



## Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas

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### Principles of Catholic Social Teaching

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Call to Family, Community, and Participation
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers
- Solidarity
- Care for God's Creation

### Programs of Catholic Charities

**Asset Building Case Management**  
Beaumont and Port Arthur  
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**Counseling Services**  
Beaumont and Port Neches  
(409) 924 - 4410

**Disaster Response**  
(409) 924 - 4426

**Elijah's Place**  
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**Hospitality Center**  
Port Arthur  
(888) 982 - 4842

**Immigration Services**  
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**Parish Social Ministry**  
(409) 924 - 4415

**The services of Catholic Charities are available to all without regard to race, gender, religious affiliation, age or national origin.**

**Catholic Charities serves residents of the following counties: Chambers, Hardin, Jasper, Jefferson, Liberty, Newton, Orange, Polk and Tyler.**

## Parish Social Ministry



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## Parish Social Ministry

The Parish Social Ministry program of Catholic Charities strives to assist members of local parish communities in understanding the foundational principles of Catholic Social Teaching and committing themselves to act on those principles.

This activity requires identifying, supporting and training parish leaders who will organize people and activities around four specific, complementary ministries:

- Direct Service
- Legislative Advocacy
- Community Organizing
- Global Solidarity

## What Catholic Charities Can Do

The Parish Social Ministry program cooperates with pastors and other parish leaders in identifying social service needs within local communities that might be addressed by parish resources or other local means of assistance.

When local communities pull together to address needs within their midst, Catholic Charities and other social services are able to use their resources more efficiently and achieve the greatest good.

For that reason, Catholic Charities is always interested in supporting parishes in organizing themselves to address social service gaps that can be met locally.

## Examples of Social Ministry

Parishes can creatively address many needs in their community. Examples might include opening a food pantry to distribute groceries to the hungry, developing a mentoring program to help with reading literacy and job skill training, or payment of utility bills for the poor.

Whatever the needs in a community might be, it is likely someone in that community has a gift of talent and time they can contribute to make a difference in the life of someone in need.

## How You Can Help

For the Parish Social Ministry program to achieve its goal of broadening available social services in the region, it needs parishioners who are willing to step up into volunteer leadership roles within their parishes.

If you have a combination of skill and compassion, then you can be supportive of efforts to begin or expand your parish's social service activities.

*providing help.  
creating hope.*

## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) works to help people break the cycle of poverty, not just for a day, but for a lifetime by addressing its root causes.

Through the generosity of parishioners to the annual CCHD collection, CCHD is able to help support projects within the Diocese of Beaumont and throughout the United States which encourage self-sufficiency, education and training. Non-profit 501c(3) organizations working to address social issues in the community can apply for these CCHD grants.

The Parish Social Ministry program, administers the local grant funding process made available through these CCHD monies.

## Supporting our Seniors

The Parish Social Ministry program supports senior citizens (Third Age) groups in our region and sponsors an annual Third Age Day Celebration. Hosted by a parish selected by the Third Age Task Force members, this event is open to those from around the Diocese of Beaumont who are 50 years of age or older. Third Age activities include prayer, fellowship, food and fun.