

CATHOLIC CHARITIES RECEIVES FOOD AND CASH DONATION FROM CHARITY PROGRAM

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Two Catholic charity programs that provide food and financial resources to the Newark area's poor, low income, and homeless recently received food and funds from Catholic Cemeteries, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark, which collected donations during its food drive in recent months.

Approximately 120 bags (nearly 1,000 pounds) of non-perishable food items were presented to the Emergency Food Network of Catholic Charities in East Orange, New Jersey, along with a check for \$1,000. The Missionary Sisters of Charity in Newark, New Jersey, also received a \$1,000 check.

“The food drive is one way that we, as a Catholic family, can faithfully demonstrate the love of God to our brothers and sisters in need,” said Andrew P. Schafer, Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark. “We all know how our challenging economic climate impacts ordinary families including many in our Archdiocese who are less fortunate. Catholic Cemeteries proudly helps local charitable organizations by providing food and funds generously donated by our staff, our cemeteries, and our communities.”

The Emergency Food Network of Catholic Charities coordinates and supports local food drives from churches, schools, and community groups, and provides assistance and food supplies to 50 emergency food pantries and 8 shelters for the homeless in the Archdiocese of Newark.

The Missionary Sisters of Charity, founded by Saint Mother Teresa, provides food and shelter primarily for women in the Newark area. The Sisters help with daily meals, clothing, and career and emotional counseling.

Catholic Cemeteries – For Our Catholic Community

Catholic Cemeteries, a ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark, tends to the needs of individuals and families before, at the time of, and after death. This includes caring assistance with cemetery pre-planning, compassionate support at the time of death, facilitating a loved one's interment in a holy place, support throughout bereavement, and perpetual cemetery care. The Archdiocese of Newark operates 10 Catholic cemeteries vital to the Catholic community for more than 160 years. Over one million loved ones are interred in our cemeteries, and daily care is provided for each holy space and the entirety of each cemetery, perpetually. Catholic Cemeteries recognizes the deep religious

significance of the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy involved in the burial of and prayers for a loved one and the sanctity of the Order of Christian Funerals. To learn more, visit www.rcancem.org or connect on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).



Robert Mauriello (left), Director of Operations and Parish Cemetery Liaison at Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark, proudly presented approximately 120 bags (nearly 1,000 pounds) of non-perishable food and a check for \$1,000 to Sharon Reilly-Tobin (right), Program Manager for the Emergency Food Network of Catholic Charities in East Orange, New Jersey.

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