

## MENU OF ENGAGEMENT

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF CENTRAL AND NORTHERN MISSOURI

**January is Poverty Awareness Month.** Our work at Catholic Charities can almost be summarized as “care for the vulnerable, oppressed, and poor.” In the Gospels, Christ often draws near to those in most need, ministering to their needs – both materially and spiritually. As the charitable arm of the Catholic Church in the Diocese of Jefferson City, we are honored to carry on the work of Christ by serving those in need, and welcome you to join us this month.

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For access to links and PDFs for the items listed below!

### See

» **LEARN**

Learn more about poverty in Missouri by downloading the latest [Missouri Poverty Report](#).

» **EXPERIENCE**

Experience the challenge of living below the poverty line by playing the online [Play Spent](#) poverty simulator.

» **ENCOUNTER**

Encounter those in need in person by volunteering at Catholic Charities. [It's easy to sign up and onboard with Catholic Charities](#) through our CERVIS portal, where you can see open opportunities and register to volunteer for projects that work with your schedule.

### Judge

» **REFLECT**

“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” 1 John 3:16

» **RELATE**

How would your life change if your income placed you at or below the poverty line? Would your loved ones be cared for? Would you feel safe and secure? How does your financial, housing, and nutritional security change with your income? Do you have a challenging time relating to these questions, or is it easy to imagine?

» **UNDERSTAND**

Discuss with your family, classroom, or parish: in the face of poverty across our community, state, and nation what is the Church called to do?

### Act

» **PRAY**

Pray Catholic Charities USA's [Prayer for the Care of the Poor](#) with your family, classroom, or parish group

» **SERVE**

others in your local community through your parish's social ministry efforts. If your parish does not have a social ministry, we invite you to learn more about becoming a [Parish Ambassador at Catholic Charities](#).

» **GIVE**

Support the Church's charitable work by joining [Catholic Charities' Circle of Care](#). This new giving opportunity invites the faithful to participate in our mission with a monthly gift. When you join the Circle of Car, you'll can look forward to special offers, Catholic Charities gear, and and more!