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AFFILIATE PRAYER

*Lord, Jesus Christ,
 Truly you are the Good Samaritan,
 The Divine Neighbor,
 Who has stopped by the side of the road,
 To soothe the wounds of our suffering, our
 weakness, our sin.*

*You call us to be neighbors to one another,
 Especially to those most in need of our love
 and care.*

*Today I join my prayers, my sacrifices, all
 that is worthy in these waking hours,
 With the compassionate work of Catholic
 Charities.
 May those charged with ministering on its
 behalf see themselves as the loving eyes and
 heart and hands of Christ.*

*And may they find, in the persons they
 serve, the eyes of Christ returning their
 gaze.*

*Teach us, O Lord, each day,
 To search life's roadsides and ditches,
 For the fallen, the weary, the wounded, the
 lonely, the poor:*

*May we not "pass by on the other side",
 but, like the Good Samaritan, stoop to help,
 to heal, to carry the person to an inn of
 hope.*

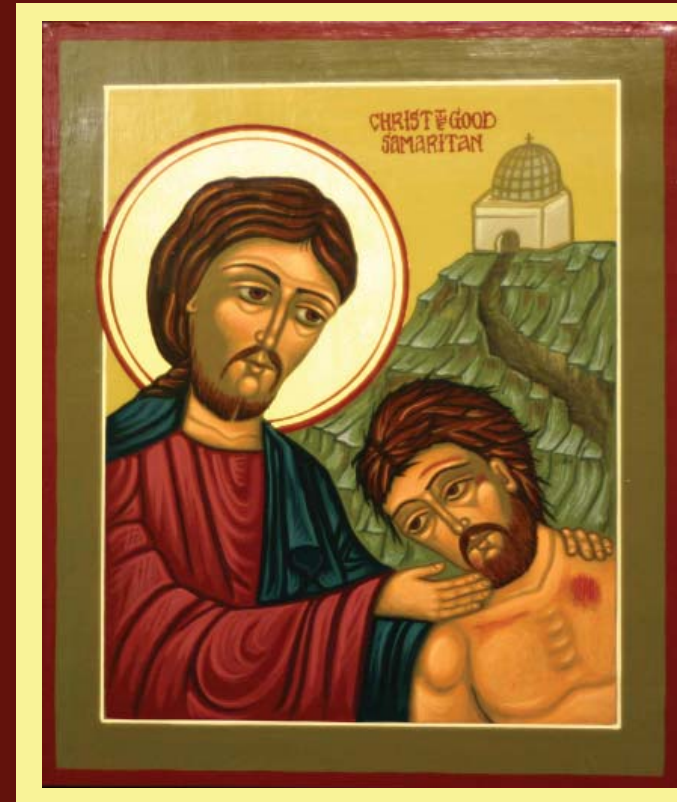
*May this desire burn in the hearts of
 all who embrace the work of Catholic
 Charities.*

*To their hearts, I, in this moment and in this
 day, join my own.*

Amen



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE GOOD SAMARITAN AFFILIATES



*"When we extend ourselves out of
 compassion, we reflect the love of Christ
 to our neighbors. I encourage you to
 become a Catholic Charities Affiliate in
 prayer and/or service in the example of
 the Good Samaritan."*

~ Bishop Jerome Listecki

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES
OF THE DIOCESE OF LA CROSSE**

**BECOME A CATHOLIC CHARITIES
AFFILIATE**

Christ has no body now on earth but yours,
No hands but yours, no feet but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which
He looks with compassion on this world;
Yours the feet with which he walks to do good;
Yours the hands with which he blesses
St. Teresa of Avila (1515-1582)

Catholic Charities does not provide this care as simply one among many social service agencies. Rather, it strives to see through the eyes of Jesus, feel with his heart, touch with his hands. In an effort to heed the parable of the Good Samaritan, it strives to be a neighbor to anyone suffering "on the side of the road".

We know Christ has made us one body, one family, with many members. And it is in this awareness that we invite you to consider becoming an Affiliate of Catholic Charities. The word itself, "Affiliate", in its Latin roots, implies a family bond. It implies an intimate level of participation. In this case participation is first of all spiritual. We seek Affiliates who join their prayers and sacrifices to the beautiful but demanding work the Lord has given Catholic Charities the privilege to carry out.

*We present for your consideration two forms of Affiliation:
Prayer Affiliate and Servant Affiliate*

Prayer Affiliate

Prayer Affiliates simply enroll and indicate they will pray the Catholic Charities Affiliate Prayer each day both for the staff and for the people they serve, that everything might be given and received in the name of Christ. We invite them also to offer their sacrifices and sufferings on behalf of the work of Catholic Charities. God alone knows the extraordinary good he will bring about through this unseen realm of prayer and offering.

Servant Affiliate

This form of affiliation presumes prayer as its foundation (and so involves a commitment to pray the Affiliate Prayer each day), but includes another component. The Servant Affiliate is one who commits to join spiritually his or her own acts of loving service with the works of Catholic Charities. This form of affiliation is especially suited to persons active in service ministries, those involved in the diocesan FAITH ALIVE Program, or anyone who make s a habit of service.

Affiliation with Catholic Charities, in either of the forms above, is open to persons in all walks and conditions of life ~ students or adults, young or old, healthy or infirm. We count in a special way on those Prayer Affiliates who are unable, because of age or illness, to physically engage in acts of service, but whose unseen prayers and sacrifices bring grace beyond measure. Affiliates will receive ongoing communication, spiritual reflections, and be offered optional opportunities for days of reflection from Catholic Charities.

_____ **Yes, I would love the opportunity to join Catholic Charities as a Prayer Affiliate!**

_____ **Yes, I would love the opportunity to join Catholic Charities as a Servant Affiliate!**

*Catholic Charities office locations in La Crosse, Eau Claire, Prairie du Chien, Stevens Point, and Wausau
www.cclse.org ~ 1-888-212-HELP*

Please contact me with a welcoming information packet.

Name: _____ Date of Birth (optional): _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____ Phone Number: _____

Parish Affiliation: _____