

# FEEDING THE HUNGRY IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

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Catholic Cemeteries, a Ministry of the Archdiocese of Newark, recently presented checks to two, local Catholic charities that provide food to the area's poor, low income, and homeless families. The funds come from parishioners and visitors who donated at one of five Catholic Cemeteries mausoleum locations during the Christmas season. The money supports the work of The Emergency Food Network of Catholic Charities and The Missionary Sisters of Charity.

“Feeding the hungry is one of the most basic acts of loving kindness and is one of the seven Corporal Works of Mercy,” said Andrew P. Schafer, Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries. “Donating food on behalf of a departed loved one truly honors their memory in a tangible way, and is a *Mitzvah* or a wonderful gift that cannot be repaid. We encourage our cemetery visitors and community to help feed the marginalized within our Archdiocese not just at Christmas time, but year-round because that's when it's needed.”

The Emergency Food Network of Catholic Charities, located in Cranford, NJ, coordinates and supports a network of food pantries, donor churches, schools, community groups, and volunteers by providing assistance and emergency food supplies to 50 food centers in the Archdiocese of Newark.

The Newark-based Missionary Sisters of Charity, founded by Mother Teresa of Calcutta, provides food and shelter primarily for women in the community. The center helps with daily meals, clothing, and career and emotional counseling.

**To donate to the Catholic Cemeteries Food Bank Ministry, visit online at [www.rcancem.org/donate](http://www.rcancem.org/donate)**

*PHOTO: Andrew P. Schafer, Executive Director of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark, presents a \$1,000 check to Sharon Reilly-Tobin, Program Manager for the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network, in front of a photo depicting a mosaic of Mother Teresa feeding the hungry. The actual 10-foot high mosaic is on display at*

*Gate of Heaven Cemetery in East Hanover, NJ. (Photo courtesy of Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of*



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