



**Motivated by our mission – Driven by urgent human needs  
Catholic Charities will serve those who need us most  
as a result of the crisis caused by the pandemic of coronavirus/COVID-19.**

#### Critical Populations:

Isolated; unable to access basic needs – food, medication, health care, etc.; high risk groups associated with COVID-19; lacking social supports; at risk for neglect or abuse; not eligible for federal or other assistance; unable to access assistance due to barriers of language and culture, lack of technology, age, health or disability, mental health conditions.

- Frail seniors and disabled adults
- Pregnant women – 53206 and neighboring Milwaukee zip codes impacted by poverty and poor birth outcomes particularly for the African American population
- Spanish-speaking families without resources
- Refugees experiencing difficulties navigating support systems
- Parents with intellectual disabilities

#### Identified Needs

- Access to food
- Emotional impact of isolation
- Fears of contracting COVID-19 – preventing necessary outreach for help or services
- Unemployment – barriers to receiving benefits
- Anxiety, depression, grief, and other mental health conditions

#### Catholic Charities' Response

- Senior Hotline
- Food Drive
- Wellness Visits and Food Delivery
- Pregnancy Help Line
- Spanish Outreach to provide information and offer help
- Assistance for Unemployment and other claims with refugee families and parents with intellectual disabilities
- At-home educational support for parents with intellectual disabilities
- Counseling to address mental health needs for people impacted by poverty

#### Areas of Greatest Need from Parishes

- Identify neighbors in critical need of human services
- Food Drive donations
- Volunteers to assist with food delivery and wellness visits