**Dear Friends,**

Without a doubt 2015 will be a year I won’t ever forget. We experienced a significant increase in the coordination of our volunteer program, a key component of our agency. Staff members Debbie Westcott and Stacy Basham have helped to create a sustainable program that allows for a meaningful volunteer experience while bringing about greater awareness of our mission. This process includes education with a program called Safe & Sacred.

Safe & Sacred is an effort to help all of us identify the signs of child endangerment and then know how to properly respond. We all recognize children are some of our communities’ most vulnerable citizens and it is our duty to do everything we can to protect them. Over the last three years, we’ve put Safe & Sacred into place and tested it daily. In spite of some confusion and criticism, it has proven to be an effective vetting process to ensure safety for both our volunteers and our children. We truly appreciate everyone’s patience, and in the final analysis, it’s the safest path we can take to ensure our children are safe.

On a more personal level, the loss of our agency founder and my personal hero, John E. Etling, this year has left a hole in my heart. My dad loved the Terre Haute community and his country. He was the first servant leader I ever knew. Inside this annual report you can find a more detailed story in memory of his work and life. On behalf of Catholic Charities and the Etling family, I want to thank everyone for their kindness and words of support. It is because of the many people who prayed with us that we’ve been able to get through some difficult days. We are and will always be grateful for your caring and kindness.

May God bless you and the USA,

*John C. Etling*

*Agency Director*
The financial data presented here is unaudited. A copy of the 2015 Audited Financial Statement for the Chancery and Certain Entities for the Archdiocese of Indianapolis is available at www.archindy.org/finance/archdiocese.html

### Revenues

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**Net Profit** **-107,967**
Providing Help.
All information is for Fiscal Year 2015: July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

Bethany House Emergency Shelter
Revenue for the program: $235,900
Expenses: $257,429
Shelter (17 adults and 9 children served) — temporary shelter for single women, married couples and families, case management, referrals, skills development

Loaves and Fishes Soup Kitchen (36,512 meals served) — meals served every day of the year and emergency food baskets available

Deli Days (7,743 people served) — baked goods and fresh produce distributed at its most nutritious state

Clothes Closet (5,456 family members served) — distribution of gently used clothing and small household items

Christmas House and Household Exchange
Revenue for the program: $20,890
Expenses: $40,727
Christmas Store (4,403 family members served from 943 families during the Christmas season)

Provides low-income families with a household item, personal hygiene products and clothing for each family member as well as a toy for each child. All items are new and provided at no financial cost.

Household Exchange (33 families served)
Household items such as furniture and kitchen items are distributed to low-income families, victims of fires or home invasions and families transitioning from a shelter to a home or apartment. This program also benefits the environment by keeping useful items out of landfills.

Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodbank
Revenue for the program: $567,734
Expenses: $593,390
(95 Foodbank Member agencies, 2,791,754 Pounds of Food Distributed, 2,964,523 Pounds of Food Collected from Donors)
As a certified affiliate of Feeding America, the Foodbank solicits, collects, sorts, safely warehouses and distributes 2.5 million meals each year to more than 32,000 individuals living in Clay, Greene, Knox, Parke, Sullivan, Vermillion and Vigo counties.

Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall
Revenue for the program: $296,736
Expenses: $337,681
1,453 Youth Participated at Ryves

Participation in Activities*
Sports and physical activity .................. 11,895
Scouting ........................................ 1,361
Preschool ........................................ 1,991
Kids Cafe* (meals served) .................. 20,831
Tutoring ........................................ 16,140
Champions Reading ......................... 654
BackPacks Distributed ................. 3,477

*1,453 children attended Ryves Youth Center. The numbers corresponding to each program represent the number of times these children participated in an activity.

The Youth Center is a safe haven for children, fostering a positive attitude of self-worth through programs that promote physical, educational and social development for children ages 5-17 in our communities.

The facility, which operates Monday through Friday afternoons, provides supervised recreation, tutoring, mentoring, counseling and evening meals for every child in attendance.

All of our agency’s services are offered free of charge, with the exception of member food pantries paying a nominal $0.19 per pound of food (excluding USDA Commodities and perishable food items) to the Foodbank for shared costs for warehousing, transportation, insurance and safe storage.
Creating Hope.
Special Events and Recognition
In all areas of our service, it is essential that each person is treated with respect and dignity. We are not here to judge our neighbors; we are here to provide help and create hope during a difficult time in life.

This past year, we celebrated our 40th year of existence here in the Wabash Valley with our Annual Benefit Dinner on September 3, 2014, held at Idle Creek Golf Course and Banquet Center. The event, with featured speakers—former Bethany House residents Brian and Ashley Heckmann and Dr. Dottie King, President of St. Mary-of-the-Woods College—raised approximately $42,500. The event also recognized and honored two individuals who have made significant contributions to the success of our programs and the clients we serve.

Individuals honored at the 2014 fundraising dinner:
• John Crippen
• Mary Lou Albert

These individuals are so important to the success of our agency, and we are grateful for their continued efforts.

Congratulations to the community of St. Margaret Mary Parish – 2014 winners of the Sock and Underwear Drive!

In Memoriam
John E. Etling
June 27, 1929 – April 6, 2015

John Erwin Etling, 85, of Terre Haute passed away Monday morning, April 6, 2015. He was a schoolteacher for 34 years and most recently was the founder and Executive Director of Catholic Charities in Terre Haute for 32 years until his retirement on May 1, 2005. John was born June 27, 1929 in Terre Haute to John Etling and Glenna Erwin Etling.

Survivors include his beloved wife of 59 years, Patricia Jeanne Carbon Etling; 10 children and 32 grandchildren.

John was a 1947 graduate of Garfield High School and received both his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Art Education from Indiana State University. From 1951–1953 he served in the United States Navy during the Korean War.

After teaching, John was hired part-time by the Archdiocese of Indianapolis to start Catholic Charities in Terre Haute in 1973. On February 1, 1981, he was appointed as the Executive Director and served there until his retirement in 2005. While at Catholic Charities he helped develop several programs including Simeon House Congregate Living, Bethany House Emergency Shelter for the Homeless, Terre Haute Catholic Charities Foodbank, Ryves Youth Center at Etling Hall, the Christmas Store and the Household Exchange. For his service to the Terre Haute community and the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, John was honored with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice, an award given by (then) Pope John Paul II, which is the highest Roman Catholic Award given to church laity. Additionally, he was the recipient of the Archbishop Edward T. O'Meara Respect Life Award (given to both John E. and Pat Etling), the Award of Merit given by the Council #541 Knights of Columbus of Terre Haute; Sagamore of the Wabash, Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonel, Archdiocesan Citation of Merit, Hospice of the Wabash Valley Chapman S. Root Award for outstanding contributions to the Quality of Life in the Wabash Valley, naming of Etling Hall at Ryves Youth Center, the Harry S. Truman Club Distinguished Citizen Award and was a recipient of an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Humanities from Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College.

John’s compassion to those in need was shown at any hour, day and night. With the Catholic Charities’ phone number ringing at his bed stand, John would meet people in need wherever and whenever they called, often times bringing them into the shelter where they could get food to eat and a safe night’s rest before working through the next steps of finding more permanent housing.

Through his compassion and care, John touched the lives of thousands of members of our communities. He will be greatly missed.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.
Other facts:
92% of the children at Ryves Youth Center feel the homework help has allowed them to understand their schoolwork better.
99% of the children attending Ryves Youth Center give it two thumbs up for believing the adults care about their feelings and what happens to them.
83% of the children who participated in the Ryves Champions Reading Program during the 2014-15 school year showed improvement in their reading skills.
100% of the member agencies express satisfaction with the services they receive from the Foodbank.
100% of the adult residents at Bethany House have made progress towards self-sufficiency.

We thank these key volunteers for their numerous hours of service to Catholic Charities during the last year:
Max Hendrix
Sue Nelson
Anna O’Neill
Mike Robinson
Tom McCullough
Odyssey House
Club Soda
Teen Challenge
Sue Miller
Jackie Grady
Brandon Shorter
Christopher
Stephenson
Rick Rogers
Tommy Orndorff
John
Kreighbaum
Karen Goehl
Pam Grimes
Sandy Cox
Skip Lenne
Linda Lenne
Betty Jorritsma
Lori Marshall
Judy Winniski
Brenda Weber
Martha Tempel
Mary Chloupek
Louise
Meneghini
Roberta Weliever
Kathy Gottshall
Linda Behrendt
Sr. Mary
Montgomery
Susie Lannoo
Kris Kraut
Jordan Bayles
Pat Kelley
Nancy Rogers
Lorrie Heber
Pat Martin
Tina French
Jackie Fort
Jack Dispennett
Tim Wood
Tom Bruce
Marsha Nasser
David Melvin
Dawn Miller
Rock’yeh Lord
Soulaf Abas
Bob Waelbroeck
Ned Wenstrup
ISU Women’s Soccer Team
Terre Haute North Girls’ Soccer Team

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From the Executive Director

Poverty at the Crossroads

Words can be very limiting, and can carry a great deal of prejudice and misunderstanding. Specifically, the words “poverty” and “poor” come to mind.

Larry Snyder, former President of Catholic Charities U.S.A., has a well-reasoned definition of poverty in his book, Think and Act Anew: How Poverty in America Affects Us All and What We Can Do about It.

This definition of poverty explains that individuals are considered poor if:

- they cannot afford housing that is clean, safe and in good repair;
- they cannot afford nutritious food for themselves and their family on a regular basis;
- they cannot consistently pay their utility bills even though it is a priority;
- their children are not adequately clothed for school with clean clothes that fit and are in good repair, and they do not have proper clothing for work;
- they cannot afford to go to the doctor for any kind of illness because they fear their visit will be beyond their means to pay for it.

For this reason, on Ash Wednesday, April 15, 2015, the five Indiana bishops released a pastoral letter discussing the issue of poverty in the state of Indiana. The title of the pastoral letter is “Poverty at the Crossroads: The Church’s Response to Poverty in Indiana.”

The word “poor,” as defined above, does not suffice in describing what the pastoral letter intends to communicate, but rather offer a common understanding of the situation.

We are encouraging Hoosiers to take the time to read the letter (which can be found at http://www.archindy.org/archbishop/poverty-2015.html) and we pray that it will inspire individuals, families, colleagues and parishes to action. We pray readers will also go the additional step to respond to the survey (found at the same web address as the letter itself), which the bishops will use in the development of a pastoral plan to reduce poverty in Indiana.

The work on this pastoral letter began a couple of years ago—before we knew we would welcome a new pope who would greatly emphasize the Church’s responsibility to serve the poor.

As the letter developed, a major point of emphasis was on the role of the family in either contributing to or mitigating poverty, depending on the health and well being of families. Little did we know when discussions first began regarding the pastoral letter, Pope Francis would call for the Synod of Bishops to discuss the family. At the same time, some of our key civic leaders in Indiana are currently calling new attention to the breakdown of families, and the resulting poverty that often follows.

All this is to say that the content and timing of the bishops’ pastoral letter on poverty is not mere coincidence, but appears to be a clear movement of the Holy Spirit. It is now time for all of us to get caught up in this movement of the Spirit, and contribute our time, talents and treasures for the benefit of those who are suffering.

Many people in our archdiocese, our state and country constantly face those struggles. Let’s keep their struggles in mind as all of us discern how we will respond in love to help our brothers and sisters in need.

David Siler
Executive Director, Secretariat for Archdiocesan Catholic Charities and Family Ministries