

Dear Friend of Catholic Renewal:

The holiday season is upon us and the spirit of generosity and giving is all around us. Catholic Renewal has ventured out after the COVID lockdowns to hold several successful events this past quarter. Throughout this pandemic, the dedicated teams at Catholic Charities and Catholic Renewal never stopped working. We are so proud of all of you for showing your resilience, kindness, and charity in the face of so many challenges.

Despite some logistical hurdles, we hosted our annual St. Francis Reception on September 21st honoring Jay Goffman and Bill Derrough at the Westchester Country Club. The evening was an unbelievable success in a beautiful outdoor venue with plenty of smiles and hugs. We are so grateful to Jay and Bill for agreeing to serve as our honorees for these past two years. They helped us raise \$2.1 million to fund our food pantries. It was a spectacular evening, and we are humbled by the generosity of our restructuring community.

Our Young Catholic Renewal (YCR) group once again rallied into service by putting together Thanksgiving meals for Catholic Charities at the Kennedy Community Center to ensure our neighbors were able to have a proper Thanksgiving Meal. The YCR group also has some networking and service activities for families lined up for the New Year so please stay tuned by joining our

email membership list by [clicking here](#).

As we approach the holiday season, we continue to focus our efforts on feeding those in need, since there has been a nearly 50% increase in demand for emergency food assistance since March 2020. Since it is getting colder, CR is working to provide the gift of warmth by teaming up with the St. Nicolas Project to provide coats, sweaters, blankets, and towels. Details about donating are available on page two.

We would also like to congratulate our friends in the Philadelphia restructuring community, who successfully hosted their third reception for Project Magis, which provides fundraising for the Catholic Charities Appeal for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia. The restructuring communities continue to provide meals and services for those in need.

As we all celebrate this year, we can be thankful for our families, friends, and our ability to rise above differences to help each other through tough times. Let's keep the real reason for the season in our hearts and minds and continue to show "goodwill toward men" whenever we can.

*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year*

Mark McDermott and
Deirdre O'Connor,
Co-Chairs of Catholic Renewal

The Tenth Annual Saint Francis Reception Supplies One Million Meals

On September 21st, Catholic Renewal held its Tenth Annual Saint Francis Reception at Westchester Country Club. The event honored **William Q. Derrough**, Managing Director and Global Co-Head of Recapitalization and Restructuring Group, Moelis & Co and **Jay M. Goffman**, Vice Chairman, Global Advisory, North America, Rothschild & Co., for displaying an exceptional standard of selfless integrity, humility, and charity.

Over 300 guests attended the outdoor event, all for the singular purpose of feeding hungry New

Yorkers. Thanks to generous sponsors, the event raised \$1.3 million towards Catholic Charities' emergency food programs – that's over one million meals into the hands of those most in need. To view photos from the event, please click [here](#).

Please save the date for next year's Saint Francis Reception, which will be back at the New York Athletic Club on Tuesday, September 13, 2022. An honoree announcement is forthcoming.



Save the Date

4.12.2022

**Holy Week Mass and
Reception**

Church of Our Saviour
Union League Club
New York City

7.14.2022

**Young Catholic Renewal
Summer Reception**

Tavern on the Green
New York City

11.13.2022

**The Saint Francis
Reception**

New York Athletic Club
New York City

Young Catholic Renewal Prepares Thanksgiving Meals



Young Catholic Renewal (YCR) met at the Kennedy Community Center on Monday, November 22 to set up for Catholic Charities' annual Turkey Distribution. On the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, the Turkey Distribution provided over 1,000 Thanksgiving meals to those who need it most. Individuals and families in need were welcomed to the Kennedy Center to receive turkeys and all the trimmings for

a nourishing and dignified holiday meal. YCR set up the produce and canned goods that were distributed with the turkey meals.

We are grateful to YCR for lending their time and enthusiasm to this annual effort that helps feed so many of our hungry neighbors.

Help Us Strengthen the Christmas Spirit in Our Communities



Catholic Renewal is raising funds to support Catholic Charities' St. Nicholas Project, an initiative that provides basic winter essentials (coats, sweaters, blankets, and towels) to the most vulnerable New Yorkers, while also connecting them to much-needed social services. This program assists 1,100 families in need (4,400 individuals total), non-Catholic and Catholic alike.

This year, even more New Yorkers are turning to Catholic Charities for their basic needs and human services. Please join us, and let's make the holiday season brighter for these families. To learn more or donate, please [click here](#).

Project Magis a Growing Success

Congratulations to Project Magis on their Third Annual Project Magis Cocktail Reception, which was hosted by Blank Rome at the Logan Hotel in Philadelphia on Tuesday, September 28th.

Like Catholic Renewal, Project Magis helps provide food and food-related resources to children, families, and individuals in need. Focused in Philadelphia and the surrounding

counties, Project Magis is a group of legal, corporate restructuring, M&A, and financial services professionals dedicated to helping the community. Project Magis fundraising benefits the Catholic Charities Appeal for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, which provided 8.8 million meals to those most in need last year.

To preregister for an event or be added to the mailing list,

please contact Carolyn Koleszar at carolyn.koleszar@archny.org or 646-794-2433

*Solidarity and
commitment
to action*

Over
\$5 million
of cash assistance to help
9,000
families cover urgent
expenses

*Rent relief
and daycare
assistance*

*Our
COVID-19
Relief Fund*
assists Catholic
Charities' response
to immediate
need

1 million
pounds of donated
food distributed
to neighborhood
pantries

Over
10 million
meals served
at over 200 Pop-Up
food pantries

Prevented
3,863
evictions, and stopped
166
utility shutoffs

*Alianza
Youth Services
wellness checks*

About Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York

Catholic Charities is a federation of approximately 90 agencies and programs located throughout the 10 counties of the Archdiocese of New York, helping to solve the problems of New Yorkers in need – non-Catholics and Catholics alike – with services that protect and nurture children, strengthen families and resolve crises, assist the hungry and homeless, support the physically and emotionally challenged, and integrate immigrants and refugees.



In 2017, Catholic Charities marked a 100-year legacy of service and launched the next century of providing help and creating hope for New Yorkers in need. Catholic Charities has recommitted to providing basic human services that are efficient, effective, accountable and caring – and to being a valued partner in building the fabric of a caring New York.

Catholic Renewal Mission Statement

-  Catholic Renewal is an organization of professionals in the corporate restructuring industry, affiliated with Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of New York, committed to providing charitable assistance to individuals and groups in need.
-  **We embrace** all members of the business restructuring community in a spirit of kindness and humility, regardless of creed.
-  **We work** to identify areas where our individual and firm resources and skills can be brought to bear to improve the lives of others.
-  **We gather** together as a community to host at least one annual event to raise substantial monies to further our charitable activities.
-  **We sponsor** events to promote spiritual reflection and growth, including prayer breakfasts and speakers addressing contemporary spiritual issues that impact our lives in our work and at home.
-  **We encourage** young professionals in the community to connect with one another and become the next generation of business and philanthropic leaders.

Catholic Renewal Leadership

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