



# DIOCESE OF SPRINGFIELD IN ILLINOIS

## OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

March, 2023

Dear Friends in Christ,

Catholic Charities in our diocese has a rich history of providing vital services and hope to God's people in need. Throughout its long 97-year history, Catholic Charities has remained open as staff and volunteers serve on the front lines to bring relief and advocate for the poor, sick, hungry, and weary every day.

Because of your continued prayers and generosity, thousands of people every year receive help with basic needs such as food, clothing, medicine, rent, utilities and dental care as well as professional services in social work, counseling, guardianship and legal assistance. They are treated with dignity and respect and provided a path to hope and healing.

Catholic Charities is able to continue these services through the ongoing generosity of people like you – donors, staff, volunteers, board members, and organizations coming together to support the mission.

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Charities to ensure God's love and mercy is extended to all of his children.

During the weekend of March 4/5, 2023, the annual collection for Catholic Charities will again be held in our deaneries. This year, I challenge you to continue to support Catholic Charities as they continue to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors in need.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas J. Paprocki  
Bishop of Springfield in Illinois

**Pastors/Parish Leaders:** Please announce this collection to your parishioners in your bulletins, website, or other social media platforms the weekend of **February 25/26, 2023**, and gather the proceeds the weekend of **March 4/5, 2023**. Please remit the proceeds as soon as possible to your local or nearest Catholic Charities area office. Also, you may be contacted by a Catholic Charities representative regarding the presentation of information in conjunction with the annual collection. Please extend to them your cooperation.