



## OUR HISTORY

The **Catholic Social Welfare Bureau** was established in 1920 under the auspices of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee to help coordinate and standardize the Church's social service efforts in southeastern Wisconsin. In its early years, the agency focused on adoption and child welfare services. Family counseling and home-maker services for people with disabilities and the frail elderly were added during the 1950s and 1960s to meet expanding community needs. In 1965 the agency changed its name to **Catholic Social Services**, reflecting the trend of that time period.

Throughout the '70s and '80s, program initiatives including: outreach programs to minority populations, refugee resettlement services, child abuse prevention, parenting programs and the addition of specific ministries to the aging and persons with disabilities were established.

The 1990s brought about the development of multiple specialty programs and new collaborations for social service ministries with parishes in the Archdiocese of Milwaukee. School based counseling programs and additional family-service programs were developed. In 1997 the agency changed its name to **Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Milwaukee, Inc.** to reflect its long-standing affiliation with Catholic Charities USA, one of the nation's largest, private networks of people helping people.

The first new program of the millennium, Legal Services for Immigrants, began in 2000. In 2002 came the agency's focus on current programs and a major structural reorganization within the agency itself. For much of our 90+ year history, the agency was compartmentalized through Regional Offices, with some services specific only to a particular region. Today, there are ten service sites across our Archdiocese.

In 2015, specialists in our In-Home Support program developed our newest program, Hoarding Treatment & Intervention, a team approach which engages a Case Manager, Home Coach and Therapist to help the client in their home.

Today, Catholic Charities continues to respond to the changing needs within parishes and communities of the ten-county Archdiocese of Milwaukee. The programs and services offered by Catholic Charities are available to anyone in need regardless of race, religion, color, country of origin or financial circumstances.

The following is a listing of our programs and services:

Adoption Services  
Behavioral Health Counseling  
Outreach & Case Management  
Pregnancy & Parenting Support  
Supported Parenting Services

Refugee and Immigration Services  
Adult Day Services  
In-Home Support Services  
Hoarding Intervention & Treatment

### **Mission Statement:**

Inspired by Christ's call to serve, our mission is to serve those in need, to advocate for justice and to call upon others to do the same.