world, and a way of life which seeks to establish a culture of solidarity and fraternity.

Among the many Catholic institutions that we can point to with pride is the hospital founded in 1861 by the Daughters of Charity to care for the poor and vulnerable. They named it “Providence.” This bears wonderful witness that the Lord has not abandoned the world, but rather, by his loving benevolence, he continues to provide and care for humanity. One of the primary ways he does this is through us, through the body of Christ we call the Church, co-workers for his kingdom.

To the extent that Christ reigns within us, explains Pope Francis, “the life of society will be a setting for universal fraternity, justice, peace and dignity. Both Christian preaching and life, then, are meant to have an impact on society” (*Evangelii gaudium*, 180).

The Church of Washington has made an indispensable impact for 75 years, manifesting his kingdom of truth and life, justice, love and peace. Yet this is only one chapter in a much longer story that goes back to the time when Catholic settlers first set foot on this land in 1634 and then still further back. In fact, for two millennia, works of teaching, healing and charitable service to others have been an essential aspect of the Christian faith, with special concern for the poor and marginalized (*Deus caritas est*, 25).

“Faith teaches us to see that every man and woman represents a blessing for me, that the light of God’s face shines on me through the faces of my brothers and sisters,” affirms Pope Francis. “How many benefits has the gaze of Christian faith brought to the city of men for their common life! Thanks to faith we have come to understand the unique dignity of each person, something which was not clearly seen in antiquity” (*Lumen fidei*, 54).

Over the years, Catholic agencies and ministries have made a profound difference in the lives of millions of people in this area regardless of religion, race, gender, nationality, or sexual orientation. With 2,000 years experience in the human condition, the Church also offers the voice of an informed conscience to society. Then there are the countless non-institutional contributions made by Catholic associations and everyday men and women who allow the light of the Lord to shine through them to become agents of compassion, hope, and transformation in their secular occupations, volunteer service and personal relationships.

The stories highlighted in this report are just a few examples of how the Church makes an integral contribution to the well-being of this community in a way that enriches us all. Together we continue to do what Jesus asked of us – to manifest his kingdom and thereby establish a realm of love, truth, justice, and peace.

Asking God’s blessings on all who serve and are served, I am

Faithfully in Christ,

Donald Cardinal Wuerl
Archbishop of Washington





The Archdiocese of Washington includes people from a mosaic of cultures and backgrounds, people of prayer and action united in their Catholic faith.



The Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Washington

- Led by Cardinal Donald Wuerl, the archbishop of Washington
- Includes the District of Columbia and five surrounding Maryland counties of St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince George's and Montgomery
- 621,000 Catholics
- 139 parishes and nine missions
- Masses celebrated in more than 20 different languages
- 96 Catholic elementary schools, high schools and early learning centers serving 27,302 students
- Three Catholic universities –The Catholic University of America, Georgetown University and Trinity Washington University
- Awards more than \$5.7 million in annual tuition assistance to students and families
- More than 116,000 men, women and children served by Catholic Charities each year
- Providence Hospital and MedStar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington and Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring – providing millions of dollars of charitable care
- New Holy Cross Germantown Hospital scheduled to open in 2014 to serve the growing upper Montgomery County region.

1634: English colonists land in Maryland at St. Clement's Island, and Jesuit Father Andrew White celebrates the first Catholic Mass in the English-speaking colonies.

1731: St. Francis Xavier Church is built in Newtowntowne, Md., and it stands today as the oldest Catholic church in continuous use from the original 13 colonies.

1789: Bishop John Carroll is elected as the first Catholic bishop of the new United States, heading the Diocese of Baltimore, which encompasses all 13 original states.

1789: Bishop Carroll founds Georgetown College (later University) in Washington, the nation's first Catholic institution of higher learning.

1794: St. Patrick Parish is established in Washington, the first Catholic parish in the new federal city.



Standing on a legacy of faith to build a bright future

With roots in the colonial era, when priests ministered to their flocks in Maryland and Washington on horseback and by boat, the Archdiocese of Washington now connects with its flock in the digital age, through the pulpit and via social media.

And when Cardinal Donald Wuerl, the archbishop of Washington, announced plans for the Archdiocese of Washington's 75th anniversary in 2014, he said it would be a time to look back and look ahead. On Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2014, Cardinal Wuerl celebrated the 75th anniversary with a Mass and convoked the final session of an Archdiocesan Synod. Catholics from the city of Washington and surrounding Maryland counties, from different backgrounds and walks of life, participated in preparatory meetings for the Synod, working together for nearly two years to draw up a blueprint for the archdiocese's future outreach in the key areas of education, service, worship, community, administration and stewardship. The Synod participants examined what the Church did well in those areas, and how it could improve. The goal, the cardinal said, was "to be the best Church we can be."

Those delegates drew on a legacy of Catholic faith – of prayer and action – that began when Maryland's first settlers landed on St. Clement's Island and celebrated

The reconstructed Brick Chapel of 1667 in St. Mary's City stands today as a monument to Maryland's status as the birthplace of religious freedom in the United States.



1858: St. Augustine Parish, the mother church for African-American Catholics in the nation's capital, is founded by free men and women of color, including former slaves.

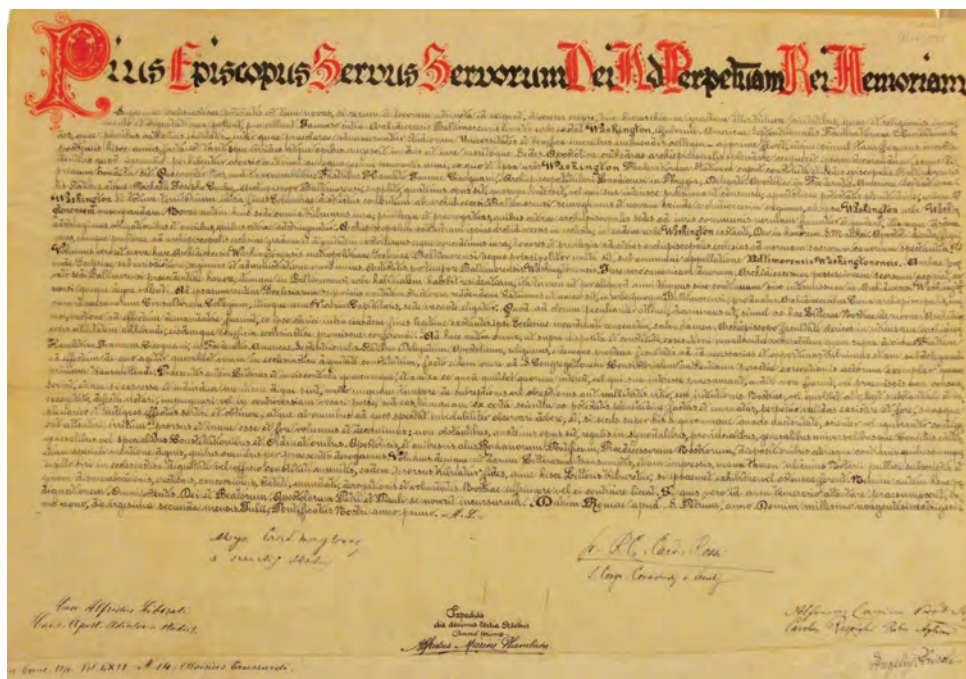
1860: St. Ann's Infant Asylum is established by the Daughters of Charity.

1861: At the invitation of President Abraham Lincoln, the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul found Providence Hospital in Washington, D.C.

1887: The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, is founded in Washington, D.C.

1897: Trinity College is founded in Washington by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, becoming one of the nation's first Catholic liberal arts colleges for women.

Pope Pius XII issued a papal bull – a decree – establishing the Archdiocese of Washington on July 22, 1939. Archbishop Michael J. Curley (below) was named as the first archbishop of Washington, while also continuing to serve as the archbishop of Baltimore.



the first Mass in the English colonies in 1634. Those pioneer Catholic colonists, along with settlers from other faiths, helped establish Maryland as the birthplace of religious freedom in the United States, and the colony's 1649 Toleration Act was a forerunner to the Constitution's Bill of Rights and the First Amendment guarantee of freedom of religion.

Rooted in prayer

When Pope Pius XII established the Archdiocese of Washington in 1939, it only included the District of Columbia. Eight years later, the archdiocese was expanded to include the five surrounding counties in Maryland – St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince George's and Montgomery.

From the time those first Catholic settlers knelt in prayer at St. Clement's Island, the lives of the Catholic community in what is now the Archdiocese of Washington have been rooted in a foundation of prayer. People who live along city streets, in suburban neighborhoods and in the rural countryside find a spiritual home in the archdiocese's 139 parishes and nine missions.

Each day throughout the archdiocese, in their homes, in small chapels, in convents, in parish churches and in the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington – the largest Catholic church in North America – people begin and end their days in prayer. In the Archdiocese of Washington's Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle, people pray together at daily Mass, just as people came to the cathedral to pray in thanksgiving when World War II ended, to pray in sorrow at the funeral Mass for President John F. Kennedy after the nation's first Catholic

1922: Catholic Charities of Washington is formed as a collaboration between the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a group of Catholic laymen.

1939: Pope Pius XII establishes the Archdiocese of Washington, which is led by Archbishop Michael J. Curley and includes only the city of Washington.

1947: The Archdiocese of Washington expands to include St. Mary's, Charles, Calvert, Prince George's and Montgomery counties in Maryland.

1948: New Washington Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle begins working to integrate all the Catholic schools and parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington.

1959: The National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception – the largest Catholic church in North America – is dedicated in Washington, D.C.

president was assassinated, and just as people came to the cathedral to pray after the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.

A mosaic of faith

When Cardinal Wuerl welcomed Pope Benedict at the 2008 Papal Mass at the new Nationals Park in Washington, he said the congregation that prayed with the pontiff that day reflected the face of the Catholic Church in America – people who come from many lands and who speak many languages but who share one faith.

In a special way, the people of the Archdiocese of Washington reflect that face of the Church in their diversity and in their shared mission of manifesting God's kingdom in today's world. The more than 621,000 Catholics in the archdiocese include newly arrived immigrants from nearly every continent and people whose ancestors immigrated here nearly four centuries ago. Each weekend, Masses are celebrated in more than 20 languages, including Vietnamese, Korean, Chinese, Polish, Portuguese, French and American Sign Language. Spanish-language Masses are celebrated at 38 locations to serve the nearly 270,000 Catholics of Hispanic ancestry living in the community. The archdiocese also includes 100,000 Catholics of African and Caribbean descent.

Bringing hope to those in need

The crucible of the Great Depression had shaped the faith of the first members of the newly formed Archdiocese of Washington in 1939, who soon demonstrated a spirit of generosity and sacrifice in serving their country overseas and at home during World War II. In the post-war years, many new churches and schools were built throughout the archdiocese to serve the growing Catholic population. The churches where our Catholics now pray and the schools where our children now learn stand as living reminders of the faith and generosity of earlier generations of Catholics in the archdiocese.



In 1963, Washington Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle prayed the invocation at the March on Washington, before Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (right) gave his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

1963: Archbishop O'Boyle offers the invocation at the March on Washington, where Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. gives his famous "I Have a Dream" speech.

1963: The nation mourns after the assassination of John F. Kennedy, the United States' first Catholic president. His Requiem Mass is held at the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle.

1963: The Sisters of the Holy Cross found Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md., which will become one of Maryland's largest hospitals.

1973: Cardinal O'Boyle retires, and he is succeeded as archbishop of Washington by Archbishop William Baum.

1979: During a pastoral visit to Washington, Pope John Paul II celebrates a Mass for an estimated 175,000 people on the National Mall.

In 1979, Cardinal William Baum hosted Pope John Paul II's visit to the nation's capital. In the photo at right, Pope John Paul II greets students at The Catholic University of America.



Like their ancestors in the faith, today's Catholics continue to work for justice. In 1858, the founders of St. Augustine Church in Washington included free men and women of color and former slaves. In 1963, St. Augustine parishioners hosted and joined participants in the March on Washington, where they heard their then-Archbishop Patrick O'Boyle – a champion for racial justice who had integrated local Catholic parishes and schools – offer the invocation.

Today, St. Augustine parishioners continue to sacrifice to sponsor their parish school, believing, like their parish's founders did, that an education rooted in faith and strong academics will help their children achieve a better life and help build a better world.

Throughout the history of what is now the Archdiocese of Washington, Catholic lay people, religious and priests have generously supported the work of education, social service and health care.

Our Catholic schools in the Washington area began when our country did. For generations, Catholic schools in the archdiocese have educated leaders for our Church, our communities and our nation. Partnerships among parish, school and community groups have helped develop innovative programs at local Catholic schools like the bilingual Spanish immersion program at Sacred Heart School in Washington, the work study program at Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School in Takoma Park, the International Baccalaureate program at Archbishop Carroll High School, the global learning curriculum at St. Francis International School in Silver Spring and the classics curriculum at St. Jerome School in Hyattsville.

The newly formed Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington helped people during the Depression, and now in a new millennium, Catholic Charities is the largest private social services provider in the Washington area, bringing help and hope to 116,000 people annually in more than 65 programs at 48 locations.

1980: Cardinal Baum is named to lead the Vatican's Congregation for Catholic Education, and Cleveland Bishop James Hickey is named the archbishop of Washington.

1986: The Archdiocese of Washington adopts its Child Protection Policy, one of the first in the nation.

1986: Archbishop Hickey dedicates the Gift of Peace convent in Washington, D.C., where Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity sisters care for people with AIDS.

1997: Cardinal James Hickey establishes the Center City Consortium of Catholic schools as part of a broader "Faith in the City" program.

2000: To mark the Great Jubilee Year, more than 20,000 local Catholics attend Eucharistic Congress 2000 at the MCI Center in Washington, D.C.

After helping at a food line for the homeless outside Catholic Charities headquarters in Washington, Cardinal Wuerl noted that more importantly than offering food, service reminds people in need that God loves them and they are not alone. “Catholic Charities is a visible sign of God’s love, because of the support of everyone who makes it possible,” he said.

That solidarity with the poor also extends to those in need around our country and our world, as was demonstrated in 2005 when Washington-area parishes and schools mobilized to raise \$1 million for victims of the South Asia tsunami, and later in the year, \$2.6 million for victims of Hurricane Katrina in the U.S. Gulf Coast. Parishes and schools here also welcomed Katrina survivors seeking a new home.

The Daughters of Charity started Providence Hospital in Washington during the Civil War years, and today it continues as one of four Catholic hospitals in the area providing state-of-the-art health care and millions of dollars in care to the poor each year.

Connected by faith

Just as we are connected by faith to earlier generations of Catholics in the Archdiocese of Washington, so too we are connected by faith to Catholics around the world, and to our pope in Rome who is the successor of St. Peter in leading our Church. Almost three decades before Pope Benedict XVI’s Mass at Nationals Park in 2008, Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass for 175,000 people at the National Mall, offering a visible sign of our unity as a Catholic family of faith.

The Archdiocese of Washington’s 75th anniversary theme – “Manifesting the Kingdom” – reflects the faith and service of generations of Catholics who have brought Christ’s love and hope to our community and our world. The stories that follow in this publication about the archdiocese’s educational, social service and health care outreach show how that work of “Manifesting the Kingdom” unfolds every day. Two thousand years ago, Jesus taught, served the poor and healed the sick, and our Archdiocese of Washington continues to carry out that work of faith today. As Cardinal Wuerl wrote in his book, *Seek First the Kingdom*, “Now it’s our turn, it’s yours and mine. As witnesses to Christ, his Gospel, his kingdom... each and every Catholic can make a difference.”



Archbishop Donald Wuerl welcomes Pope Benedict XVI to the 2008 Papal Mass at Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., which was attended by 50,000 Catholics from across the area and from throughout the country.

2001: Archbishop Theodore McCarrick is installed in January as the new archbishop of Washington, succeeding Cardinal Hickey.

2001: Cardinal McCarrick names Jane Belford as the Archdiocese of Washington’s first lay chancellor and the first woman to hold that post.

2006: Pope Benedict XVI appoints Bishop Donald Wuerl of Pittsburgh as the new archbishop of Washington, succeeding Cardinal McCarrick.

2007: Archbishop Wuerl convenes a Convocation on Education, beginning a wide-spread consultative process to strengthen and sustain Catholic schools for the future.

2008: Pope Benedict XVI’s pastoral visit to Washington includes a Papal Mass for more than 50,000 people at the new Nationals Park.



Students study at Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in Washington, circa 1890. In the photo below from 1967, first graders sing the "Our Father" at St. Anthony School in Washington.

"Catholic schools, which always strive to join their work of education with the explicit proclamation of the Gospel, are a most valuable resource for the evangelization of culture..."

– Pope Francis in his apostolic exhortation, "Evangelii gaudium" (The Joy of the Gospel)

1789: Bishop John Carroll founds Georgetown College in Washington, D.C., the nation's first Catholic institution of higher learning. The Society of Jesus also begins Georgetown Preparatory School, a high school for young men.

1799: Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School is founded in Washington, D.C., the first all-girls Catholic school in the new United States. The three women who found the school eventually become Visitation Sisters.

1821: The Jesuits found Gonzaga College High School for young men, which is today the oldest educational institution in the original federal city of Washington.

1851: Christian Brothers establish St. John's College High School in Washington, D.C., originally an all-boys school which becomes coed with an optional JROTC military program in 1991.



Since our nation's beginning, Catholic schools have a legacy of faith and learning

The work of educating leaders who will help build a better world has been central to the Catholic schools, parish religious education and youth ministry programs of the Archdiocese of Washington since it was founded in 1939, and indeed, has been a hallmark of Catholic education here since the beginning of our country.

That vision was at the heart of the founding of Georgetown College in 1789 as the first Catholic institution of higher learning in the United States, and at the establishment of Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School 10 years later as the first all-girls Catholic school in the new United States. That vision guided the free men and women of color, who in 1858 founded what became St. Augustine Church in Washington, as they established a school so their children could have an opportunity for a better life.



And that vision led to the founding of Archbishop Carroll High School in 1951 as one of Washington's first fully integrated schools and the 2007 establishment of Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School in Takoma Park with its innovative work-study program.

From the time when teachers at local Catholic schools taught at chalkboards to today when students learn on laptops and iPads, academic excellence has marked Catholic education here. The “honor roll” of Catholic school students and graduates from the Archdiocese of Washington over the years includes priests and sisters, doctors, scientists, business executives, political leaders, an Olympic gold medalist, an opera singer and a space shuttle astronaut. Twenty-seven schools in the Archdiocese of Washington have been named as National Blue Ribbon Schools in the 30-year history of the award. And in 2014, after years of each school being accredited by Middle States, archdiocesan Catholic schools were accredited by AdvancEd under a comprehensive and continuous improvement accreditation model.

During his 1979 visit to Washington, Pope John Paul II spoke at The Catholic University of America, noting that graduates of Catholic schools are called to “bear witness to their faith before the world.”

The Catholic identity at schools of the Archdiocese of Washington is part of the fabric of each school day, from the morning prayer to the closing bell. Students learn to manifest God's kingdom as they love and serve others, as Jesus did.

Cardinal Wuerl has emphasized that the future of Catholic schools depends on “all of us working together.” Following an extensive consultative process, the archdiocese adopted new policies to strengthen and sustain Catholic schools. Now, Catholics at all local parishes support Catholic education, and 117 out of 139 parishes have entered into regional school agreements. With the support of local Catholics and other community members, the archdiocese has greatly expanded its tuition assistance to families, awarding \$5.7 million for the 2014-15 school year.

In 2011, Cardinal Wuerl dedicated the new Blessed John Paul II Seminary for the Archdiocese of Washington, which was renamed in 2014 after its patron was declared a saint in the same year that the seminary expanded with a new wing. There, the archdiocese's future priests are inspired by the example of the priesthood of St. John Paul II, who traveled the world to share the Good News of the Gospel.



Students celebrate with Cardinal James Hickey at the 1997 dedication of the Cardinal Hickey Academy in Owings, Md. Below, Cardinal Theodore McCarrick visits with students at Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, D.C. in 2001.



1858: The founders of St. Augustine Parish in Washington, D.C. – free men and women of color, including former slaves – establish a Catholic school to provide their children with the opportunity for an education and a better life.

1868: The Sisters of the Holy Cross open the Academy of the Holy Cross in Washington, D.C. for young women. The academy moves to Kensington, Md., in 1956.

1887: The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church in the United States, is founded in Washington, D.C., by the nation's bishops with the support of Pope Leo XIII.

1897: Trinity College is founded in Washington, D.C. by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, becoming one of the nation's first Catholic liberal arts colleges for women. In 2004, it becomes Trinity Washington University.



In a 2012 photo, students from St. Andrew Apostle School in Silver Spring, Md., collect relief supplies for people affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Washington

- Catholic elementary and high schools and early learning centers serving **27,302 students**
- Seven early childhood centers
- A total of **69 Catholic elementary schools**, including 56 archdiocesan elementary schools and 13 independent Catholic elementary schools
- **Two archdiocesan high schools** and 18 independent Catholic high schools
- For the 2014-15 school year, the Archdiocese of Washington awarded **\$5.7 million in tuition assistance** to families, a more than six-fold increase since 2008.
- In 2013-14 in the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia, Catholic schools within the Archdiocese of Washington **saved almost \$400 million in taxpayer dollars** in per-pupil costs.
- Over the past five years, **98 percent** of students from Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington have been **accepted into college**.
- The first three graduating classes of Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School in Takoma Park have had a **100 percent college acceptance rate**.
- **Three Catholic universities** –The Catholic University of America, Georgetown University and Trinity Washington University, all in Washington, D.C.
- **Two seminaries** sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington – St. John Paul II Seminary in Washington and the Redemptoris Mater Mission Seminary of the archdiocese, located in Hyattsville
- **Eighty-one seminarians** studying for the priesthood
- Parish elementary and high school religious education and youth ministry programs serve **25,116 students** taught by **2,699 parish catechists**
- **Mission statement:** "Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington, rooted in Gospel values and the teaching mission of the Catholic Church, are learning communities of faith and service dedicated to educational equity and excellence for all students."

1921: A Catholic high school opens in Laurel, Md. Beginning in 1934, the school is sponsored by the Pallottine religious order, and in 1984, it is renamed St. Vincent Pallotti High School.

1923: The Religious of the Sacred Heart open a school for young women in Washington, D.C. In 1947, Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart moves to Bethesda, Md.

1942: The Benedictine monks of St. Anselm's Abbey in Washington, D.C., found St. Anselm's Abbey School for young men.

1946: The Order of the Most Holy Trinity (Trinitarians) establishes DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, Md., for young men.

Catholic Identity:

Learning to love and serve others, as Jesus did

Catholic identity is central to every Catholic school. In addition to crucifixes, statues of Mary and pictures of saints, “Jesus is present in every classroom,” Cardinal Wuerl has said. By the examples of their teachers and by the lessons they learn about their faith, children at Catholic schools are prepared to know and love Jesus and to bring his light to the world.

During the bitterly cold winter of 2014, students from Catholic schools across the Archdiocese of Washington helped bring warmth to the homeless. Students from 45 Catholic schools, along with local parishes and church groups, collected 9,000 coats for Catholic Charities’ “Joseph’s Coats of Many Colors” drive.

At St. Pius X Regional School in Bowie, students collected 860 coats, and they added a personal touch by putting special messages or prayers in the coat pockets.

At a special Catholic Schools Week Mass for St. Jerome Academy in Hyattsville, which collected more than 200 coats, Msgr. John Enzler, the president and CEO of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, told students, “These coats help people who live out in the cold to keep warm, and they also warm our hearts as we serve others.”

St. Jerome sixth grader Jodie Urbanski said, “I really liked being able to work on this. It’s really nice to know that people are staying warm.”

Fr. James Stack, St. Jerome’s pastor, also thanked the students at the Mass, noting that by collecting coats for the poor, they were following in the footsteps of Jesus. Later, St. Jerome’s student Amanda Gilbert said, “We learn to serve, not be served. It’s an amazing feeling to help people, and it warms your heart.”

That same spirit has guided the annual Thanksgiving food drive at Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, one of the largest such efforts in the country. Last year, students there collected an estimated 20 tons of food for the region’s poor. For Carroll junior David Crawford, the food drive is not only a way to “get involved with school activities and help the community,” but also part of a larger mission. “I believe that serving the less fortunate over ourselves is really serving God,” he said.



Students at St. Pius X Regional School in Bowie, Md. collected 860 coats for the Joseph’s Coats of Many Colors drive sponsored by Catholic Charities.

Four Pillars of Catholic Education

In his 2008 pastoral letter, [Catholic Education: Looking to the Future with Confidence](#), Cardinal Donald Wuerl emphasized that supporting Catholic schools is the work of everyone. Through a consultative process that began with an archdiocesan Convocation on Catholic Education, school and parish representatives identified four pillars of local Catholic education:

- Catholic identity
- Academic excellence
- Governance
- Affordability and accessibility

1947: The Catholic Youth Organization for the Archdiocese of Washington is founded. Later expanded to include the Office of Youth Ministry, it provides sports leagues, Scouting, retreat and leadership programs.

1948: New Washington Archbishop Patrick O’Boyle begins working to integrate all the Catholic schools and parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington.

1951: Archbishop Carroll High School opens for young men, becoming one of the first integrated schools in the nation’s capital. Originally staffed by the Augustinian Fathers, Carroll becomes coed in 1989 and is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington.

1958: The Xaverian Brothers open Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Wheaton, Md., for young men. The school becomes coed in 1988, and its new campus in Olney, Md., is dedicated in 2007.



Julián Nelson, a member of the class of 2015 at Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, participates in the International Baccalaureate academic program there and is a champion track and field athlete.



A Champion on the Track and in the Classroom

The same discipline that Julián Nelson has relied upon to become a champion athlete has also helped him excel in the classroom at Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington.

The 6-foot-tall, 230-lb. member of Carroll's class of 2015 stars as a defensive lineman for the Carroll Lions' football team in the fall. In the spring, he competes in track and field, where in 2013 he won the gold medal as the champion shot-putter for the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference and the bronze medal in discus throwing. And in the classroom, he participates in the rigorous International Baccalaureate program at Archbishop Carroll.

"Hard work is necessary to succeed in life. In order to complete the task God has set before you, you need to work hard," said Nelson, who hopes to study computer science and minor in economics in college, and someday work as a market analyst on Wall Street.

His track coach at Carroll, Trent Edgerton, said, "Julián is a terrific individual both on and off the track. He has success written in his DNA, knows what it takes to accomplish his goals, and he goes the extra mile to see that it happens."

Nelson said he likes the challenge of the IB curriculum, that it's a globally recognized program and that Carroll alumni have told him "it prepares you perfectly for college."

"There's a great deal of independent work and thinking," he said.

The Capitol Heights teen said he is at home at the Catholic high school, and he likes its focus on learning and living the faith. That experience, and the love he has come to feel for the Mass, have inspired him to prepare to become Catholic.

Taking part in Archbishop Carroll's annual Thanksgiving food drive has helped Nelson see the humanity of the poor, that they are regular people in need of help. "It's really nice to know you're helping people," he said, later adding, "It really makes you service minded. It makes you think, 'How today can I help people?'" The star athlete and scholar has gained a mindset where, he said, "I feel like I need to serve the world."

And if he accomplishes his dream of working on Wall Street, Nelson will take with him those lessons he learned at Carroll, where he said that religion is more than just a classroom topic – it is encouraged "as a way of life."

1959: The Daughters of Charity found Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, Md., for young women.

1961: The Society of the Holy Child Jesus opens Connelly School of the Holy Child in Potomac, Md., for young women.

1964: The Brothers of the Holy Cross open Bishop McNamara High School in Forestville, Md., for young men. The school becomes coed in 1991.

1969: A group of Catholic laymen found The Heights School for boys in Washington, D.C. The Heights later adds an Upper School program and relocates to a campus in Potomac, Md., where it is sponsored by Opus Dei.

'The School That Works'

Speaking at the first graduation ceremony for Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School in 2011, the class salutatorian, Jenifer Moreno, spoke about her dreams for the future. "I am the first person from both sides of my family to graduate from high school and go on to college," said the student, who has family roots in El Salvador. She said the best way to thank her parents for their sacrifices would be to continue on to college and pursue a degree in medicine. "Now my dream is to become a transplant surgeon. If I made it this far, why not go farther?"

The Catholic high school in Takoma Park, cosponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington and the Salesians of Don Bosco, a religious order, helps students work toward their dreams by participating in an innovative corporate work study program, where they gain professional experience and help earn the majority of the cost of their education through their jobs. The students also gain an excellent education rooted in Catholic values and strong academics. Cristo Rey's corporate partners include nearly 100 leading Washington-area businesses, educational institutions, government agencies, hospitals and health centers, law firms, non-profit agencies, and scientific, technology and engineering institutions.

At Cristo Rey, "they do teach us to go for our dreams," said TreVon Carpenter, a member of Cristo Rey's class of 2013, who worked for Honest Tea headquarters in Bethesda. The student planned to major in computer engineering at the University of Maryland at College Park, and he hopes to someday work for a company like Sony.

Mauricio Castro, a member of Cristo Rey's class of 2014, who worked at a congressman's office and also got to see how corporations work at a downtown bank's financial services headquarters, participated in a summer program at Georgetown, taking classes in writing, international relations and biology. He dreams of someday working as an executive for a technology company like Google, or perhaps even serving in Congress. "For me, it was a blessing, the opportunities I've gotten here," he said.

Cristo Rey, founded in 2007, has a 100 percent college acceptance rate for its graduates, and it will open its new academic and science wing in the fall of 2014. A hallway in Cristo Rey's offices is adorned with dozens of colorful pennants from top colleges and universities across the United States where the high school's first graduates are now attending. Eighty-three percent of Cristo Rey's class of 2013 were the first generation in their family to attend college. A sign near Cristo Rey's entrance says it all: "The School That Works."



Members of Cristo Rey's class of 2013 celebrate at their commencement.

Cristo Rey's valedictorian for 2013, Victoria Riley, worked at NASA and participated in research on solar wind, and she is now attending her dream school, Georgetown University. Cristo Rey's motto – St. Francis de Sales' adage, "Be who you are, and be it well." – was something that she and fellow students recited together and learned to take to heart.

1981: St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown, Md., forms by combining the former St. Mary's Academy (founded 1885) and Ryken High School (founded 1957). The Xaverian Brothers sponsor the coed Catholic high school.

1994: Mary of Nazareth School opens in Darnestown, Md., sponsored by seven parishes in the upper Montgomery County region. It is the first new parish elementary school to open in 30 years in the archdiocese.

1997: Cardinal James Hickey establishes the Center City Consortium of Catholic schools, as part of a broader "Faith in the City" program.

1997: Cardinal Hickey Academy opens in Dunkirk, Md., sponsored by four parishes in the growing Calvert County region, including the adjoining Jesus the Good Shepherd Parish.



In Washington, D.C., the four schools of the Consortium of Catholic Academies provide a beacon of hope to families in their neighborhoods. Consortium students have strong test scores and a 100 percent on-time graduation rate. Sacred Heart School offers a bilingual English/Spanish immersion program for students from pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade. Other consortium schools include St. Francis Xavier Academy, St. Anthony School and St. Thomas More School.

2001: Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the new archbishop of Washington, opens the Redemptoris Mater Archdiocesan Mission Seminary, and five years later, blesses a renovated building for the seminary in Hyattsville, Md.

2002: The Society of Jesus opens the Washington Jesuit Academy and the Christian Brothers open San Miguel School. Both are middle schools in Washington, D.C., for boys from low-income families.

2003: The Avalon School for boys opens. The archdiocese recognizes it as a Catholic school in 2009. Now in Gaithersburg, Md., it serves grades K-12.

2004: After years of work, Congress approves a federal school choice program, the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, that provides more educational opportunities for children in the nation's capital.

Innovative Programs Help Students Shine

Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington have adopted innovative academic programs to help students succeed in life and build a better world.

Facing financial and enrollment challenges, St. Jerome Academy in Hyattsville engaged in a school- and parish-wide consultative effort and developed a classical curriculum that has revitalized the school. Mary Pat Donoghue, the principal of St. Jerome Academy, noted, “Our classical curriculum promises a learning adventure that will take our students from Mount Olympus in ancient Greece to King Arthur’s court and St. Benedict’s monastery in the Middle Ages. They will learn about Rome’s conquests and its ultimate fall, the rise of Christianity through the ages, and the thinking of our Founding Fathers as they embarked on the American experience over 200 years ago.”

The program stresses virtue and intellect. “We believe that Jesus Christ is both the foundation and goal of our studies” as students “make connections between eternal truths and our world today,” she said. Speaking of the excitement that characterizes the learning at the revitalized St. Jerome Academy, the principal said, “Each morning when the school bell rings, the learning adventure continues!”

Other dynamic programs:

- The International Baccalaureate Program is offered at three Catholic high schools: Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington, Our Lady of Good Counsel High School in Olney and the Academy of the Holy Cross in Kensington.
- In Southern Maryland, Father Andrew White, S.J. School in Leonardtown, in an educational partnership with the Naval Air Station at Patuxent River, offers students the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) program. In recent years, Father Andrew White students have earned top awards in regional STEM and science fair competitions.
- To help students succeed in an increasingly interconnected world, St. Francis International School in Silver Spring offers a global learning curriculum for its students, who have family roots in more than 50 countries.



Fr. James Stack, pastor of St. Jerome Parish in Hyattsville, Md., poses with students dressed as knights at St. Jerome Academy, which has a classical curriculum.



Students from St. Peter School on Capitol Hill participate in Catholic Charities' Cup of Joe program, packing nutritious meals for the homeless.

True Blue Schools

Academic excellence is a hallmark of the Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington, as demonstrated by its three schools named as National Blue Ribbon Schools by the U.S. Department of Education in the fall of 2013 – St. Peter School on Capitol Hill, St. John the Evangelist School in Silver Spring and Holy Cross School in Garrett Park. In the 30-year history of the program, 27 schools in the archdiocese have received the prestigious honor.

St. Peter School, founded by the Sisters of the Holy Cross in 1868, has been a monument of faith in the nation's capital for 146 years. The school's proximity to the Capitol and other landmarks provides students with an array of field trip opportunities. Many parents work or live on Capitol Hill, and the school is supported by the community and neighborhood businesses. Students in turn are involved in the neighborhood, packing breakfasts for Catholic Charities' Cup of Joe program for the homeless, cleaning a nearby park and bringing baked goods to a neighboring fire station.

St. Peter's students also regularly collect relief supplies for Haiti that are personally delivered to that country by a parishioner who is a pilot. St. Peter's eighth grader Fiona Campbell, who has attended the school since she was in pre-kindergarten, said she has learned "to be a person for others."

The Capitol Hill school is also known for its reading program, and its library has sets of laptops and iPads for classroom use. Spanish is taught to students from pre-kindergarten through the eighth grade, and Latin is mandatory for middle school students. St. Peter's students annually win top honors in the D.C. Science Bowl.

Father William Byrne, the pastor of St. Peter Parish, describes the school as "a light on the Hill."

2004: St. Patrick School in Rockville, Md., opens.

2006: St. Raphael School in Rockville, Md., opens.

2006: Archdiocesan schools adopt archdiocesan-wide academic standards.

2006: The Brookewood School for girls opens. The archdiocese recognizes it as a Catholic school in 2009. Now in Kensington, Md., it serves grades 1-12.

National Blue Ribbon Schools in the Archdiocese of Washington

Archdiocesan Schools

- Holy Cross School, Garrett Park, Md. (2013)
- St. John the Evangelist School, Silver Spring, Md. (2013)
- St. Peter School, Washington, D.C. (2013)
- Blessed Sacrament School, Washington, D.C. (2012)
- Father Andrew White, SJ School, Leonardtown, Md. (2012)
- St. Peter School, Olney, Md. (2012)
- St. Jane de Chantal School, Bethesda, Md. (2011 and 1987)
- St. Bartholomew School, Bethesda, Md. (2011)
- Mary of Nazareth School, Darnestown, Md. (2011)
- St. Mary School, Rockville, Md. (2011)
- St. John the Baptist School, Silver Spring, Md. (2010)
- Holy Redeemer School, Kensington, Md. (2009)
- Our Lady of Mercy School, Potomac, Md. (2009 and 1998)
- School of the Little Flower, Bethesda, Md. (2008)
- Our Lady of Victory School, Washington, D.C. (2007)
- St. Andrew Apostle School, Silver Spring, Md. (2007 and 1989)
- St. Bernadette School, Silver Spring, Md. (2003 and 2000)
- St. Camillus Catholic School, Silver Spring, Md. (1996)
- St. Catherine Labouré School, Wheaton, Md. (1993)
- St. Elizabeth School, Rockville, Md. (1985)

Independent Catholic Schools

- Our Lady of Good Counsel High School, Wheaton, Md. (2001 and 1992)
- Academy of the Holy Cross, Kensington, Md. (1997)
- Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart, Bethesda, Md. (1992 and 1986)
- DeMatha Catholic High School, Hyattsville, Md. (1990 and 1983)
- Connelly School of the Holy Child, Potomac, Md. (1988)
- Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School, Washington, D.C. (1986)
- Elizabeth Seton High School, Bladensburg, Md. (1984)

2006: New Washington Archbishop Donald Wuerl convenes a convocation for 2,000 catechists of the Archdiocese of Washington, telling them that "religious education is a lifelong process."

Notable recent graduates of local Catholic high schools include: **Jose Gutierrez**, a 2010 graduate of St. Anselm's Abbey School in Washington, D.C., and a Gates Millennium Scholar who went on to study aerospace engineering at Stanford University; **Diana Isabel Acosta**, the daughter of Salvadoran immigrants and a 2010 graduate of Elizabeth Seton High School in Bladensburg, Md., who earned a full scholarship to Harvard; **Rachelle Tompkins**, a 2013 graduate of Seton, who earned a perfect 800 math score on her SAT and is majoring in engineering at Cornell University; and **Emily Simmons**, a 2011 graduate of St. Mary's Ryken High School in Leonardtown, Md., and a Horatio Alger scholar who went on to major in molecular biology at the University of North Carolina.

2007: Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School opens in Takoma Park, Md. The coed school, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Washington and the Salesians of Don Bosco, offers an innovative Corporate Work Study Program.

2007: Archbishop Wuerl convenes the Archdiocesan Convocation on Catholic Education. In the following months, thousands of local Catholics participate in a collaborative effort to chart the future course of local Catholic schools.

2008: During his pastoral visit to Washington, D.C., Pope Benedict XVI meets with national Catholic educational leaders at The Catholic University of America.

2008: Archbishop Wuerl issues a pastoral letter, "Catholic Education: Looking to the Future with Confidence."

Some Noted Graduates of Local Catholic Schools



• **Msgr. John Enzler**, the president of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington, is a graduate of Our Lady of Lourdes School in Bethesda and St. John's College High School in Washington. For many years he served as a beloved pastor at local parishes. Now he sees his work as being a pastor for the region's poor.

• **Sr. Mary Bader**, a Daughter of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul and chief executive officer of St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families in Hyattsville – one of the region's oldest and most respected child welfare agencies – is a graduate of Little Flower School in Bethesda and Georgetown Visitation Preparatory School in Washington.



• **Former space shuttle astronaut Benjamin Alvin Drew Jr.** (Colonel, U.S. Air Force, retired), is a graduate of St. Anthony School and Gonzaga College High School in Washington. His first grade teacher at St. Anthony School, Benedictine Sister Ursula Butler, later remembered, "It was a pleasure to teach him, because he was naturally inquisitive, enjoyed learning and had parents who took a great interest in their children and who worked with his teachers. I remember that he had a great interest in things related to space."



• **Soprano Harolyn Blackwell**, who has performed at the Metropolitan Opera, is a graduate of Sacred Heart School in Washington. "I found my voice and my confidence at Sacred Heart," she later said of her hometown parish and school.

• **James Kimsey**, the founding CEO and chairman emeritus of America Online, Inc., is a 1957 graduate of St. John's College High School in Washington. "It is with great pride that I say that I am a graduate of St. John's," said Kimsey, who said St. John's "set me on a path" for success in life. Thanks to his generosity to his alma mater, St. John's in 2003 dedicated the new James V. Kimsey Science and Technology Center at the school.

• **Noted Washington businessman and philanthropist Joseph Robert Jr.**, who died of cancer in 2011, was a 1970 graduate of St. John's College High School and donated \$1 million for a science wing there named in his honor. A champion for educational opportunities for poor children in the Washington area, Robert's legacy lives on in Catholic Charities' Cup of Joe program, also named in his honor, whereby volunteers pack nutritious breakfasts for the homeless.

• **Journalist Diana Sugg**, who won a Pulitzer Prize for beat reporting at the Baltimore Sun in 2003, is a graduate of St. Jude School in Rockville. She later said

'Go for the Gold!'

When 15-year-old Katie Ledecky, the youngest U.S. Olympian at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London, touched the wall to win the gold medal in the 800-meter women's freestyle swimming race, more than 300 students, faculty members and parents were cheering her on as they watched the race at a viewing rally at Stone Ridge School of the Sacred Heart in Bethesda, where she was a rising sophomore. Ledecky later said that the support from Stone Ridge, and from Little Flower Parish and School in Bethesda, played a key role in her success. During the Olympics, emails from the Stone Ridge and Little Flower communities and their promises of prayers for her "reminded me every day of my faith, and I continued to praise and thank God for the opportunity He was providing me," she said. In the weeks leading up to the Olympics, she joined other swimmers in praying and talking about their faith. "It allowed me to keep my faith central in my life, despite my busy schedule."

The next summer, Ledecky was the surprise commencement speaker for the class of 2013 at her alma mater, Little Flower School. "Find one thing you are really good at, and go for the gold!" she told the students. The Olympic gold medalist also encouraged the graduates, "Always make time for your faith."



the foundation for her life and career in journalism was established at St. Jude's School, where she learned "to work hard and be a good person... I was always good in English and writing, and that came from St. Jude's."

- **Former Maryland Lt. Gov. Michael Steele**, a 1977 graduate of Archbishop Carroll High School, is one of many public servants who attended Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington. The example of the Augustinian Fathers at Carroll who dedicated their lives to serving God and serving others "made a powerful impact on me. I wanted to give back," he said.

- **Adrian Dantley, a member of the Basketball Hall of Fame**, is a 1973 graduate of DeMatha Catholic High School in Hyattsville, where he starred for the Stags' basketball team. His coach at DeMatha, Morgan Wooten, who is also in the Hall of Fame, said, "Adrian Dantley was the greatest player to ever wear the blue and white." Dantley went on to be an All American player at Notre Dame and won a gold medal as part of the 1976 U.S. Olympic basketball team. He starred as a forward and guard in the National Basketball Association, spending most of his career playing for the Utah Jazz. He later credited his high school coach for being "a teacher, a mentor and a friend. He taught me the fundamentals of the game, respect for the game and the right way to play the game."

- **Oguchi Onyewu**, a 1996 graduate of St. Andrew Apostle School in Silver Spring, helped St. Andrew's win the 1995 CYO varsity soccer championship. In 2010, he was a defender on the United States' soccer team that competed in the World Cup in South Africa. Onyewu, who attended St. Andrew's from preschool through the eighth grade, said his education there "helped a lot in terms of discipline, going to Catholic school, being instilled on a daily basis with religious values and with life values."

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2009: The Archdiocese of Washington announces it will double tuition assistance to families for the 2009-10 school year to nearly \$4 million.

2009: Archbishop Wuerl signs the Archdiocese of Washington's new Policies for Catholic Schools. The policies, resulting from an extensive consultative process, deal with strengthening and sustaining Catholic schools for the future.

2010: St. Francis International School opens its doors in Silver Spring, Md., providing an innovative global learning curriculum to its nearly 450 students, who have roots in more than 50 countries.

2010: The Washington School for Girls – founded in 1997 by the Society of the Holy Child Jesus, the Religious of Jesus and Mary and the National Council of Negro Women – is officially recognized as a Catholic school.



- During the 2012 school year, The Catholic University of America challenged its students to contribute 125,000 hours of community service to mark its 125th anniversary. By year's end, CUA's students had volunteered more than 350,000 hours.

- Catholic students can find a church home at the campus ministry programs at the University of Maryland at College Park; George Washington University, Howard University and American University in Washington; St. Mary's College in St. Mary's City; and at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., the national liberal arts university for the deaf.

2011: In the year Pope John Paul II is beatified, Cardinal Wuerl dedicates the new Blessed John Paul II Seminary for the Archdiocese of Washington, a new home for 20 seminarians studying at the nearby Catholic University of America.

2011: The Archdiocese of Washington launches a new religious education curriculum guide, a standards-based program for grades kindergarten to eighth grade.

2012: As part of the 125th anniversary of The Catholic University of America, CUA students log more than 350,000 hours of service.

2012: The Archdiocese of Washington launches the Living Catholic parish-based online program to help adult Catholics deepen their faith and share it with others.

Seminaries and Universities

In 2011, the Archdiocese of Washington opened its new Blessed John Paul II Seminary in Washington, with an inaugural class of 20 seminarians studying to be the next generation of priests who will serve the people of this area. Three years later in 2014, the seminary was filled to capacity with 24 archdiocesan seminarians and five from other dioceses. About 10 weeks before that April's canonization of St. John Paul II, Cardinal Wuerl blessed the seminary's new wing, D'Aniello Hall, which includes 20 additional student rooms, an expansive library and reading room, an enlarged classroom space, a new common room and an exercise room.

The cardinal said that in a special way, the future priests trained there would represent a living legacy to Pope John Paul II, who through his life and ministry carried the faith to the ends of the earth, and who "called on us to open wide the doors of our hearts to Christ." Sharing the Good News of Jesus is central to the calling of future priests, Cardinal Wuerl said. And in an interview, Msgr. Robert Panke, the seminary's rector, expressed joy about the canonization of St. John Paul II and the resulting new title for their seminary home, St. John Paul II Seminary. "He's our patron and our model, and we're excited to change the name in front!"

- The Archdiocese of Washington, which has 81 seminarians, also sponsors the Redemptoris Mater Seminary in Hyattsville, Md.
- Also in the Archdiocese of Washington, The Catholic University of America, the national university of the Catholic Church founded in 1887, has 12 schools offering degree programs and 21 research facilities.
- Georgetown University was founded in Washington by the Jesuits as the nation's first Catholic college in 1789. Today, it is a leading U.S. university. Georgetown's students volunteer as math and reading tutors for children in poor neighborhoods in the District of Columbia, and the university's graduates are among the most represented groups serving in the Peace Corps, the Jesuit Volunteer Corps and Teach for America.
- Founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur in 1897 as one of the nation's first liberal arts colleges for women, Trinity Washington University continues that legacy through its historic women's college, the Trinity College of Arts and Sciences. More than 2,500 students are enrolled at the university, which enrolls more D.C. residents than any private university in the city.



Cardinal Wuerl blesses the new wing, D'Aniello Hall, at Blessed John Paul II Seminary in February 2014. Ten weeks later, the seminary was renamed St. John Paul II Seminary in honor of its newly canonized patron saint.



Cardinal Wuerl visits first graders at St. Augustine School in Washington.

Affordability and Accessibility

- Through an offertory assessment program, Catholics at all 139 parishes in the Archdiocese of Washington support Catholic schools and invest in the future of Catholic students.
- For the 2014-15 school year, the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program will reach new heights, as \$5.7 million in tuition assistance will be awarded to 4,000 students, making the dream of a Catholic education possible for families throughout the area. That amounts to a more than six-fold increase in tuition assistance since 2007-08.
- Regional Catholic schools like St. Joseph Regional School in Beltsville offer a successful model of how neighboring parishes can work together to support and sustain Catholic education for the future. In addition to parishes that sponsor their own schools, 117 out of 139 parishes have entered into regional school agreements.
- Following a bipartisan effort among community leaders, D.C. government leaders and members of Congress, the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program has given thousands of children the chance for a better education and a brighter future. About one-half of the scholarship recipients attend Catholic schools in the city.
- Recent D.C. Opportunity Scholarship success stories include Bertha Castaneda, a 2012 graduate of Archbishop Carroll High School in Washington who was named by the White House as a Champion of Change and received a Horatio Alger scholarship. Tsion Abera, an OSP student at St. Anthony School and then at Archbishop Carroll, where she was valedictorian for the class of 2013, is now attending Dartmouth College. Inspired by her service activities at Carroll, she hopes to be a doctor and serve the poor.
- Cardinal Wuerl has encouraged members of the community to support efforts like the Maryland Education Credit, a business tax credit being considered by the Maryland General Assembly, and the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, which expand educational opportunities for families. The cardinal has noted, "By working together – parents, parishes, archdiocese and government – we can help ensure schools are affordable and accessible to as many students as possible."

2014: After years of each school being accredited by Middle States, Archdiocesan Catholic schools are accredited by AdvancEd under a comprehensive and continuous improvement accreditation model.

2014: Cardinal Wuerl blesses a new wing for Blessed John Paul II Seminary in Washington, D.C. After John Paul II's April 27 canonization, it is renamed as the St. John Paul II Seminary.

2014: The Archdiocese of Washington announces that it will award \$5.7 million in tuition assistance to 4,000 students for the 2014-15 school year.

Stepping forward to support Catholic schools

• Catholic business groups have stepped forward to support educational opportunities for Catholic school students. In the past decade, the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County has awarded more than \$700,000 in scholarships to students and in grants to Montgomery County Catholic schools. Since its founding in 1997, the Catholic Business Network of Prince George's County has provided more than \$290,000 in scholarships to students and grants to Catholic schools in that county. The Catholic Business Association of Charles County and the new D.C. Catholic Business Network also support Catholic educational efforts in their regions.

• Working with the Catholic business groups in Prince George's County and Charles County, retired businessman Vincent "Cap" Mona donated the funds to start family scholarships to enable students in both counties to attend Catholic high school. In 2013, the first scholarships were awarded - 20 to students in Prince George's County and 12 to students in Charles County.

Office of Youth Ministry/ Catholic Youth Organization

Founded in 1947, the Catholic Youth Organization of Washington DC, and the Metropolitan Area, Inc. (OYM/CYO) seeks to enable youth of all races and cultures to come to know and love Jesus Christ, to embrace their Catholic faith, and to develop their talents in the service of family, parish and community. OYM/CYO does so by assisting parishes and leaders in the Archdiocese of Washington in developing effective ministry, education, leadership, athletics, Scouting and recreation programs for youth.

OYM/CYO currently serves:

- More than 25,000 children, adolescents and young adults annually in five Maryland counties and the District of Columbia
- More than 1,000 sports teams (soccer, basketball, cross country, track, rugby, softball and baseball), supported by over 2,400 adult volunteers, coaching more than 11,000 young people
- More than 64 chartered troops, 5,000 young people and 2,000 volunteers participating in Scouting and Campfire Programs



Almost 500 CYO basketball teams compete in the Archdiocese of Washington each spring.

How to Support Catholic Schools

- Find your local Catholic school on the Archdiocese of Washington's website at adw.org and contact them to see how you can help.
- For the 2014-15 school year, the Archdiocese of Washington awarded \$5.7 million in tuition assistance for families, more than a six-fold increase since the 2007-08 school year. Donations to the Tuition Assistance Fund of the Archdiocese of Washington may be mailed to the Archdiocese of Washington, P.O. Box 29260, Washington, DC 20017-0260. For more information, please call (301) 853-5344.
- For information on partnering with the Corporate Work Study Program at Don Bosco Cristo Rey High School, call (301) 891-4750 ext. 140 or visit dbcr.org.
- For information on Archbishop Carroll High School, visit archbishopcarroll.org.
- For information on the Consortium of Catholic Academies, visit catholicacademies.org.
- To learn more about the D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program, visit dcscholarships.org.
- To learn more about the proposed Maryland Education Credit, visit educationmaryland.org, or the website of the Maryland Catholic Conference at mdcathcon.org.
- For information on the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County, visit cbnmc.com. For information on the Catholic Business Network of Prince George's County, visit cbnpg.org. For information on the Catholic Business Association of Charles County, go to www.cbaofcharlescounty.com. For information on the Catholic Business Network of the District of Columbia, visit cbndc.org.



Students pray the rosary together at St. Columba School in Oxon Hill, Md.



Students at St. Francis International School in Silver Spring, Md., pray the "Our Father" together during a Catholic Schools Week Mass.

A Mission We Share

The special mission, and lasting impact, of Catholic educational institutions from elementary schools through colleges was highlighted when Pope Benedict XVI addressed Catholic educational leaders during his 2008 visit to Washington and said, "First and foremost, every Catholic educational institution is a place to encounter the living God, who in Jesus Christ reveals his transforming love and truth."

Cardinal Wuerl has noted that encounter with Jesus Christ unfolds in the Archdiocese of Washington in the classrooms of Catholic elementary and high schools, in parish religious education programs and adult faith formation programs, in sacramental preparation and in youth programs and campus ministry.

In the conclusion to his 2008 pastoral letter, *Catholic Education: Looking to the Future with Confidence*, Cardinal Wuerl noted, "Looking to the future of Catholic education, we should do so with hope, confidence and enthusiasm, knowing that we bring something to those we teach that no one else can. We share the story of Jesus."

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Students at Archbishop Neale School in La Plata, Md., recite the Pledge of Allegiance at the start of their school day.



Catholic social service programs have brought **Christ's hope to those in need** in our communities for more than a century

Long before the Archdiocese of Washington was territorially formed in 1939, many clergy, religious and lay people in Washington were devoting their lives to serving those in need. This rich legacy of compassionate outreach is continued in the many social service ministries and programs the archdiocese operates today, bringing Christ's love, humility and service to hundreds of thousands in need on our doorsteps.

In 1860, as the country marched towards civil war, three Daughters of Charity – a religious order of women dedicated to helping the poor – came from Emmitsburg to the nation's capital to establish the city's first foundling home. Chartered as St. Ann's Infant Asylum by an Act of Congress signed by President Lincoln in 1863, St. Ann's has dedicated itself to providing residential care and services to abused and neglected children and to single pregnant and parenting teens in crisis, as well as a quality, affordable day care for children of working families in the community for 154 years. Generations of young mothers and children have found a caring home, stability and hope for their futures through St. Ann's, which over the years became identified with the phrase, "When there was nowhere else to turn, St. Ann's was there." The foundlings and unprotected mothers helped in 1860 are seen in the children and young women cared for by St. Ann's today.

In October 1928, President Herbert Hoover declared that Americans lived in a land where poverty had been eradicated and where prosperity endured. Shortly after, the nation realized what a premature declaration that was, as the country fell in to the Great Depression. During the 1930s, unemployment soared as 9,000 banks and hundreds of factories shut down and farms were foreclosed. Formed nearly a decade earlier, it was during this time that Catholic Charities of Washington became an essential provider of social welfare to those facing poverty, unemployment and lack of hope.

For years, Catholic Charities filled the gap in social services until federal assistance programs were created by the Roosevelt administration. Gradually, Catholic Charities shifted its focus to meet the needs of those not eligible for government assistance. As the number of those living in poverty has grown over the decades, and as the needs of the community have expanded, the programs and ministries of Catholic Charities have continually changed to meet those needs, adapting to each decade's challenges. Today, Catholic Charities serves more than 116,000 people a year from all faiths and backgrounds – meeting a staggering need with compassion and love.

“Our faith in Christ, who became poor, and was always close to the poor and the outcast, is the basis of our concern for the integral development of society’s most neglected members.” – Pope Francis



Sisters of the Daughters of Charity and children living at St. Ann's in 1870, 10 years after it opened.

During the late 1970s, condominium conversion in the District of Columbia was forcing residents out of their apartments. When a parishioner of Our Lady of Victory had a heart attack and died in the midst of having to leave her apartment, pastor Msgr. Ralph Kuehner became concerned about the elderly having a safe and affordable place to live. “They support us all their lives,” he said. “My belief is that we should be doing more for them.”

With two other parishes, he formed “Catholics Concerned for the Elderly,” which was later named Victory Housing in honor of Our Lady of Victory. In 1979, Victory Housing was officially incorporated. Its first success, Mary’s House, opened in 1985 in the unoccupied, remodeled convent at St. Mary’s Parish in Rockville. While Victory Housing’s original goal of rehabilitating buildings did not get off the ground in the early years, it became a significant part of Victory Housing’s work as it has grown to include 30 affordable housing communities over the past 35 years.

Over the decades, the Archdiocese of Washington’s ever-present concern for society’s most neglected members has created a vast social service network – one that respects the sacredness and dignity of each human person, walks with them and strives to provide a lasting solution to their needs. At a cost of more than \$122 million last year, the archdiocese’s charitable and social concern agencies care for the poor, shelter the homeless and protect those who are vulnerable or oppressed with a ministry of caring, charity, justice and mercy.

Key dates

- 1859:** The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is established in Washington at St. Matthew’s Parish
- 1860:** St. Ann’s Infant Asylum is established
- 1922:** Catholic Charities of Washington is formed
- 1967:** The Spanish Catholic Center is founded
- 1979:** Victory Housing is founded



Catholic Charities' Family Re-Housing and Stabilization Program helped Natisha and her children move into their own apartment after being homeless.

"I had no time to fall apart. I wanted a lasting solution."

– Natisha

The gift of a stable life for a mother and her children

Natisha, a single mom, never wanted to bring her kids into a homeless shelter, but when she hit financial trouble, she had no choice. "We were at our lowest," she said. "But I had no time to fall apart. I wanted a lasting solution." Natisha began a course to earn her certification in medical administrative assistance. Living in a shelter kept the family together, but Natisha's autistic son struggled. After seven months, Natisha was accepted into Catholic Charities' Family Re-Housing Stabilization Program (FRSP), which brings homeless families into subsidized housing and connects them to case management services.

Settled into a stable apartment and with the guidance of her caseworker, Natisha completed her training. She earned a job at the front desk of a retirement home in Silver Spring and was soon promoted to Director of Activities. "Stable housing is so important in assisting families in crisis," said her Catholic Charities' caseworker, Samantha Taylor. "We give our residents the time and resources they need to pursue long-term goals to self-sufficiency." Natisha now pays market rent for her apartment. Her hours are long, but she cherishes the precious evening rituals with her kids. "Dinner, bath time, tucking them in—it's a blessing I can be with them for this time. They motivate me to succeed."

1922: Catholic Charities of Washington is formed as a collaboration between the St. Vincent de Paul Society and a group of Catholic laymen led by Msgr. John O'Grady, a professor of sociology at The Catholic University of America.

1929: Catholic Charities of Washington is formally incorporated.

1948: Five Maryland counties join the Archdiocese of Washington, greatly expanding the service area for Catholic Charities.

1972: A new branch office for Southern Maryland opens in La Plata, Md., expanding the limited private social services in the southern part of the archdiocese.

1983: Catholic Charities opens the Southern Maryland Food Bank.

Catholic Charities

Guided by Catholic social and moral teaching and motivated by the Gospel message of Christ, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington has extended a helping hand to the poor and vulnerable in our communities for more than 90 years.

Formed in 1922 and officially incorporated in 1929, Catholic Charities served 1,144 individuals in its first year at a cost of \$18,588, with a bank balance of \$2,352. Today, it has grown into the largest private social service provider in the Washington area - serving more than 116,000 people in need a year through more than 65 programs in 48 locations, with a staff of nearly 800 and thousands of volunteers, at a cost of more than \$77.5 million.

Parishioners from St. Raphael Parish in Rockville, Md., collect food for the "Share in Hope Food Drive" during Lent 2014. The food drive, which was started in 2008 as a welcoming honor for Pope Benedict XVI, is a partnership between Catholic Charities and the parishes and schools in the archdiocese.



Through such programs as Parish Partners, Parish Service Projects and its Parish and Schools Outreach program, Catholic Charities empowers archdiocesan parish and school communities to establish or enhance service ministries that address specific local needs. More than 40 parish service projects facilitate assistance ranging from food distribution to immigration workshops.

Together, Catholic Charities' family centers and its Parish Partners program help 25,000 people a year with emergency financial assistance, budget training, clothing and food, as well as referrals for community services to help them through times of crisis.

Did you know? Catholic Charities....

Provides more than **1,800 beds** each night for men, women and children.

Helps more than **750 adults and children** with developmental disabilities.

Distributes more than **113,000 affordable food packages** to thousands of families. Its Southern Maryland Food Bank supplies more than **1 million pounds of food** to local food pantries in Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties in Maryland.

Provides job training, education, employment referrals and on-the-job coaching to more than **3,800 people**.

Serves more than **5,800 people** with free civil or immigration legal advice and representation.

1988: Catholic Charities establishes the Substance Abuse Recovery Network to aid the growing number of people suffering from drug addiction.

1989: The Archdiocesan Legal Network is established to provide impoverished communities access to free legal services from volunteer attorneys and law firms.

1990: The SHARE Food Network is formed, becoming a major source of affordable food in the region.

1992: Immigration Legal Services is formed with a single attorney to provide legal services to foreign-born individuals and their families.

2001: Catholic Charities' headquarters moves to the Cardinal Hickey Center on G St. NW in downtown Washington.

Residents at Mt. Carmel House, a Catholic Charities transitional housing program for homeless women, have their own rooms and support each other in their recovery.



Hope for the homeless

When Cardinal James Hickey became archbishop of Washington in 1980, homelessness in Washington was on the rise and becoming more visible on the city's streets. Following a visit to St. Matthew's Cathedral, Cardinal Hickey said, "I saw all of the bodies just lying out there in the alleys behind. They were men who had no place to go. I said 'What's going to happen to them?'" In the years that followed, Catholic Charities opened many shelters to serve homeless men and women on the streets of Washington and the surrounding Maryland suburbs.

By 1993, Catholic Charities sheltered more than 940 people during the winter. Today, 1,800 beds are available every night to men, women and children with nowhere else to go. On the coldest nights of the year, 252 extra beds are provided as lifesaving shelter, and on days when the weather is dangerously cold during the day, many shelters are able to stay open for 24 hours straight, instead of in 12-hour shifts.

While each shelter is filled with beds, Catholic Charities is much more than an emergency relief agency. Its goal is to move people from crisis and isolation to a place of stability and growth – a place where they can find permanent solutions to the cycles of poverty and homelessness.

Those who come to a shelter don't just receive a bed with clean sheets, a hot shower and a hot meal. On a recent night at the New York Avenue Men's Shelter, one man waited patiently to see the doctor at the Unity Health Care Clinic, another was directed to the donated clothing room for a suit he could wear to church on Sunday and another was looking for help keeping up with vital medicine.

Case managers at the shelters are there to help residents get back on their feet, perhaps by enrolling them in more stable, long-term housing programs or helping them reconnect with family. Last year, more than 750 men, women and children were helped through long-term housing programs as they worked to find better employment, feed their children and set goals.

"It's very important to ask their name. They're not just numbers coming through the line. Every one has a story, every one has a history."

- Cardinal Wuerl

2002: Catholic Charities opens St. Sebastian Town Homes in Waldorf, Md. - supportive housing for homeless families in Southern Maryland.

2004: Catholic Charities merges with Anchor Mental Health, the Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute and the Spanish Catholic Center.

2005: The Catholic Charities Foundation launches as the fundraising arm for Catholic Charities.

2008: The Hunger to Hope Food Drive begins, inspired by Pope Benedict XVI's visit to Washington, D.C.

2010: Catholic Charities opens St. Martin's Apartments to bring more quality housing at affordable rates for working families in Washington, D.C.

"For I was hungry and you gave me food..."

Hundreds of thousands of people in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area are "food insecure," meaning they do not know where their next meal is coming from. Catholic Charities recognizes that food on the table is an essential building block to stability in the home, feeding the community a staggering 5.5 million meals in 2013.



5.5 million

The number of meals

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington provided in 2013.

A volunteer puts whipped cream on a guest's slice of pumpkin pie at Catholic Charities' 2013 Thanksgiving dinner. About 100 volunteers served meals and visited with 200 people in need who attended the dinner.

For 30 years, the Southern Maryland Food Bank has provided much needed food for families in Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties. Last year, for the first time in its history, the food bank distributed more than **1 million pounds of food**.

The SHARE Food Network sold and distributed more than **113,000 healthy food packages** across the region last year, giving low-income families access to fresh, healthy and affordable groceries.

Every Wednesday, the Dinner Van Program serves a **hot dinner to 200 people** on the sidewalk outside Catholic Charities' headquarters in downtown Washington.

Catholic Charities partnered with local businesses to serve **Thanksgiving dinner to 200 homeless and poor people**. About 100 volunteers served the meals and sat at the tables visiting with those who had come for dinner.

Hundreds of volunteers have packed more than **100,000 healthy breakfast bags** for those staying in Catholic Charities' homeless shelters since the Cup of Joe program launched in 2013.

2011: Msgr. John Enzler takes the helm as President of Catholic Charities. In 2012, he is named Washingtonian of the Year by Washingtonian Magazine.

2012: Catholic Charities creates its Outreach Division to better involve parishes, schools and the community in the work of Catholic Charities.

2012: Catholic Charities' first annual "Joseph's Coats of Many Colors" drive collects and distributes more than 7,000 coats to local children and adults.

2013: Catholic Charities creates Cup of Joe – a program to provide a bagged breakfast for residents in emergency homeless shelters.

2014: Jim Bishop, Director of the Catholic Charities Legal Network, receives the Jerrold Scoutt Prize from the DC Bar Foundation.



Sr. Mary Bader, CEO of St. Ann's, accompanies Cardinal Wuerl as he blesses Hope House in December 2013.

St. Ann's was chartered "for the purpose of establishing and maintaining in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, an institution for the maintenance and support of foundlings and infant orphan and half orphan children, and also to provide for deserving, indigent and unprotected females during their confinement and childbirth."

- From the Act of Congress to incorporate St. Ann's Infant Asylum, signed by President Lincoln

St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families

Founded in Washington in 1860 by the Daughters of Charity and located in Hyattsville since 1962, St. Ann's has been dedicated in its mission of caring for vulnerable children and at-risk young mothers. Over its 154-year history, St. Ann's has served as an orphanage, an adoption agency, an emergency shelter for abused children, a residence for teenage mothers, a housing program and an affordable day care center for working families and the children in residence at St. Ann's.

In 2013, St. Ann's served 24 mothers and their children in the Teen-Mother Residential program. An employment counselor was hired to help the teen residents with employment counseling, financial literacy, life skills and parenting classes. Residents without a high school diploma enrolled in St. Ann's High School and their children enrolled in St. Ann's Child Development Center. The center provided safe and affordable day care for almost 70 children from the community and St. Ann's residents last year.

Twelve mothers and their children were served by Faith House, a transitional housing program for single mothers aged 18-25 to help them become self-supporting, effective parents and responsible citizens. Residents successfully completed job training programs in information technology, building maintenance and nursing.

The daily inquiries St. Ann's receives from mothers desperate for a place to call home have made the need for housing for homeless mothers and their children more and more urgent. Last year, space inside three wings of the main building was renovated into Hope House, which opened its doors in the fall of 2013 with space for 12 mothers and their children. In addition to the bedrooms, each wing includes a dining room, family room, playroom, bathrooms, laundry area and a playground. The living spaces were renovated pro bono by a St. Ann's benefactor. Hope House residents receive the guidance, resources and support they need to build economic self-sufficiency and stability. With this support, St. Ann's hopes to break the cycle of poverty and dependence these struggling families have experienced.

1860: St. Ann's Infant Asylum is established by the Daughters of Charity.

1863: President Lincoln signs an Act of Congress to incorporate St. Ann's Infant Asylum.

1949: St. Ann's establishes an affordable day care center for the community and residents of St. Ann's.

1962: St. Ann's moves to Hyattsville, Md., and changes its name to St. Ann's Infant and Maternity Home.

1996: St. Ann's opens Faith House – transitional, supportive housing for homeless, single young mothers.

Cintia (right) and her son Derek, 6, with Sr. Mary Bader at St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families.

"I have to keep going because they have invested so much in me. I can't let them down."

- Cintia



"St. Ann's saved my life"

When Cintia arrived with her infant son at St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families at 1 a.m. on July 4, 2008, she shook as a wave of relief washed over her. "Sister Mary Bader held me and said 'It's okay. You're safe now, and you're going to be all right.'" That middle-of-the-night arrival marked the end of the most traumatic period in Cintia's young life, and the beginning of the most amazing experience of her life.

At 16, Cintia left her small village outside Oaxaca, Mexico, to follow a family friend who promised her the American dream in Maryland, where he had lived since he was a child. Far from the promises he made, the experience turned into a nightmare. Smuggled across the Texas border with the man she thought was her friend, she swam the Rio Grande at 3 a.m. and walked for three days through the Texas brush. Barely surviving the journey, Cintia was taken to the man's sister's home in Maryland, where she became a prisoner in the house, not allowed to leave and enduring physical, sexual and emotional abuse. Within a month she became pregnant. A teenager far from home, with no papers, no money and no one to turn to, she thought her life was over. "I was so depressed that I was suicidal at that point," she said.

She gave birth to her son, Derek, in February 2008, but the abuse continued. On July 4th she called 911. "I was crying, 'Please, take me wherever you want, but I can't stay here. He will kill me.'" In the middle of the night, Cintia and her son were brought to St. Ann's and joined the Teen Mother-Baby Program, a residential program that provides a supportive environment for pregnant teens and young mothers while they continue their education or job training.

"St. Ann's saved my life, truly," she said. She learned English and graduated from St. Ann's High School. Now, six years after arriving at St. Ann's, Cintia has her own two-bedroom apartment in Kensington, her son is thriving in kindergarten, she works part-time as an administrative assistant and is a student at Montgomery County Community College, majoring in engineering. Her goal is to transfer to a four-year university and earn her bachelor's degree in industrial engineering.

"St. Ann's has become my family. They are so proud of me. I have to keep going because they have invested so much in me. I can't let them down," she said. "They are why I am where I am now, and it's a good place." She and Derek return to St. Ann's at least once a month to visit. "I know that here I always have a place to come when I need someone to talk to. One of my goals is to come back here and mentor some of the girls, to give back a little for all they have done for me and Derek."

2005: Sr. Josephine Murphy retires as the administrator of St. Ann's after 18 years. Sr. Mary Bader is appointed the new administrator.

2010: St. Ann's celebrates 150 years of serving mothers and children in need.

2011: St. Ann's changes its name to St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families to better reflect the expanding population it serves.

2013: St. Ann's opens Hope House – transitional housing for homeless mothers and their children.



Victory Court in Rockville, Md., is the 29th affordable housing community built by Victory Housing.

Victory Housing

"They support us all their lives. My belief is that we should be doing more for them."

- Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner, founder of Victory Housing



A staff member visits with a resident of Byron House, located on the campus of Our Lady of Mercy Parish in Potomac, Md.

After arriving in the United States from Peru, Luz Cabrera found her church home at St. Camillus Parish in Silver Spring. When the retired school teacher needed to find a new home, she wanted to stay close to where she lived and close to the parish. Her dream came true when she moved into the brand new Victory Oaks at St. Camillus in October 2012. The 49-unit apartment building for very low-income seniors is located beside St. Camillus Church and St. Francis International School.

Victory Housing, Inc., the affordable housing development arm of the archdiocese which built Victory Oaks, provides affordable housing and related social services in 30 communities with 2,175 units serving low- and moderate-income senior citizens and families in Washington and Montgomery, Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's counties in Maryland.

Victory Housing was originally organized by the parishioners from three District of Columbia parishes, led by Msgr. Ralph J. Kuehner. Officially incorporated on July 11, 1979, Victory Housing became an archdiocesan corporation a decade later in 1989.

Initially, the organization focused on providing affordable assisted living, opening Mary's House in Rockville in 1985, which went on to win the 46th Point of Light Award from President George H.W. Bush in 1990. In 1996, Victory Housing opened Manor Apartments, its first rental apartment community for very low-income seniors in Hyattsville. Though the focus throughout their history has been senior housing, Victory Housing has also acquired and renovated three small apartment communities for low- and moderate-income families. Every Victory Housing community has received local, regional or national accolades.

In November 2013, Victory Housing opened its 29th affordable housing community - Victory Court in Rockville. The 86 units provide a mix of affordable and market rate one- and two-bedroom apartments to persons 62 and older. Of the total number of apartments, 45 are reserved for households at or below 50 percent of the area median income; 20 are for households below 80 percent of the area median income and the remainder are leased at market rates.

1979: Msgr. Ralph Kuehner, pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish in Washington, D.C., officially incorporates Victory Housing.

1989: Victory Housing becomes a corporation of the Archdiocese of Washington.

1992: Victory Housing opens Raphael House, its first new construction assisted living residence.

1996: Victory Housing opens Manor Apartments in Hyattsville, Md., its first rental apartment community for very low-income seniors.

2013: Victory Housing opens its 29th affordable housing community - Victory Court in Rockville, Md.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

"No work of charity is foreign to the Society"

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, a Catholic lay organization inspired by Gospel values, leads women and men to join together to grow spiritually by offering person-to-person service to those living in poverty in the tradition of its founder, Blessed Frederic Ozanam, and patron, St. Vincent de Paul.

Members, who are known as Vincentians, come from every ethnic and cultural background, age group and economic level. Vincentians are united in an international society of charity by their spirit of poverty, humility and sharing, which is nourished by prayer and reflection, mutually supportive gatherings and adherence to a basic Rule.

The Archdiocese of Washington has 15 active St. Vincent de Paul Society conferences (or chapters) with several parishes in the process of beginning a new conference. In 2013, these 15 conferences helped more than 16,000 people with food, rent, utilities, burial expenses and many other needs at a cost of \$260,000. These funds come primarily from donations from parishes. The Society's motto is: "No work of charity is foreign to the Society."

Christ Child Society

"To work is to pray"

The Christ Child Society, founded in Washington by Mary Virginia Merrick in 1887, continues her legacy of faith, love and service to thousands of children in need throughout the Washington area and across the United States.

In 1884, after hearing about an expectant mother who didn't have clothes for her baby, Merrick, a devout Catholic who had been paralyzed as a teen, encouraged family members and friends to join her in sewing a layette – providing a blanket and clothes for the newborn child.

Today, there are 40 chapters of the Christ Child Society across the country. The Washington, DC chapter has more than 200 knitters who produce 3,500 layettes a year. The chapter also supports Catholic schools and students in need with free tutoring, books and equipment, school uniforms and coats. Following a cooperative effort between parishioners of St. Thomas More Parish in Southeast Washington and city leaders, and with major funding from the Washington chapter of the Christ Child Society, the Mary Virginia Merrick Center opened in 2008 - a state-of-the-art recreational center, managed by Victory Youth Centers of the Archdiocese of Washington.

In April 2011, Cardinal Donald Wuerl signed a decree announcing that he was initiating the Cause of Beatification and Canonization of the Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick. The diocesan phase of the cause is underway for the woman who might one day become the first declared saint from Washington.

In 2013, 15 St. Vincent de Paul conferences in the archdiocese helped more than 16,000 people with food, rent, utilities, burial expenses and many other needs at a cost of \$260,000.



Mary Virginia Merrick, shown with children served by the Christ Child Society, was motivated by her devotion to the Christ Child to serve children in need.

Support in Southern Maryland

When Bonnie Elward saw the need for more support for those with special needs living in Southern Maryland, she approached Fr. John Dakes, pastor of St. Aloysius Parish in Leonardtown, Md.

With the help of the archdiocese's Department of Special Needs Ministries, Catholic Charities and a committee of 23 members, the parish formed a ministry to persons with special needs. It was so successful that Bonnie, the archdiocese, Catholic Charities and Potomac Community Resources, Inc. started Southern Maryland Community Resources, Inc. in 2013 to provide social, recreational and educational programs for those with special needs in Southern Maryland.



During the Jan. 22, 2014, Youth Rally and Mass for Life at the Verizon Center in Washington, D.C., Cardinal Donald Wuerl, the principal celebrant of the Mass, receives the offertory gifts from Deirdre O'Hara from upstate New York and Patrick Boyle, a member of St. Aloysius in Leonardtown. Both young adults have Down syndrome.

Special Needs Ministries

The Archdiocese of Washington's Department of Special Needs Ministries was formed in 2009 to serve Catholics with special needs and their families, by supporting their spiritual development, and where possible, providing assistance with education, employment, recreation and housing. Prior to that, the Office of Persons with Disabilities had been in existence for 35 years, formed by Cardinal James Hickey and its first director, Dolores Wilson.

The department works with clergy, families and other partners to encourage people with special needs to participate fully in their parishes and communities.

Masses are held in American Sign Language at the Center for Deaf Ministries in Landover Hills and Gallaudet University, which has been served by the Archdiocese of Washington for more than 50 years. Department programs are offered in multiple languages including American Sign Language, Spanish and French. Supports are also available in Braille as well as other formats for those with communication differences.

The Center for Deaf Ministries houses St. Francis of Assisi Deaf Catholic Church. There are also many parishes that offer interpreted services for the deaf, but St. Francis serves as a "home" to all Catholics who are deaf in the archdiocese.



Attendees at Southern Maryland Community Resources' first event - "A Winter Gathering" - dance with students from nearby St. Mary's Ryken High School at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church in Solomons, Md., in January 2014.

1959: The Lt. Joseph P. Kennedy Institute is founded by the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur as a special education school for 60 students.

1972: The archdiocese opens the Catholic Center for the Deaf in Silver Spring, Md.

1973: The Center for the Deaf hires a Director of Religious Education to meet the religious education needs of hearing-impaired children.

1975: The Center for Deaf Ministries moves to the Deaf Center at St. Mary's Parish in Landover Hills, Md.

1981: Cardinal Hickey forms the Office of Persons with Disabilities.

Affirming Life Initiative

A diagnosis must not be the equivalent
of a death sentence.

– *Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2274*

Nancy Mayer-Whittington had already gone through two miscarriages when she was enjoying what she thought was an uneventful pregnancy. Then a routine prescreening test showed that her baby was at risk for a genetic condition called Trisomy 18. Her doctor told her that Trisomy 18 was “incompatible with life” and her baby would likely die in utero or shortly after birth. As he detailed the grim statistics associated with the diagnosis, Nancy just wanted someone else to “give me a different perspective on this child I was carrying,” she recalled. “I wanted someone to talk to me about who she was as a person and recognize that she was my baby.”

Nancy reached out to her parish priest, Fr. Lee Fangmeyer, who counseled that even though Nancy’s daughter, Angela, wasn’t going to have the life Nancy and her husband had envisioned for her, she was going to go to heaven and that “we would be able to pass her from our hands to God’s hands,” Nancy recalled.

A priest can help a family in that situation “go from a completely devastating experience to a life-affirming, life-enriching experience that over time grows to be the most valuable information they ever received,” Nancy said.

The Department of Special Needs Ministries formed the Affirming Life Initiative in 2010 in collaboration with the archdiocese’s Department of Life Issues to provide support to clergy and pastoral workers assisting parents who receive an unexpected prenatal diagnosis. The program connects parents with local life-affirming ministries, one of which is Isaiah’s Promise, which Nancy formed with another mother, Cubby LaHood, who carried to delivery a baby diagnosed with a lethal condition. Isaiah’s Promise provides support, information, friendship and hope to parents who have received a severe or fatal prenatal diagnosis.

The Catholic Church upholds the value of all human life in every stage and condition. However, upon receiving an unexpected prenatal diagnosis, about 90 percent of women decide to terminate their pregnancies. The goal of the Affirming Life Initiative is to reverse that trend by providing information, resources, pastoral support and advocacy.

“I wanted someone to talk to me about who she was as a person and recognize that she was my baby.”

–Nancy Mayer-Whittington



Nancy Mayer-Whittington talks with Fr. Lee Fangmeyer, who counseled her after she received an unexpected prenatal diagnosis.

2008: The first annual “All are Welcome Conference on Faith, Deafness and Disabilities” is held by the Office of Persons with Disabilities.

2009: Cardinal Wuerl forms the Department of Special Needs Ministries to unite all the ministries and programs for the deaf, blind, persons with disabilities and those with mental illness.

2009: The first annual White Mass for persons with special needs is celebrated.

2010: The Affirming Life Initiative is created to support parents who receive an unexpected prenatal diagnosis.



From left to right, volunteers Carrie Traverso, Laura Poncelet and Gwen Fraker sort donated baby clothes at the Capitol Hill Pregnancy Center during the DCCatholic Day of Service on Feb. 1, 2014. About 250 Catholic young adults from throughout the Washington area participated in the service day.

How to support Catholic Social Services

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

To donate

Online: catholiccharitiesdc.org/helpnow

By phone: (202) 772-4394

By mail:

Catholic Charities
924 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

To donate goods: (202) 772-4306

To volunteer

If you or your organization is interested in serving the Washington, D.C. and Maryland communities, e-mail volunteer@catholiccharitiesdc.org or call (202) 772-4300, ext. 402.

Cup of Joe Breakfast Bags

Every day, Catholic Charities tries to ensure that each man and woman staying in one of its low-barrier shelters leaves with a Cup of Joe breakfast bag – packed with fruit, breakfast bars and more to start the day right. Large groups are needed to pack these bags.

Joseph's Coats of Many Colors Drive

Last year, Catholic Charities collected more than 9,000 coats to distribute in its shelters and to needy families here in the DC and Maryland region. Hold a coat drive and then volunteer to help run our “store” on any weekend during the winter.

Wednesday Dinner Van

Every Wednesday, Catholic Charities serves dinner in front of its headquarters at 924 G Street, NW to many of the individuals who are waiting for the shuttle bus for a ride to the shelters. The extra meal is extremely popular and offers a great chance to talk and mingle together over food.

Sponsor the Catholic Charities Gala

The Catholic Charities Gala is the largest source of fundraising support for the 65-plus programs it operates, helping Catholic Charities serve more than 116,000 people. Sponsors of the event form the foundation for this success and enjoy one of the most fun evenings of the year. Call (202) 772-4331 for more information or visit catholiccharitiesdc.org/gala.

Volunteer and Join the SHARE Food Network

The SHARE Food Network is a sustainable way for more than 40,000 families to buy affordable and healthy groceries. In order to make this incredible operation possible, Catholic Charities depends on thousands of volunteers each month to help assemble, distribute and deliver food packages to their churches and local community. Be part of one of the most impressive affordable food programs you will ever see. Call 1-800-21-SHARE to learn more.

Christmas Angel Tree

Christmas can be one of the most challenging times for families facing hard times. Help deliver a Christmas for these families by donating Christmas presents or a Christmas meal.

St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families

To donate

Online: stanns.org

By phone: (301) 559-5500

By mail:

(Check payable to "St. Ann's Center")

St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families

Attn: Sr. Mary Bader

4901 Eastern Avenue

Hyattsville, MD 20782

To donate goods: For a list of items St. Ann's currently needs, please visit stanns.org/donate/wish-list.

Victory Housing

Online: victoryhousing.org/donate.html

By mail:

(Check payable to "Victory Housing, Inc.")

Victory Housing, Inc.

11400 Rockville Pike, Suite 505

Rockville, MD 20852

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

To find out how to help, please contact Alice Garvey, president, at (301) 942-1110.

Christ Child Society

There are many one-time and ongoing volunteer opportunities with the Society.

To volunteer or donate:

Online: christchilddc.org

By phone: (202) 966-9250

Email: info@christchilddc.org



Catholic health care entities have provided compassionate care and healing for more than 150 years

During the Civil War, the Washington area was flooded with soldiers who were wounded and stricken with disease. The Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul, who had established Providence Hospital in 1861 to tend to the poor, rushed to take care of the men and were soon joined by religious sisters from many other orders from around the country. The sisters understood that healing requires treating the whole person – physical, mental, social and spiritual – and seeing the compassionate care they provided, local officials came to value them greatly.

After the war, these women religious continued to be cherished here and throughout the country as they essentially established the Catholic health care system that we have today. Among them were the Sisters of St. Francis, who took charge of Georgetown University Hospital when it opened in 1898. Before then, students at the Georgetown medical school, established in 1851, were dependent upon Providence Hospital and other institutions for clinical experience.

In 1956, when voters rejected a referendum to publicly finance a new hospital in Montgomery County, the Sisters of the Holy Cross assumed full responsibility, mortgaging their own assets. Thereafter, community support grew, and in January 1963, Holy Cross Hospital opened.

Meanwhile, other Catholic organizations stepped forward to help. Catholic Charities was established to coordinate and supplement social services for those in need, including help in receiving health care. Also, in 1984, 140 physicians answered the call to join the newly-formed Archdiocesan Health Care Network to provide care for the uninsured poor, and soon local hospitals joined in as well.

Today, a whole multitude of caregivers in many offices, clinics and hospitals throughout the archdiocese have joined in this work of healing. In this, they continue a legacy of caring for the sick and injured that extends back two thousand years to the divine healer himself, Jesus Christ.



“The credibility of a health care system is not measured solely by efficiency, but above all by the attention and love given to the person, whose **life is always sacred and inviolable.**”

- Pope Francis



Across the street from the Cathedral of St. Matthew the Apostle in downtown Washington, D.C., stands the “Nuns of the Battlefield” memorial.

Inscribed with the words, “**They comforted the dying - nursed the wounded - carried hope to the imprisoned - gave in his name a drink of water to the thirsty,**” the monument honors the religious sisters who worked tirelessly during the Civil War providing nursing care to wounded soldiers.

“As they went from cot to cot, distributing the medicines prescribed, or administering the cooling, strengthening draughts as directed, they were veritable angels of mercy.”

- Lucius Chittenden,
a Lincoln administration official, after seeing Catholic religious
sisters providing care for wounded soldiers.

Did you know?

One in six patients in the United States is cared for in a Catholic hospital.

In its first annual report, “The Charity of a Year,” Catholic Charities disclosed that in **1922** it served **1,144 individuals and families in need**, including 152 persons who received help to obtain clinical care, 89 persons who received hospital care and 94 persons who received physical or mental examinations.

In 2013, Catholic Charities provided medical, dental and mental health care services to nearly **15,000 adults and children**.

Providence Hospital was originally located near the U.S. Capitol. Founded by the Daughters of Charity in **1861** and incorporated by an act of Congress in 1864 “for the care of such sick and invalid persons as may place themselves under the treatment and care” of the hospital, it moved to its present location in 1956.



Dr. Edmund Pellegrino (center) with his wife, Clementine, and Cardinal James Hickey. Dr. Pellegrino was one of three doctors who, with Cardinal Hickey's encouragement, founded the Archdiocesan Health Care Network in 1984 to provide medical care for the area's poor.

Dr. Edmund Pellegrino, a co-founder of the Health Care Network, received the James Cardinal Hickey Lifetime Service Award shortly before his passing in June 2013 at the age of 92. A gifted scholar, teacher, mentor and healer, he was renowned for his humility, kindness and gentleness and is also considered one of the founding fathers of bioethics.

In addition to serving as the John Carroll Professor of Medicine and Medical Ethics at Georgetown University, Dr. Pellegrino served on the Vatican's Pontifical Academy for Life, and as a director of the Kennedy Institute of Ethics, the Center for the Advanced Study of Ethics and the Center for Clinical Bioethics.

1851: Georgetown College School of Medicine opens.

1861: Providence Hospital is established by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.

Help and healing from Catholic Charities



Sister Dede Byrne, a medical doctor and a religious sister of the Little Workers of the Sacred Hearts, is one of 250 volunteers with the Catholic Charities Health Care Network.

Catholic Charities Health Care Network

Poverty is only made worse when access to quality health care is lacking because of inability to pay, but leaving a medical condition untreated often results in a downward spiral. There is a great need for charitable medical care in a spirit of fraternity and solidarity with the disadvantaged and vulnerable among us.

The Catholic Charities Health Care Network helps to meet that need by coordinating and facilitating specialized medical and dental services for uninsured men, women and children who cannot afford to pay. Originally founded as the Archdiocesan Health Care Network in 1984, this network has grown dramatically.

With more than 220 volunteer health care providers, the support of several area participating hospitals and 60 clinics, this much needed program provides more than \$6 million worth of charitable care each year. In 2013, nearly 2,000 low-income patients received critical services from pro bono medical specialists in the network. Many volunteer care providers go to homeless shelters in order to see high-risk people who are otherwise unlikely to seek treatment.

Susan, a mother of three, found her life slipping away when her marriage to a successful professional fell apart. Eventually becoming homeless, she developed serious health problems, with the bones in her hip disintegrating. However, thanks to a doctor participating in the Health Care Network, she was able to have a hip replacement at no cost. "The Health Care Network is a lifesaver," she said afterward. After the surgery, she received help to find housing and regained the life she thought she had lost when, with additional assistance, she obtained a job working as an office clerk. "I had slipped through the cracks, but the Network saved me."

1864: Act of Congress to charter Providence Hospital is signed by President Lincoln.

1861-65: Religious sisters from around the country come to Washington, D.C., to provide nursing and other care to soldiers wounded in the Civil War.

1866: After treating soldiers during the Civil War, Providence Hospital opens to the general public.



"We do our best to help a woman overcome whatever might hold her back from carrying her baby," said Ana Menjivar (right), Prenatal Care Coordinator for Sanctuaries for Life.

"Sanctuaries shows women that they are not alone, and we help with their very real needs – physical, financial and spiritual."

Sanctuaries for Life

In addition to emotional and spiritual support, Sanctuaries for Life provides crucial assistance to women facing an unintended pregnancy, empowering them to make a life-affirming decision and have a healthy delivery and a brighter future.

Formerly the Birthing and Care Program founded by Cardinal James Hickey in 1991, this initiative works with a network of providers, including Providence, Holy Cross, and MedStar Georgetown hospitals to secure prenatal, labor and delivery, and post-natal care at little or no cost. The program joined Catholic Charities in 2011 with the new name Sanctuaries for Life.

Because of its inclusion under the umbrella of Catholic Charities, the program can provide a full range of additional services, including maternity and infant clothing, food, rental and utility assistance, legal help, dental care, job training, educational programs, mentoring, mental health treatment, spiritual support and guidance, and many other forms of assistance.

A former client of Sanctuaries for Life came across the program by accident. Suspecting she was pregnant and worried about how she would support her child on her part-time restaurant job, she went online searching for an abortion clinic. Instead she came across Birthright of Montgomery County, a prolife agency, where she received a free pregnancy test and sonogram that told her she was expecting twins. "I knew I couldn't go through with an abortion anymore after seeing my two babies, but I still didn't know what to do, how I would afford the medical care," she said. Birthright referred her to Sanctuaries for Life.

"At Sanctuaries, no one judges me about my past or makes me feel like I did something wrong," she said. "They only look at my needs and how they can help. I'm glad I found them, even though it was sort of by accident. I guess that's just how God works."

In 2013, Sanctuaries for Life served **138 mothers and their babies**. In recent years, the number of mothers and infants being served has grown and, since its founding, **3,200** have been helped in partnerships with outside caregivers.

1871: The Little Sisters of the Poor open a home to care for the aged poor, the Jeanne Jugan Residence, in Washington, D.C.

1898: The Sisters of St. Francis open Georgetown College Hospital with 33 beds.

1903: Congress appropriates funds to expand Providence Hospital near Capitol Hill.

1922: Catholic Charities is founded and facilitates health care for 335 persons.

1926: The Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit open Sacred Heart Home in Hyattsville, Md., to provide residential nursing care to infirm elderly persons.

In 2013, Catholic Charities' two medical clinics served 3,989 patients with 11,765 appointments and consultations.

Two dental clinics served 3,291 patients with 9,032 appointments and consultations.

Catholic Charities' Medical and Dental Clinics

In 1967 the Spanish Catholic Center was founded to provide basic services, including medical and dental care, for the low-income community. Today, Catholic Charities' medical and dental clinics in the District of Columbia and Silver Spring provide affordable, comprehensive, holistic and culturally sensitive health care to uninsured and low-income individuals and families, especially those in the Latino and immigrant communities.

The medical clinics provide patient-centered primary care, sub-acute ambulatory care and specialty services, including preventive care, orthopedics, cardiology, pulmonology, nephrology, dermatology, women's health, minor surgery, counseling, health education and disease management, as well as medication assistance and referrals to other specialty services including physical therapy.

At the dental clinics, staff dentists, hygienists and pro-bono volunteers provide preventive, diagnostic and acute dental services to adults and children, including oral exams, prophylaxis, root canal treatment, fillings, partial dentures and emergency and restorative oral health care.

A patient receives treatment from dentists at Catholic Charities' dental clinic.



1930: Georgetown University Hospital moves to its current location in Northwest D.C.

1935: The School of Nursing at The Catholic University of America is created.

1956: Msgr. John O'Grady, founder of Catholic Charities, testifies before Congress in support of health care for the poor.

1956: Providence Hospital moves from its location near Capitol Hill to Northeast D.C.

1958: The Sisters of the Holy Cross take charge of the construction and operation of a new hospital in Montgomery County.

Catholic Charities' Behavioral Health Services

Founded in 1958 by Msgr. John G. Kuhn as Anchor Mental Health, Catholic Charities' Behavioral Health Services provides compassionate, comprehensive care to more than 1,000 adults with mental health issues. This includes crisis intervention, psychiatric clinic services, supportive employment, medication management, day services, individual and group counseling, community support and ongoing case management services.

With the support of Catholic Charities' Behavioral Health Services, which has received one of the highest ratings by the District of Columbia Department of Mental Health two years in a row, thousands of people have been helped to achieve stability and lead productive and meaningful lives.

From rock bottom to college bound

There was always a lot of pressure, kind of in the background, in Faustino Venzor's life growing up. Even as a second-grader, he heard his father telling him, "You have to do well in school, you have to get the family out of poverty." After he started college, "basically everything went haywire. I went through depressive periods, a lot of drinking, partying, not school." At one low point, he ended up in the basement of the church he grew up in, completely out of it.

It was in the depths of this mental health crisis that he finally found help through Catholic Charities' Behavioral Health Services, formerly Anchor Mental Health. He was diagnosed with bi-polar disorder, and thanks to the services he received, he was able to get back on his feet. "Without the safety net provided by Anchor Health in my life, my life would be over." Now Faustino can realize his plans of going to graduate school and having a professional career helping people.

So grateful for the assistance he received, Faustino later spoke at a press conference in support of the federal Excellence in Mental Health Act. "I have struggled with manic depression for most of my life," he said. "Today, I am grateful to be in recovery. I have a loving wife and a baby, and I've been admitted to Columbia University. I know firsthand the difference that intensive community-based services can make in the lives of people with serious mental illness."

"Sometimes people think that someone with a mental illness has nothing to offer. There's definitely a stigma that can have real world consequences. It's not an easy thing to deal with. But they have a lot of people here caring about them – and a big part of that care is letting people know that their situation can get better."

- Karen Ostlie,
Core Service Agency
Director, Catholic
Charities' Behavioral
Health Services

Bi-polar disorder and manic depression ruled Faustino Venzor's life until he found help through Catholic Charities' Behavioral Health Services.



1958: Anchor Mental Health is established by Msgr. John G. Kuhn as a drop-in facility for people with mental health issues.

1960: Ground is broken by Cardinal Patrick O'Boyle and others to construct Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Md.

1963: Holy Cross Hospital opens with 226 beds.

1966: Holy Cross Hospital becomes one of the first in Maryland to qualify for the new Medicare program.

1967: The Spanish Catholic Center is founded to provide medical and dental care primarily to the low-income immigrant community.

- Providence Hospital saw **2,107 births** last year, together with **13,519 inpatient admissions** and **115,120 outpatient visits**. Originally built to accommodate 30,000 emergency room visits annually, in recent years Providence has been providing care for nearly twice that number of patients. The hospital is currently undergoing renovations and an expansion that will add additional space for treatment rooms and more personalized care.
- The Providence family includes **17 ambulatory care sites** in Washington and Maryland in addition to the 408-bed hospital.
- Providence took a leadership role in forming the **District of Columbia Healthy Communities Collaborative** to provide real, meaningful and sustainable improvements in community health.
- In 2013, Providence Hospital entered into an affiliation with **Unity Health Care, Inc.**, which will allow them to expand and bring quality, affordable and convenient primary and specialty care to the residents of the District where they need it, right in their own neighborhoods.



Nurses from Providence Hospital pose for a group photo in 1895.

Providence Hospital

At the start of the Civil War, the main hospital in the District of Columbia was the Washington Infirmary, which stood on what is now Judiciary Square. Due to the anticipated influx of war wounded, this hospital was taken over by the U.S. Government, leaving D.C. without a hospital for use by private individuals.

Fortunately, the Daughters of Charity opened a hospital for the city in 1861 with \$6,000 secured from Congress. In spite of being founded as a civilian hospital, it was used mainly to treat soldiers throughout the Civil War and only in 1866 was an announcement made that it was open to the public.

Today, Providence Hospital combines sophisticated medical technology with spirituality and compassion to provide a ministry of care for those in need, especially the poor and vulnerable in our community. The longest continuously operating hospital in the nation's capital, Providence is now also a member of Ascension Health, the nation's largest Catholic nonprofit health system.

With an expert medical staff of more than 500 care providers, Providence Hospital offers innovative, state-of-the-art care in a variety of medical specialties, including orthopedic care, maternal and infant health, surgery, cardiology, geriatric medicine, cancer treatment, sleep medicine, bariatric services and stroke care.

Providence Hospital's programs provided over **\$17 million** in community benefit last year, including over **\$10.3 million** in charity medical care.

1970: The Georgetown Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center is established to prevent, treat and cure cancers.

1984: The Archdiocesan Health Care Network is formed by three local doctors at the suggestion of Cardinal James Hickey.

1984: The Substance Abuse Network is founded to serve those struggling with addictions.

1986: Blessed Mother Teresa opens the Missionaries of Charity's Gift of Peace House in Washington, D.C., to serve poor people with advanced HIV/AIDS and other illnesses.

1991: The Birthing and Care Program is founded by Cardinal James Hickey.

Holy Cross Health

Within one year of opening in Silver Spring in 1963, during which 12,000 people were seen in the emergency room and 10,000 patients admitted, Holy Cross Hospital introduced its first outpatient clinic. This clinic provided medical, surgical, obstetric/gynecological and pediatric care, regardless of ability to pay, establishing the hospital's lifelong legacy as Montgomery County's leading safety net provider.

It is now a member of CHE Trinity Health, one of the largest health systems in the country. As a teaching facility, Holy Cross Hospital also prepares the next generation of caregivers to provide compassion, respect and care to the people of the community, treating the needs of the whole person with particular concern for making care accessible to the most vulnerable and underserved populations.

- Holy Cross Hospital currently provides care for nearly **200,000 patients annually**, with **443 beds** for its adult, pediatric and neonatal services. In fiscal year 2013, there were over **90,000 visits to the emergency center** as well as more than **180,000 outpatient visits**.
- The Holy Cross Health Centers in Silver Spring, Gaithersburg and Aspen Hill, operated by the Holy Cross Health Network, delivered services worth **\$3.5 million to low-income persons** in fiscal 2013, with nearly **30,000 patient visits**.
- In 2013, Holy Cross Health overall provided more than **\$48 million worth of low- or no-cost services**, with nearly 350,000 encounters with community members. During the last five fiscal years, Holy Cross Health has provided more than **\$202 million worth of community benefits** (including providing services for free or at reduced cost), health screenings and community education, including more than \$98 million in financial assistance.
- More than **20,000 adults over the age of 65** receive care at Holy Cross Hospital each year, including the nation's first Seniors Emergency Center and a full range of specialized surgical and inpatient services, health-aging programs, home care and support services for caregivers.
- **Holy Cross Health's Faith Community Nurse Program** empowers 65 congregations of all traditions and denominations – with a potential audience of 100,000 persons – to improve members' health through health promotion, awareness and educational classes, screenings, home/hospital visits and more.
- Already one of the largest care facilities in Maryland, Holy Cross Hospital continues to modernize and grow. **A new patient care building with 150 private rooms** will be constructed on the south side of the Silver Spring facility and both surgical and emergency services are being enhanced and expanded.

1996: Carroll Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center opens its doors on the Providence Hospital campus.

1997: The Medical Care for Children Partnership is formed by Catholic Charities, Holy Cross Hospital, Kaiser Permanente, Dimensions Healthcare Systems and the Prince George's County Health Department.

2000: Georgetown University Hospital enters into a clinical partnership with MedStar Health.

2000: Mercy Health Clinic is established by parishioners of Our Lady of Mercy Church in Potomac, Md., to provide high quality medical care, health education and pharmaceuticals free of charge to uninsured, low-income persons.

On its very first day of operation, Jan. 10, 1963, Holy Cross Hospital delivered a new baby girl – she was only the beginning of a long line of newborns who would come into the world at the hospital.

That first year, 1,654 babies, including 12 sets of twins, were born at Holy Cross Hospital.

In 2013, 8,643 babies were delivered at the hospital.

More babies are born at Holy Cross Hospital each year than at any other hospital in Maryland or the District of Columbia.



On Dec. 8, 2011, ground was broken for a new hospital in Germantown, Md. Scheduled to open in 2014, Holy Cross Germantown Hospital will bring much-needed health care services to the most rapidly growing and aging region in the county, offering emergency, medical, surgical, obstetric and psychiatric care.



Dr. Matthew Levy of MedStar Georgetown University Hospital gives a young patient a checkup at the KIDS Mobile Medical Clinic/Ronald McDonald Care Mobile.

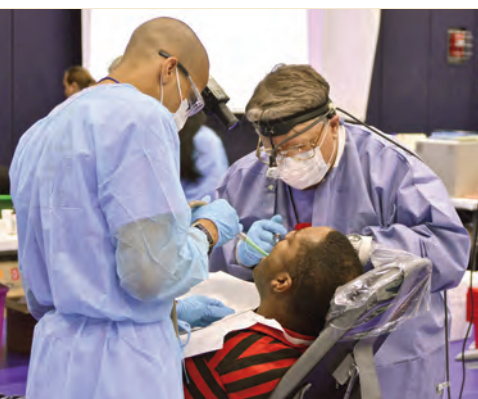
For more than 20 years, the KIDS Mobile Medical Clinic/Ronald McDonald Care Mobile has been going out to medically underserved areas to treat some of the neediest children in the District of Columbia.

Each year as many as 1,200 patients are served by this mobile clinic operated by MedStar Georgetown University Hospital, including an average of 300 immunizations annually, with about 50,000 patient visits since the program began.

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

In 2000, Georgetown University Hospital became part of MedStar Health, a nonprofit network that now includes 10 regional hospitals. Remaining committed to the Catholic Jesuit ideals of caring for the whole patient and service to those less fortunate, this clinical partnership allows people all across the network to benefit from the expertise and advanced research of the Georgetown University Medical Center, which includes the School of Medicine, the School of Nursing and Health Studies, the Lombardi Comprehensive Cancer Center and the Biomedical Graduate Research Organization.

- MedStar Georgetown University Hospital provides state-of-the-art care to all patients in 609 licensed beds, but it is known in particular for its centers of excellence in neurosciences, transplant, cancer and gastroenterology. Last year, nearly 17,000 patients were treated and discharged at the hospital, with 1,165 babies being born.
- MedStar Georgetown is one of only four hospitals in the nation to offer a powerful new technology that combines magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and ultrasound imaging to guide biopsies with unprecedented precision in the fight against prostate cancer.
- MedStar Georgetown and its network partners combine to provide over \$330 million annually in community benefit, including community services, medical education and over \$110 million in uncompensated care.



Volunteer dentists with the Mission of Mercy work on a patient at the pop-up dental clinic in August 2013.

Mission of Mercy

For two days in August 2013, people packed the gymnasium at St. Vincent Pallotti High School in Laurel, which had been converted into a 50-chair dental office complete with a sanitation area and a small pharmacy stocked with antibiotics and ibuprofen at no cost. It was the Mid-Maryland Mission of Mercy, a pop-up dental clinic co-sponsored by Catholic Charities and the Maryland Office of Oral Health for people who lacked insurance or could not afford to pay for regular dental care.

“There are a lot of people out there who don’t have true access, don’t have the funds to pay for dental care,” said volunteer Dr. Margaret Culotta-Norton. “We’re all God’s children, and they deserve the best just like people with means.”

During the event, 500 volunteers, including dentists, hygienists and pharmacists, treated 650 adults, which included extractions and root canals, saving patients an estimated \$650,000.

2011: The Birthing and Care Program joins Catholic Charities and is renamed Sanctuaries for Life.

2011: Ground is broken for Holy Cross Germantown Hospital to bring much-needed health care services to the most rapidly growing and aging region in the county.

2012: Providence Hospital takes a leadership role in forming the District of Columbia Healthy Communities Collaborative.

2013: Providence Hospital enters into an affiliation with Unity Health Care, Inc.

2014: Holy Cross Germantown Hospital opens.



The Jeanne Jugan Residence of the Little Sisters of the Poor has been serving the elderly poor in the nation's capital since 1871.

Caring for the Elderly

Jeanne Jugan Residence

The Jeanne Jugan Residence in Washington is one of 29 homes for the aged in the nation run by the Little Sisters of the Poor.

It was established in 1871, and today the sisters continue their mission of serving the elderly with love and respect until death. Every day, the sisters start their day with meditation, pray the Divine Office three times a day and participate in daily Mass. The sisters feed the residents and attend to all their basic physical, emotional and spiritual needs. The Little Sisters focus on “person-centered care,” and treat each person as an individual.

Next door to the Jeanne Jugan Residence sits St. Joseph’s Villa - a home of 24 apartments for physically active low-income seniors who wish to remain independent but enjoy the security of living next door to the Jeanne Jugan Residence.

Carroll Manor Nursing and Rehabilitation Center

Carroll Manor is a skilled nursing center that is open to all who need assistance, but particularly for those elderly persons who are poor and vulnerable. Run by the Daughters of Charity, it provides medical, nursing and rehabilitation services on both a short-term and long-term basis for up to 252 residents on the grounds of Providence Hospital.

Sacred Heart Home

In 1916, the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit bought a large house on 60 acres of woodland in what was then rural Hyattsville to provide a home for religious sisters who were studying at The Catholic University of America.

In the 1960s, after expanding and renovating the home several times, the Sisters decided to extend their caring hearts to the sick and the infirm, and Sacred Heart Home became a Medicaid-licensed nursing home. In 1998, the Missionary Sisters Servants of the Holy Spirit transferred sponsorship and ownership of the home to the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, whose mission includes caring for those who can no longer care for themselves.

Today, they provide around-the-clock compassionate residential nursing care to 100 elderly persons who are sick and infirm. Because of their love of God and each other, the Sisters continually strive to identify and meet the ever-changing health and social needs of their residents and community, as well as promote activities and programs for the welfare of all with whom they come in contact.

Dentist Claudia Villarroel-Soto listens to Lissveth Flores, 6, talk about her teeth at Catholic Charities' dental clinic in Washington, D.C. The clinic serves the needs of low-income and uninsured people. The Church has a long-standing history of caring for the uninsured.



How to support Catholic Health Care

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington

To donate

Online: catholiccharitiesdc.org/helpnow

By phone: (202) 772-4394

By mail:

Catholic Charities
924 G Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Make a general contribution or specify the program you wish to help.

To donate goods: (202) 772-4346

To volunteer

Online: catholiccharitiesdc.org/volunteer

By phone: (202) 772-4300

E-mail: volunteer@catholiccharitiesdc.org

Sanctuaries for Life

By phone: (301) 441-1472 or

E-mail: San4Life@catholiccharitiesdc.org

Sanctuaries for Life welcomes volunteers who share their prolife philosophy to assist staff with clerical work. Your assistance will help this much needed program continue providing life affirming and life supporting services to women and infants in our community.

Catholic Charities Health Care Network

Online: healthcare.network@catholiccharitiesdc.org

By phone: (202) 481-1424

The pro bono specialists who treat the clients of the Catholic Charities Health Care Network are the life of the Network. They are always seeking more providers.

Medical and Dental Clinics

Online: catholiccharitiesdc.org/medical and catholiccharitiesdc.org/dental

These clinics cannot meet the needs of the community without volunteer support. Whether you are a health care provider who wants to offer pro bono primary care to adults and children or you want to help in some other way, there are many opportunities to get involved.

The Providence Hospital Family of Services

To donate

Online: providencehealthfoundation.org/ways-to-give

By phone: (202) 269-7776

To volunteer

Online: provhosp.org/volunteers

By phone: (202) 269-7759

Holy Cross Hospital

To donate

Online: holycrosshealth.org/ways-to-give

By phone: (301) 754-7000

To volunteer

Online: holycrosshealth.org/volunteering

By phone: (301) 754-7305

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

To donate

Online: medstarhealth.org/georgetown/Pages/Ways-to-Give.aspx

By phone: (202) 444-2239

To volunteer

Online: medstarhealth.org/georgetown/Pages/Ways-to-Give/Volunteer.aspx

By phone: (202) 444-0695

Jeanne Jugan Residence

To donate

Online: littlesistersofthepoorwashingtondc.org/index.php/donations

E-mail: devwashington@littlesistersofthepoor.org

The Jeanne Jugan Residence accepts monetary and in-kind donations of needed items such as food, personal care items and office supplies.

To volunteer

E-mail: volwashington@littlesistersofthepoor.org

Volunteers are needed to visit with residents, assist with arts and crafts, events, the nail spa and hair salon, reading to residents, seamstress/tailor work, serving meals and to provide transportation to appointments and outings.

Sacred Heart Home

To donate

Online: sacredhearthome.org/giving.php

To volunteer

Online: sacredhearthome.org/employ.php

By phone: (301) 277-6500

Financial Impact

Catholic Education

- For the 2014-15 school year, the Archdiocesan Tuition Assistance Program will award **\$5.7 million in tuition assistance to more than 4,000 students** - a more than six-fold increase in tuition assistance since 2007-08.
- Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Washington saved almost **\$400 million in taxpayer dollars** in per-pupil costs in the state of Maryland and the District of Columbia in 2013-14.
- The D.C. Opportunity Scholarship Program has given thousands of disadvantaged children the chance for a better education and a brighter future. About **one-half of the scholarship recipients choose to attend Catholic schools** in the District.
- In the past decade, the Catholic Business Network of Montgomery County has awarded more than **\$700,000 in scholarships** to students and in grants to Montgomery County Catholic schools. Since its founding in 1997, the Catholic Business Network of Prince George's County has provided more than **\$290,000 in scholarships** to students and grants to Catholic schools in that county.

Catholic Social Services

- The Archdiocese of Washington's charitable and social concern agencies care for the poor, shelter the homeless and protect those who are vulnerable or oppressed at a cost of more than **\$122 million** a year.
- Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Washington is the largest private social service provider in the Washington area, serving more than 116,000 people in 2013 at a cost of more than **\$77.5 million**.
- Victory Housing provides affordable assisted living residences and apartments, as well as related social services, to low-and moderate-income senior citizens and families at a cost of more than **\$26 million**.
- St. Ann's Center for Children, Youth and Families served vulnerable children and at-risk mothers at a cost of nearly **\$5 million** in 2013.

Catholic Health Care

- The Catholic Charities Health Care Network provided more than **\$6 million** worth of charitable health care to nearly **2,000 low-income patients** in 2013.
- Providence Hospital provided more than **\$17 million in community benefit** in 2013, including more than **\$10.3 million in charity medical care**.
- Holy Cross Health provided more than **\$48 million worth of low or no cost services** in 2013. During the last five fiscal years, Holy Cross has provided more than **\$202 million worth of community benefits**, including providing services for free or at reduced cost, health screenings and community education, as well as more than **\$98 million in financial assistance**.
- MedStar Georgetown University Hospital and its network partners provide more than **\$330 million per year in community benefit**, including community services, medical education, and more than **\$110 million in uncompensated care**.



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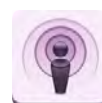
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