

# Catholic Charities: A Source of Pride

*"We of Catholic Charities are a people of many faces – united by our belief in the infinite worth of every person and a singular commitment to cherish the Divine within us all."*

At the press conference in which I announced my new appointment as pro-grand Master of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem, a reporter asked what regrets I had during my tenure as Archbishop of Baltimore. Included in my response was my sense that the work of Catholic Charities goes largely ignored by the secular media and thus is lost on most in our community, especially non-Catholics. Given Catholic Charities' role as the largest private provider of human services – the agency's 80-plus programs touch the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in need annually in all 10 jurisdictions of the Archdiocese – it is astounding to me that its work could go unrecognized.

Consider that in 2011 Catholic Charities in the Archdiocese of Baltimore improved the lives of:

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