Your neighbor is anyone you can help...

Your neighbor is among the **1.4 million** people who live in the six southern counties of New Jersey.

Your neighbor is among the **450,000** Catholics living within the Diocese of Camden.

Your neighbor is among the **7,108** individuals who received food assistance through Catholic Charities in 2018.

Your neighbor is among the **5,612** individuals provided with stable housing and the **4,176** individuals prevented from homelessness through Catholic Charities’ Housing Assistance Program in 2018.

Your neighbor is among the **14** seminarians going through their discernment process to serve God.

Your neighbor is among the **122,615** pastoral care visits through our Hospital Chaplaincy Ministry in 2018.

Your neighbor is among the **110** young people attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis, representing 12 of our parishes and Catholic School communities.

Your neighbor is among the nearly **500** graduates from IMEC (Instituto de Ministerio Eclesial de Camden) since its inception.

Your neighbor is among the **141** students currently enrolled in St. John of God/Archbishop Damiano School.

Your neighbor is among the **1,100** adults who have participated in Adult Formation Programs since its inception.

Your neighbor is among the **17,945** children and **12,273** families that participate in religious education programs in the Diocese of Camden.

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IMEC

IMEC is a formation program for the Hispanic community to help adults form new lay leaders and certified catechists. It empowers its graduates and provides them with the tools to better serve their Catholic Community, to better serve their neighbors. This is a huge accomplishment for not only the individual, but also their families. Teresa Lopez, a recent graduate of the 2019 class in Vineland, is now able to use her certificate to educate our Catholic youth as a CCD teacher and to help plan retreats as Director of the Pope John Paul II Retreat House. Your donation is allowing Teresa to support her neighbors through the work that she does.

VOCATIONS

Encouraging vocations is an essential part of our Catholic faith. The sacraments of our faith, which are essential to our relationship with God, will be increasingly difficult to provide to the Catholic faithful without priests. The House of Charity supports the Office of Vocations and those discerning a vocation, including the 14 seminarians currently in seminary in New Jersey, New York and Rome.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

The Hospital Chaplaincy team works endlessly to support Anne and patients like Anne in their darkest of times. The spiritual and emotional support provided by Chaplains and Associate Chaplains to hospitalized patients, their families and the staff of the hospitals is critical. Receiving daily visits and communion is a comfort for patients and their families. Your support of the House of Charity helps continue to comfort those families, your neighbors.

“As a lector, I now have a deeper appreciation of the scripture after my time with IMEC. I am truly grateful.”

Teresa Lopez | IMEC GRADUATE

“One of the wonderful things about the Diocese of Camden is our great culture of vocations. The House of Charity helps us continue to strengthen and grow that culture through its support.”

Father Adam Cichoski

VOCATIONS DIRECTOR

“I always felt that I was helping people as an Associate Chaplain, but it was confirmed for me while being in their shoes as a patient. It is a humbling experience.”

Anne Pirillo

FORMER ASSOCIATE CHAPLAIN AND PATIENT OF HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY

In Chapter 22 of the Gospel of Matthew, the Pharisees and Sadducees test Jesus Christ with a series of questions, hoping to trick him. Among the questions is, “Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?”

His answer is key to living our Catholic faith.

Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And, the second is similar: “Love your neighbor as yourself! All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

Love your neighbor is a phrase we all learned as young children. But, who is my neighbor?

Everyone! The people joining you in the pews today; those on the other side of town or elsewhere in South Jersey; even those on the other side of the world.

In God’s eyes, we are all neighbors and it is our duty to love one another by assisting them as we are able.

BISHOP DENNIS SULLIVAN

DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

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