

1993

- Catholic Charities began the first Diocesan wide Job Referral Services to assist amnestied and refugee persons, including those having difficulties finding employments. The program successfully employed 137 individuals in its first year.

1994-1995

- Catholic Charities Board of Directors and Administrators developed 3 committees and began to re-evaluate the organization and the effectiveness of its programs; as the community and surrounding areas began to grow Catholic Charities felt the need to expand its already developed programs to new areas of the Diocese.

1996

- Catholic Charities began its work with Diocesan Parishes in all 12 County areas; emphasis was placed in George West-Live Oak County; Benavides-Duval County; Beeville, Pettus-Bee County; Sinton, Odem, Taft-San Patricio; and Premont, Ben Bolt in Jim Wells County.

1997-1999

- Looking forward into the new decade, Catholic Charities began to closely work with the staff, Board of Directors and administration to finalize its Vision. The dedication to excellence and the quality of the developed programs inspired all those involved to pursue the goals of the Church with integrity and love.
- A decision was made to wait until the new Bishop was installed before a final decision was made on the wording for “Our Purpose, Our Vision, and Our Beliefs.”

2000

- Bishop Edmond Carmody is installed as Bishop of Corpus Christi.
- Preparations for the 35th Anniversary began.

2001

- Catholic Charities celebrates its 35th Anniversary and its first fundraising event.
- The need to find a permanent solution to the homeless population became a priority for Bishop Carmody, as the City experienced tremendous increase in the homeless population.
- Attempting to find a permanent solution to the city’s homeless population, Bishop Carmody approached the Board of Directors and Sister Patrick Bruen with the idea of building a place where homeless men and women could receive basic needs during the day. Immediately the Board of Directors approved the project and preparations began to secure funding to purchase a building within close proximity to Catholic Charities and areas where the homeless gathered.

2002

- With the help and support of Catholic Charities USA, we saw a community need and gap in services to existing and future homeowners. In October 1, 2002 we became an Approved Housing Counseling Agency with the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The Housing Counseling Department was established to provide education and counseling to new and existing homeowners. For the first time, homeowners found comfort in knowing that they had a trusting community agency where they could receive valuable information and certified housing counselors to help them navigate through the complexities of the home buying process. The program began its Marketing and Outreach Initiatives, Homebuyer Education and Learning Workshops, and assisted with the development of household budgets.

2003

- Mother Teresa Shelter, Inc. opened in September 16, 2003. The facility will serve as a day time homeless shelter providing supportive services such as snacks, showers, clothes, laundry facilities, will give access to the telephone and internet, job opportunities, case management, counseling, referrals and access to local community agencies, and ultimately family reunification. Today, the shelter continues to operate with a capacity of well over 150 individuals, and its supportive services have expanded to incorporate breakfast and brunch.

2004

- The Diocesan Office for Persons with a Disability is transferred to Catholic Charities, and was re-named Ministry and Life Enrichment for Persons with Disabilities. The program provides area wide educational, spiritual, and recreational programs for the hearing impaired, the deaf, the vision impaired, the blind, the mentally challenged, and those with other disabilities. Soon after, new programs such as, Living and Learning, Living Independently and Productively, a special Fun Day was created, and a support group for parents with children with Autism was developed.

2005-2006

- Once again Catholic Charities took time to reevaluate the community needs, expanding its Housing Counseling Department in Corpus Christi, and throughout the 12 Counties of the Diocese of Corpus Christi. It began working with the offices of the Nueces County Commissioners, and the Texas A&M University-Center of Water Supply Studies in Corpus Christi developing a map that will best identify the Priorities of the Nueces County Colonias. As a result, it expanded its Emergency Aid Department providing assistance to Colonia residents.