



# Notes from the Heart

## News from Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

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**Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans** provides life-giving programs that deliver health and human services to the most vulnerable and needy throughout 8 civil parishes in the Archdiocese of New Orleans. We serve people regardless of race, religion, age, ethnicity or economic status.

## Working for "normal" in "abnormal" times

Dear Friend of Catholic Charities,

It is hard to believe that it has been almost a year that we have been under pandemic restrictions. It has affected so many people in a variety of ways. Some of those people are experiencing hardships that they never expected to be in due to the effects on our economy, schools, and businesses.

At CCANO, we have been working to address the needs of our archdiocese in the midst of changes we are having to make in order to make sure we continue to provide uninterrupted service as much as possible. We continue to try to be "normal" in "abnormal" times and carry on. We are called to this purpose as mentioned in Romans 8:28 "for those who love God all things work together for good..."

I hope that you see the good that CCANO is working for in the stories in this newsletter. I challenge each of us to be "people with an attitude of gratitude". Let us find in Lent 40 days of gratitude!

God bless you,  
*Sr. Marjorie Hebert, M.S.C.*  
Sr. Marjorie Hebert, M.S.C.,  
*President/CEO*

*"for those who  
love God  
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**40 DAYS**  
of  
*Gratitude*

## Padua Clients Receive COVID-19 Vaccine

On January 28, Walgreens set up a vaccination clinic at Padua House in Belle Chasse to administer the first dose of COVID-19 vaccine to the residents and staff.

Twenty-two residents were vaccinated in January. The second dose will be administered to these residents and staff on March 1.

For more information about Padua, visit [www.ccano.org/padua/](http://www.ccano.org/padua/).



Patrick Sanders, resident of Ocean Avenue Community Home



# Head Start Celebrates Mardi Gras

Head Start's Incarnate Word campus celebrated Mardi Gras on Thursday, February 11. Each classroom decorated minifloats, students, teachers and administrators wore Mardi Gras attire and listened to Mardi Gras music.

This year was a little different with a more toned down celebration but students loved their decorating and wearing Mardi Gras attire. One classroom even had a second line with tissues and a dance party!

For more information about Head Start, visit [www.ccano.org/head-start-program/](http://www.ccano.org/head-start-program/).



## HEART TO HEART: Caregiver's Appreciation and Discussion with PACE

PACE (Program for All Inclusive Care of the Elderly) Greater New Orleans hosted Heart to Heart: Caregiver's Appreciation and Discussion on Thursday, February 11 on Facebook Live.

The event was hosted by PACE social worker, Joanne Ault, and PACE occupational therapist Trisha Ventura. Joann and Trisha spoke about the importance of caregivers taking care of themselves to better care for their loved ones. They also hosted a live Q&A and responded live to specific questions and concerns.



## Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal

Gifts to the Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA) raise crucial unrestricted funds that allow Catholic Charities to respond swiftly, effectively and compassionately in times of crisis or disaster.

Your donation means supporting a local charity that best understands local needs. We serve the 8 civil parishes that make up the Archdiocese of New Orleans: Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany, St. Bernard, Plaquemines, St. Charles, St. John, and Washington parishes.

THANK YOU to everyone who has made a gift to our 2020 Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal (AHCA) Campaign! Gifts to the AHCA raise crucial undesignated funds which support ALL Catholic Charities programs.

Help us in providing unrestricted funds that allow us to help our neighbors in need! Visit [www.ccano.org/AHCA](http://www.ccano.org/AHCA) to donate today!

The Annual Archbishop Hannan Community Appeal Virtual Reception will be held on March 22, 2021. Details and information will be communicated when they become available!



## Second Collection for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans

The second collection at all Masses February 27-28, 2021 will be taken up for Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans. This year, the CCANO second collection will also accept online donations due to the coronavirus since some families may not be able to attend Mass in-person but still want to support the good works of the many diverse programs of Catholic Charities. Your parish's support in this second collection provides crucial funds that enable Catholic Charities to bring hope and support to those in need in our archdiocese.



### Ways to support the Catholic Charities Second Collection:

- Give online through this link: [www.ccano.org/collection](http://www.ccano.org/collection)
- Send a check by mail to: 1000 Howard Ave, Ste 200, New Orleans, LA 70113
- Give during weekend in-person and online Masses on February 27 and 28, 2021

Donations through this second collection enable Catholic Charities to help over 54,000 individuals and families each year.

95 cents of every dollar received goes directly to community services.

## Food for Seniors Food Boxes Provide Nutrition

Catholic Charities Archdiocese of New Orleans has been serving seniors with Food for Seniors for over 35 years. Food for Seniors provides monthly nutritional food boxes to seniors who are 60 years old or older and meet Federal Income Guidelines. Catholic Charities Food for Seniors is the sole agency of Louisiana's Commodity Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) which works to improve the health of low-income elderly persons at least 60 years of age by supplementing their diets with nutritious USDA Foods.

The Food for Seniors program also educates clients about good nutrition by providing nutritional information that includes easy to make recipes using commodity foods, caloric intake, how to stretch food dollars and eat a healthy diet.

According to "The State of Hunger in America 2020," Louisiana has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest rate of senior food insecurity in the entire country. One in seven seniors in Louisiana are food insecure. (Food Bank Louisiana). Food for Seniors can provide relief to seniors who are food insecure.

To see if you qualify for Food for Seniors, call 1-866-2210 or visit [www.ccano.org/food-for-families-seniors/](http://www.ccano.org/food-for-families-seniors/).

For information on Food box distributions and pickup, visit [@FoodforSeniorsLouisiana](https://www.facebook.com/FoodforSeniorsLouisiana) on Facebook.

