

## DEAR FRIENDS,

**JUNE 1 MARKS THE 35TH ANNIVERSARY** of **Our Daily Bread** at Catholic Charities. For more than 12,785 consecutive days (as of 6/1/16), we have served more than seven million meals to people who were hungry. This year, we will also commemorate the 20th anniversary of **Christopher Place Employment Academy**, where we have helped more than 1,000 formerly homeless men gain the skills and the confidence they need to achieve employment and self-sufficiency. I am proud of all the good work we have done. Still, I cannot celebrate these anniversaries. The needs we have addressed for all these years—hunger, homelessness, addiction, unemployment

and poverty—remain. That is something to mourn, not celebrate.

Despite the seeming intractability of these problems, we do have something very important to celebrate. Every day, day in and day out, on tranquil sunny days and through the worst blizzards on record, we have been present. We have encountered people facing some of life's most difficult struggles, and we have both welcomed them with compassion and provided services that made a difference in their lives. Over time, we have taken stock of the societal changes and challenges they face and have recognized that needs evolve. As a result, we have adapted as an organization, modifying our services and approaches, to meet those changing needs.

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# BLESSINGS

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Inspired by the Gospel mandates to LOVE, SERVE and TEACH, Catholic Charities provides care and services to IMPROVE the LIVES of Marylanders in need.

## Our Daily Bread marks 35 years of continuous service

**T**HE LINE BEGINS to form hours before the door opens, yet the growing crowd patiently assembles with a confirmed assurance: They will be fed.

This is the continuing story of **Our Daily Bread (ODB)** that began with the mission to feed Baltimore City's hungry. ODB serves an average of more than 700 meals each day, 365 days a year, and has never missed a day of serving meals in 35 years. Founded on June 1, 1981, ODB will have provided 12,785 days of uninterrupted service to Baltimoreans in need.

The program has evolved into providing more than a meal. **Our Daily Bread Employment Center (ODBEC)** provides people in need with daily hot meals, case management services, job training and placement. More than 7 million meals have been served, and a network of support and services have helped to move many people into permanent housing, employment and stability.

In the past year:

- Nearly 250,000 meals were served at ODB.
- More than 200 people have been placed into employment, at a median wage of \$10/hour.
- 180 people have been moved into permanent housing.
- More than 3,900 people have received casework or emergency services. ■



For the past 24 years, in addition to making casseroles, **Baltimore Hebrew Congregation (featured in a campaign ad)** provides the Christmas meal with all the trimmings. The synagogue's youth group does the cooking and meal prep for the dinner that includes turkey, mashed potatoes, green beans, sauerkraut and cranberry sauce. ■

## Comfort food

**CASSEROLES ARE A STAPLE** of Our Daily Bread.

Volunteers who prepare and donate the food choose from stock recipes (available at [cc-md.org/casseroles](http://cc-md.org/casseroles)\*) that include chicken and broccoli, beef stew, chili, ham and potatoes, chicken and noodles, chicken and rice, Texas hash, spaghetti with meat sauce, mac and cheese, sweet potato and black bean (vegetarian), Brunswick stew (vegan) and all-time favorite, zippy beef.

**\* Please call us before selecting a recipe to make for Our Daily Bread so we can tell you which casseroles are needed. Guidelines for preparation and handling are available online. For inquiries, call 443-986-9031, or email [volunteerodbec@cc-md.org](mailto:volunteerodbec@cc-md.org).**

### ZIPPY BEEF RECIPE

Serves 8-10

#### Ingredients:

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 8 oz. elbow macaroni, cooked
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup (10 ½ oz.)
- ¾ cups milk
- 2 tbsp. instant minced onion
- 2/3 cup ketchup
- ½ cup shredded cheddar cheese
- ¼ cup green pepper, chopped
- 1 tsp. salt

Cook and stir meat until browned. Drain off fat. Mix together all remaining ingredients, except cheese, into casserole pan. Stir in meat. Top with cheddar cheese. Cover with aluminum foil and bake for 40 minutes at 350 degrees. Cool completely. Label with casserole name and date. Freeze. ■



# Saluting those who serve

**OUR DAILY BREAD (ODB) VOLUNTEERS** range from young students to retirees and all demonstrate a willingness to serve as needed. Each day, a group of 32 volunteers—who are essential to the operation of the program—work with ODB staff members to heat casseroles, fill and serve plates and clean the dining hall and kitchen.

Program Manager **Kim Kahl** says, “Our Daily Bread has been able to be open every single day for 35 years because of our volunteers. They are the most incredibly dedicated and selfless people. We are very blessed to have them!”

The following are some of the faithful who recently served.

Ninety-one-year-old volunteer **Liz Turnbaugh** marks 34 years of service with the program. Each month, the **St. Charles Borromeo** parishioner fills plates at the food station and donates three casseroles of Texas hash.

“I was raised in Locust Point, and we were very poor after my mother was widowed when my father was killed in an accident while working on the docks,” she says. “I know what it is like to struggle, and I’m just thankful that I can help and that I’m not standing in the line to get a meal.”



**Nancy Lenhoff** volunteers once a month by cleaning and prepping a section of the dining hall as guests come and go. The 12-year veteran is joined in service by 12-15 other parishioners of **St. Joseph, Cockeysville**. “I always enjoyed being of service,” she says, explaining



her motivation. She also makes a spaghetti and meat sauce casserole each month, and she embroidered an ODB apron with Pope Francis’ name (see page 3) that was presented to him at the Vatican by a delegation of Baltimore clergy.

Ninety-year-old **Betty Williams** brings plates to guests as they are seated. Her friend, 92-year-old former volunteer **Frances Ashby**, who served for 34 years, encouraged Williams to take her place. “I’ve been coming twice a month for the past seven years,” she says. “Anytime you give, it’s doing your Christian duty.”



Spouses **Jeanne** and **Dan McCarthy** are new recruits. For the past year, they serve on Wednesdays in the kitchen and wherever else they are needed. In this photo, they’re helping to organize the pantry. “There are people who need help, and it gives us a sense of well-being,” said Jeanne McCarthy. “It’s a win-win for everyone,” added her husband.



As part of the freshman retreat at **Mount Saint Joseph High School**, 11 students volunteered at the afternoon meal program and returned to campus to share and reflect on their experiences.



Volunteering at ODB is a family tradition for retiree **Deborah Kinsey**. It’s where her two sons did their student community service 15 years ago. “I like working with Miss Betty because she moves nonstop while she’s here,” says the four-month volunteer who comes twice a week. “She takes volunteering as a serious vocation.”

**Natasha Cole-Leonard, Ph.D.**, delivered peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that were prepared by her



students in the honors program at the **Community College of Baltimore County, Catonsville**. Support of the program was prompted when a student who had volunteered with ODB talked about her experience with classmates. One hundred sixty-eight sandwiches were delivered, bringing the group closer to its goal of preparing 1,000 sandwiches for the semester. ■

## A timeline: Sharing the journey with our neighbors in need

“We have always provided more than a meal; we served people with dignity, and that was equally as important as the food we provided.”

—**Angelo Boer**, FORMER OUR DAILY BREAD PROGRAM DIRECTOR

1979

It began as a kind gesture by nuns who handed out sandwiches to the hungry at the **Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary’s** rectory door. It evolved into a formal program where guests could receive the assurance of a daily hot meal. The program was operated by Catholic Charities with **Sr. Josanna Abromaitis, SSND**, as director and supported by volunteers.

**We are  
Open Daily**

1981

ODB served a good hot wholesome lunch, prepared in advance and served by volunteers. On the first day, 100 meals were served. Soon, breakfast was added. A few years later, the **Christopher Place** day shelter for men began and would evolve into the employment component of ODBEC.

1990

Outgrowing its first location, ODB temporarily moved until a permanent site was built on the corner of Franklin and Cathedral Streets.



**One size fits all** →  
Volunteers as young as 14 and as old as 90+ have worn the apron. To volunteer, visit [cc-md.org/odb](http://cc-md.org/odb)



## Pope Francis offers prayers for Baltimore

**Archbishop William E. Lori** (center) watches as Catholic Charities' Executive Director **Bill McCarthy** (right) presents **Pope Francis** with an embroidered apron and button to commemorate the 35th anniversary of Our Daily Bread. The Archbishop led the interfaith and ecumenical delegation from Baltimore to the Vatican to receive the Pontiff's prayers and blessings for healing in Baltimore. The group that included leaders from the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faith communities attended the Pope's general audience on March 2. ■

## EQUIPPED FOR SUCCESS

Program Director **Anita Donaldson** applauds the first graduating class of the 12-week **general auto mechanics training program** at the April 15 commencement ceremony. The participants received classroom instruction at **St. Edward Church** and hands-on automotive service instruction at the **National Center on Institutions and Alternatives (NCIA)**. A \$250,000 grant from the **Mayor's Office of Employment Development's One Baltimore for Jobs** funds the program through April 2017, and **Catholic Charities** and the **NCIA** provide instructors. As of April 26, six graduates had found jobs. Job-readiness programs such as this are the evolution of services that began with the creation of **Our Daily Bread Employment Center**. ■ (PHOTO BY ROBERT KEENAN)



General auto mechanics training program information at **443-885-0990**

## Outstanding Service

The following people and organizations were acknowledged for their exemplary service at Catholic Charities' March 30 annual dinner.

### MONSIGNOR ARTHUR F. VALENZANO JOYFUL SERVANT AWARD

Rev. William J. Watters, S.J.  
Pastor  
St. Ignatius Church

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Northwest Baptist Church  
James Taneyhill, D.D.S.

### ANNE LINDSEY OTENASEK YOUTH SERVICE AWARD

Mount Saint Joseph High School

### MISSION IN ACTION AWARD

Wanda L. Brewton  
Case Management Supervisor  
Project FRESH Start

Ida Collins  
Pre-Vocational Education Coordinator  
Villa Maria Schools

Charles B. Logue  
Maintenance Supervisor  
DePaul House and St. Joachim House

Phyllis J. Sewell  
Community Leader  
DePaul House and St. Joachim House

Nancy L. Thomas  
Education Coordinator  
Catholic Charities Head Start of Baltimore

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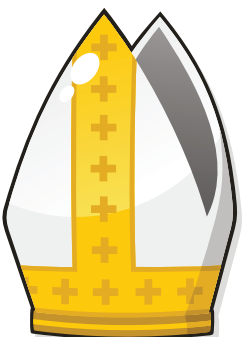
is the recipient of the **Pro Bono Service Award** that will be presented at the **Maryland State Bar Association's** June annual meeting in Ocean City. The nominations are made by the Pro Bono Resource Center of Maryland. Honorees are outstanding attorneys and non-attorneys who have made a significant contribution to the delivery of pro bono civil legal services to Maryland's poor. ■

For more information on Immigration Legal Services, visit [cc-md.org/ILS](http://cc-md.org/ILS)

1995

**Pope John Paul II** ate a creamed chicken casserole with 22 clients from Catholic Charities' programs.

Case management, health services and employment classes are added to the program.



2006

Our Daily Bread commemorated 25 years of continuous service in 2006. Here's a snapshot of the provided services:

- 237,200 lunches
- 11,204 breakfasts
- 1,576 bags of groceries to the elderly
- 5,019 guests were children
- 5,936 volunteers donated 60,000 hours of service
- 25,354 casseroles were donated



2007

**Our Daily Bread Employment Center** opened as a 52,000 sq. ft., one-stop comprehensive resource center for the poor, housing **Our Daily Bread, Christopher Place Employment Academy, St. Jude's Employment Center** (now **Work4Success**) and the **Samaritan Center** emergency referral program.



In 2006, **Frances Ashby** was one of several volunteers featured in a book commemorating the program's 25th year of operation.

(PHOTO BY BILL MCALLEN)

2016

Our Daily Bread marks 35 years of service. Commemorative services will be held throughout the year, including an **interfaith prayer service** on June 1 and a **poverty education summit** on October 26.



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Commemorative buttons signify the ongoing operation and mission of the hot meal program.



## Your gift matters, and it matters now!

Please open your heart and make your gift by June 30 at [cc-md.org/Blessings](http://cc-md.org/Blessings). Lives are improved and our community is stronger because of you and your generous support. THANK YOU!

## DEAR FRIENDS, continued from page 1

At Our Daily Bread alone, our approach has changed drastically over these last 35 years. Nine years ago, we moved from our location next door to the Basilica on Cathedral Street to our new location on the Fallsway. We recognized that the men and women we served needed more than onsite meal service and built a new facility that not only houses a meal program but also provides services that help people move toward self-sufficiency, like employment training, jobs placement, case management and housing placement.

I pray that 35 years from now, there will no longer be a need for programs like Our Daily Bread and Christopher Place Employment Academy. But if there is a need, I also pray that, with the resources and knowledge of my colleagues and our many partners and with God's help, we have the wisdom to adapt and evolve so that we are present to our sisters and brothers in ways that are meaningful and life-changing.

Peace,

Bill McCarthy, Executive Director

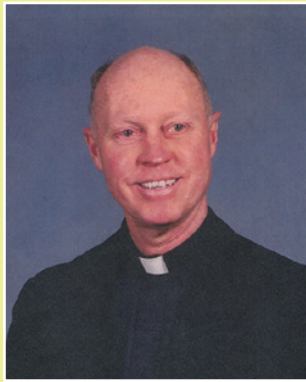
## Fr. Milton Hipsley shares his love

**Derek Coelho**, Catholic Charities' planned giving director, shares a poignant story.

The late **Fr. Milton Hipsley** grew up on Normount Street in the Walbrook neighborhood of West Baltimore. He served parishes in Catonsville, Essex, Pikesville, Hampden and St. Mary's in Cumberland.

This humble priest always found a way to connect with people—regardless of their status. Cumberland is home to four prisons and Fr. Hipsley volunteered there, befriending both prisoners and correctional officers. When he met African-American detainees from Baltimore, he always asked where they grew up—a puzzling inquiry perhaps coming from a white Catholic priest—but the prisoners were routinely amazed that he was curious about their childhoods and familiar with their neighborhoods. Fr. Hipsley took time to be with others without judgment and connected to people on the margins of church and society like Jesus, who was his model for ministry.

While walking the streets of Baltimore, he always greeted everyone he met. Among them was a man who sat on his front



steps. He had left the Catholic church and repeatedly told Fr. Hipsley that he didn't go to church and wasn't interested in "that religious stuff." Yet, Fr. Hipsley always stopped to talk with him, and through his persistent kindness, the two became best friends.

The impact of the friendship was realized when upon his death, the man bequeathed his entire estate to Fr. Hipsley! His nephew and executor **Tim Pugh** shared this story to explain why his uncle gave money to **Catholic Charities**. Fr. Hipsley then decided to pay it forward by giving all of the money the gentleman left him to charity, including to **Our Daily**

### Bread Employment Center.

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