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Memo

Date: November 19, 2018

To: Pastors, Parish Administrators, Parish Secretaries and Bulletin Editors

From: Nancy Stoehr, Coordinator of Stewardship and Development, Office of Stewardship

Re: Second Collection for Catholic Charities - Christmas

The second collection for Catholic Charities Atlanta is held each year on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

As a ministry rooted in the Gospel, Catholic Charities Atlanta values the dignity and uniqueness of each person, compassionate service, advocating for social justice and a partnership with the community, including the archdiocese and its parishes.

Catholic Charities provides a holistic combination of accredited social services that remove barriers to self-sufficiency and wholeness, and our services are tailored for the unique circumstances of the people we serve.

Please promote this collection with enthusiasm from the pulpit, in your Sunday bulletin and on your website.

**2018 CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION
CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

BULLETIN/PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DECEMBER 15-16:

The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day second collection will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta, a 65-year legacy in Georgia of charity for our most needy brothers and sisters and a mission inspired by our Catholic faith. Many of the clients are members of the working poor who work several jobs and long hours to support their families. Many of these individuals are also facing a life crisis, are alone and frightened. Catholic Charities Atlanta staff help to identify their problems and provide them with the resources to put them on the path to independence.

Catholic Charities services are aimed at empowering people to utilize their strengths and resources to meet their individual and family needs. Please give generously where it truly counts. Please support Catholic Charities to provide help and create hope for individuals and families facing challenges in our community, struggling on the margins of society, and living in poverty.

ANUNCIO DEL BOLETÍN/ PÚLPITO DICIEMBRE 15-16:

La segunda colecta de la víspera y el día de Navidad beneficiará a Caridades Católicas de Atlanta. Durante 65 años, Caridades Católicas de Atlanta ha servido a nuestros hermanos y hermanas más necesitados en Georgia, una misión inspirada en nuestra fe católica. Muchos de sus clientes pertenecen a la clase obrera trabajadora y trabajan varios turnos y largas horas para mantener a sus familias. Muchos también están enfrentando una crisis en sus vidas y están solos y asustados. El personal de Caridades Católicas de Atlanta les ayuda a identificar sus problemas y les proporciona los recursos para lograr la autosuficiencia e independencia.

Sus servicios están orientados a capacitar a las personas para utilizar sus fortalezas y recursos con el fin de satisfacer sus necesidades individuales y familiares. Por favor done generosamente a una causa que realmente cuenta. Apoye a Caridades Católicas para que pueda generar esperanza y proporcionar ayuda a todas las personas y familias que enfrentan retos en nuestra comunidad, a nuestros hermanos que viven en la pobreza y a aquellos que se encuentran en las márgenes de nuestra sociedad.

BULLETIN/PULPIT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR DECEMBER 24-25:

Today's second collection benefits Catholic Charities Atlanta. Last year, Catholic Charities served over 16,000 families and individuals. When families are barely keeping things together, one unexpected challenge can completely disrupt everything. Within a short period of time that "one" problem begins to impact nearly every facet of the family's life.

Your gift to Catholic Charities will allow them to continue to share the gift of hope this Christmas season. Every donation—large or small—nourishes the hope of those most vulnerable and helps families get back on the road to independence. Please give generously to the 2nd collection today!

ANUNCIO DEL BOLETÍN/ PÚLPITO PARA DICIEMBRE 24-25:

La segunda colecta de hoy beneficiará a Caridades Católicas de Atlanta. Caridades Católicas ayudó a más de 16.000 familias e individuos el año pasado. Cuando las familias apenas pueden mantenerse a flote, cualquier problema inesperado puede desequilibrarlo todo por completo. Dentro de un corto período de tiempo "ese" problema comienza a afectar casi todas las otras áreas de la vida familiar.

Su donación a Caridades Católicas permitirá que esas familias puedan seguir compartiendo el regalo de la esperanza durante esta temporada de Navidad. Toda donación, grande o pequeña, alimenta la esperanza de aquellos más vulnerables y ayuda a que las familias puedan volver a encaminarse hacia la independencia. ¡Por favor done generosamente a la segunda colecta de hoy!

Please see the following PowerPoint slide for your parish closed-circuit TV system. This slide is available online at <http://archatl.com/offices/stewardship/second-collection/>



Share the Gift of Hope

Christmas Second Collection for Catholic Charities

Your gift to Catholic Charities Atlanta provides help and hope to people in your community that are in need. Investing in an individual or family's ability to be self-sufficient creates incredible return in your own neighborhood. Through your support of our services, countless people in need will receive services and learn life-long skills that will transform lives.

How your gift provides hope:

- \$25 buys a pair of shoes for a job interview
- \$40 buys food for a week for a new refugee
- \$55 buys a cell phone and service for 30 days
- \$90 pays for English language instruction materials
- \$200 covers court representation for an abused client
- \$500 provides in home parenting education classes
- \$750 pays for a month's rent for a family of four

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Find out more at
www.catholiccharitiesatlanta.org

Video: for parish webpage.

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