



# Catholic Charities Affiliates

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## The Virtue of Charity

The theological virtue of Charity is the foundation of Christian moral activity; it animates it and gives it its special character. Charity is infused by God into the souls of the faithful to make them capable of acting as his children and of meriting eternal life. As a virtue Charity, greater disposes the Christians to live in a relationship with the Holy Trinity. They have the One and Triune God for their origin, motive, and object. In true Charity, we love God above all things and our neighbor as ourselves for love of God.

## Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit, come into my heart; draw it to Thee by Thy power, O my God, and grant me charity with filial fear. Preserve me, O ineffable Love, from every evil thought; warm me, inflame me with Thy dear love, and every pain will seem light to me. My Father, my sweet Lord, help me in all my actions. Jesus, love, Jesus, love. Amen.

This short prayer, written by St. Catherine of Siena (1347-1380), a virgin and doctor of the Church, asks the Holy Spirit to unite us to Him and to infuse us with His grace.

## Reflection

Many know the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, God's gift to humankind but in living our life these gifts are made manifest in the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.



The twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit are works that we can perform only with the aid of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the performance of such works is an indication that the Holy Spirit dwells in the Christian believer.

The twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit are *charity (or love), joy, peace, patience, benignity (or kindness), goodness, longanimity (or long suffering), mildness, faith, modesty, continency, and chastity.*

## Immigration Reform

The Catholic bishops speak on immigration reform and offer a clear position on the

nature and the elements of immigration reform.

**Statement of Most Reverend John C. Wester**  
**Bishop of Salt Lake City**  
**Chairman, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Committee on Migration**  
**Immigration Framework in U.S. Senate**

The U.S. Catholic bishops have consistently spoken out on behalf of comprehensive immigration reform and have urged its enactment. Today's introduction of an immigration framework in the U.S. Senate is an important first step in the process of achieving the enactment of a comprehensive measure. We urge members of both parties to begin a process toward introducing and enacting bipartisan legislation which affirms the rule of law and basic human rights.

While we support the general direction of the framework, including a legalization of the undocumented and improvements to our employment and family-based immigration systems, we strongly oppose extending marriage-like immigration benefits to same-sex relationships. This proposal threatens to undermine the opportunity to bring together the Congress and the American people around a common solution to the important challenge of immigration reform.

We also have concerns about the increases in enforcement resources contained in the framework. Over the past several years, the United States has poured billions of dollars into immigration enforcement, which has not only not solved the problem but in some cases led to the abuse of migrants. We would support the inclusion of provisions which address "push" factors that compel migrants to come to the United States, such as the lack of economic development in sending countries, so that migrants can remain in their countries and support their families in dignity.

We stand ready to work with the Administration and our federal elected officials of both parties to address these concerns and to improve the legislation in all areas. We call for a robust but civil debate. This issue can no longer wait and should not be politicized or held hostage to ideology. Our immigration system is badly broken and is in need of immediate repair.

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## Calendar

### Upcoming Events

**Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**

**3rd Annual**  
**An Evening in the Chippewa Valley**  
**Sacred Heart Hospital**  
**Eau Claire**

All are invited to join Catholic Charities in welcoming our special guest, the Rev. Larry Snyder, President of Catholic Charities USA, for an evening Mass and dinner as we celebrate 100 years of Catholic Charities USA and 138 years of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of La Crosse.

Tickets are \$50/person. Please contact Karen Becker at 608-782-0710 x202 for more information or to purchase your tickets. Seating is limited.

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Prairie du Chien 115 East Perry	608-326-1616	Stevens Point 1408 Ellis Street	715-344-2500
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## 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

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

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