



# Catholic Charities Affiliates

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## Option for the Poor

Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? When did we see you ill or in prison, and visit you?' And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

—Matthew 25:35-40



## Prayer for Housing

*Lord, watch over all families who, can not obtain, have lost, are in danger of losing their homes. Encourage them. Give them hope. Keep their families together. Protect these families, given them hope and assistance.*

*In the Name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen*

## Reflection



As we mark the start of another summer we are blessed to have so many faithful Good Samaritan Affiliates. Each of you in your service and especially prayers are lifting up the good work of Catholic Charities. We give you our thanks for your gift to us, it mean more than we can express.

Times are difficult so please keep praying and encourage others to join as Affiliates and in our work of assisting the people of God.

If there is a prayer need that is important to you please let us know and we will be happy to include your request in future news letters.

Let us Pray for each other.

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## Assistance Provided in Gulf Coast

### Close to 10,000 Families and Individuals Helped to Date; Need Expected to Grow

Alexandria, VA—As the Gulf oil spill continues unabated, Catholic Charities agencies along the Gulf Coast are serving thousands of people and families who have felt the effects of the economic impact almost overnight.

Food, household supplies and clothing have been the primary needs to date, but increasingly Catholic Charities' disaster response and case management services are focusing on employment assistance, anger and stress management, and crisis counseling. "Livelihoods and ways of life have been halted just like that, with very little recourse for other options to generate any income to pay the bills and put food on the table," said Rev. Larry Snyder, President of Catholic Charities USA. "While homes and other personal property have not been destroyed by rising waters or raging fires, nonetheless the economic toll is equally immediate and devastating."

Catholic Charities initial assessment of the situation indicates long-term impact with growing need for case management services. Success in stopping the oil spill will not result in an immediate economic turn-around. While much initial response has been centered with Catholic Charities of New Orleans and the \$1 million grant it received from BP, other Catholic Charities agencies along the coast in Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida are either already serving many in need or prepared with plans to serve populations that may be impacted in coming days or weeks.

"As we all know all too well, this part of our country has been rising out of earlier disaster," added Fr. Snyder. "We must meet this present disaster head-on and quickly address the need so that we avert any prolonged impact across the region."

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## Calendar

### July 13<sup>th</sup>

**Stevens Point Advisory Board Meeting,  
3-4:30 p.m.; Catholic Charities Office  
Contact: Bill Medland**

### July 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>

**"A Home for Everyone 2010: Opening the Door to Opportunity"; Radisson  
Hotel, La Crosse; 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (July 21) and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. (July 22)  
Contact: Mary Jacobson**

#### Catholic Charities Office Locations:

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Prairie du Chien 115 East Perry	608-326-1616	Stevens Point 1408 Ellis Street	715-344-2500
Wausau 401 5th Street, Ste. 235	715-849-3311		



## Programs we offer:

**Emergency Services**-La Crosse, Eau Claire, Stevens Point, Wausau, Prairie du Chien

**Adoption Services**-La Crosse, Eau Claire, Stevens Point, Wausau

**Post Adoption Program**-La Crosse, Eau Claire, Stevens Point

**Financial Counseling**-La Crosse, Marshfield, Stevens Point, Prairie du Chien, Wausau

**HIV/AIDS Ministries**-Stevens Point

**Immigration Services**-La Crosse

**In-Home Support for Children with Disabilities**-La Crosse

**Domestic Abuse Services**-Prairie du Chien

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