

Parish Social Ministry Annual Report 2004-2005

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THE VISION OF PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY

Parish Social Ministry is a parish's faithful attempt to find Jesus in the midst of what the Scriptures call the little, the lost, the last and the least. It is a faith community's organized and intentional effort to be in solidarity with those in need. It is the Catholic parish commitment to seek both mercy and justice. Parish Social Ministry finds its lifeblood in the Eucharist, which nourishes and renews the faith community, not for itself, but in service for the life of the world. It is an organized and intentional effort to recognize and serve Jesus in the lives of those who are hurt or broken or vulnerable. It is part of the fullness of being a faithful Catholic parish.

Parish Social Ministry is decidedly **parish** ministry. Parishes are geographical entities that convey a belief that God not only loves people but God also loves places. God encounters us where we live. The faith community ministers with a special understanding that it is responsible for stewardship - the care of - that place and all who live there, especially those in need. From Valley Stream to Montauk, from the North Shore to the South Shore, the Diocese of Rockville Centre is expressed most concretely in the life of its parishes. Parish Social Ministry is steeped in an understanding that people's needs are best addressed in the most local - the most immediate and relational manner.

Parish Social Ministry also grows out of a lively awareness that all ministry is, by its very nature, **social**. We do not live out our baptisms in isolation from one another. We do not truly become a faith community without the presence among us of the poor, the widow, the orphan and the stranger in the land. While we recognize that there are important individual and private expressions of faith, the collective faith of a parish community is fundamentally relational and public. And in the end, this work is truly **ministry**. It is a tangible expression of care on behalf of the parish community and in the name of Jesus. It is service and obedience to our Lord who called us to profoundly understand that, "when you do this for the least among you, you do it for me."

The task of engaging in Parish Social Ministry is one that requires constant renewal and revitalization. We must constantly attend to those places where this work already exists and is strong while seeking to develop and expand it where it is weak.

It is our hope that this report will highlight, through the hard data of services rendered, the reality of poverty and struggle for so many of our neighbors. And it is our intent that we would use this data, together with the actual testimony of individuals, to solicit greater resources for the work of Parish Social Ministry and to advocate with government for a stronger public commitment to those who are vulnerable and in need.

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PSM ANNUAL REPORT 2004-2005: SUMMARY

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Data Sources for the Annual Report:

Ninety-seven Parish Social Ministry programs participated in this annual report (see back cover) by providing PSM Monthly Reports on clients and direct services or by completing a survey about additional ministries. Almost two-thirds of the programs that responded provided both sources of data.

- PSM Monthly Reports, based on programs' daily logs of clients and services, were sent to the Catholic Charities Parish Social Ministry Department throughout the year by 64 PSM programs. These standardized reports, prepared by trained staff and volunteers, are the basis for the average monthly *unduplicated* counts of clients and the average monthly totals of direct services.
- A survey of Parish Social Ministry programs was sent to all PSM programs in June 2005, asking about staffing, volunteers, and program ministries, in addition to direct services. Eighty-six of 118 programs responded (a 73 percent response rate).

Findings and Highlights:

Responding to the Gospel call to serve the "least among us," Parish Social Ministries, from Great Neck to Montauk, provide an array of services to relieve the suffering of poor and vulnerable Long Islanders.

- More than 85 percent of parishes in the diocese have Parish Social Ministry (PSM). These programs range from a volunteer who runs a food pantry to a parish with two full-time paid staff who, together with trained volunteers, provide a full range of direct services to hundreds of poor and vulnerable people each month, advocate for public policies that will address the needs of these clients, and provide opportunities for all parishioners to understand and live Catholic Social Teaching.
- A survey of 86 Parish Social Ministry programs showed that programs do much more than assist with food. More than half the programs surveyed provide: transportation for the elderly and infirm; referral to professional services; visits to the homebound; support groups; advocacy through letter writing, phone calls, and bulletin announcements; sharing resources with parishes having a greater economic need; engaging in interfaith efforts for understanding and justice.
- 64 parish outreaches served a total of more than 14,000 individual people each month and provided them with more than 26,000 services.
- The 64 parish outreach programs are strongly representative of all PSMs because they included a cross-section of Nassau and Suffolk parishes of different economic levels and included programs with paid and volunteer staff, as well as those with many or few volunteers. Each Nassau County parish outreach serves, on average, 201 clients per month; in Suffolk County, each parish outreach serves an average of approximately 238 clients monthly. Many of these clients receive services more than once a month.
- PSM services meet some high profile needs but the number of services provided tends to "hide" other needs. Approximately a third of all direct services is food, a very immediate daily need. However, only about 2 percent of all services are for housing assistance and referrals. PSMs report housing as one of the primary *unmet* needs in Nassau and Suffolk Counties. Although unable to meet all the housing requests that are received, PSM programs advocate for housing for low income households – advocacy for individual households and advocacy for better policy, including participation in town housing coalitions for more affordable housing, both rental and ownership.

***“For I was hungry and you gave me food...
I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” (Matthew 25:35)***

WHO WE ARE

...The Coordinators and Volunteers

Parishes on Long Island have made a major commitment to serving their communities through their Parish Social Ministry programs. Most Nassau and Suffolk County PSM programs have a paid PSM Coordinator, 97 percent and 88 percent, respectively (see table below). Many programs also have a part-time assistant. In Nassau parishes, there are more full-time coordinators; in Suffolk parishes, the coordinator is sometimes a part-time person, or a full-time staff person with other ministry commitments. Eight percent of PSM programs are administered by volunteer coordinators.

In Nassau parishes, more paid staff has enabled many parishes to expand their programs, hand-in-hand with recruiting and training more volunteers. As ministries grow and volunteers gain skill, the coordinator can delegate responsibilities to them, as the Parish Social Ministry program takes on more advocacy for the poor and involves more parishioners in living out the Gospel. Some Suffolk parishes have also been able to implement the full PSM vision of direct services, advocacy, bringing the Catholic Social teaching message to parishioners. Every PSM program greatly values the many volunteers, who make this ministry possible.

	Nassau County	Suffolk County	Nassau/Suffolk (Diocese of Rockville Centre)
<u>STAFF</u>			
Number of parishes with a paid PSM/ Outreach Coordinator (%)	97%	88%	92%
Among parishes with paid PSM/Outreach staff, the average number of Full Time Equivalent staff (1 FTE = 35 hours)	1.4	1.2	1.3
<u>VOLUNTEERS</u>			
Parishes with core volunteers (%)			
None	19%	16%	17%
1 to 5 core volunteers	35%	51%	44%
6 to 20 core volunteers	43%	29%	35%
More than 20 core volunteers	3%	4%	4%
Parishes with other volunteers (in addition to core volunteers) (%)			
None	5%	12%	9%
1 to 25 volunteers	41%	35%	37%
26 to 100 volunteers	32%	43%	39%
More than 100 volunteers	22%	10%	15%

Core Volunteers are those who have been specially trained by the parish and/or Catholic Charities to:

- Represent the parish to those who seek direct services.
- Interview clients to assess need.
- Explore options with the individual/family and journey with them in seeking solutions.
- Provide appropriate information and referrals to service providers.
- Assist clients with advocacy for public benefits.

Source: The June 2005 survey of PSM programs (86 responded).

REACHING OUT TO THE PARISH, COMMUNITY, AND BEYOND

...Parish Social Ministry is more than Direct Services

Parish Social Ministry (PSM) programs offer many services and programs in addition to the direct services (described on page 7) provided by the outreach. Coordinators from eighty-six parishes responded to a survey asking them about these other activities. PSM is unique in each parish but the vision is the *same*: to serve poor and vulnerable people within the geographic parish boundaries, and to provide the opportunity for each member of the parish to respond to the Gospel call to serve their neighbor. PSMs in areas of Nassau and Suffolk with concentrations of poor or low-income households respond generously by providing food and assisting families and individuals to obtain the basic requirements of living with dignity on Long Island. While all PSMs give food, many parishes have identified and met other needs.

Senior services: transportation, visits, telephone calls. Often senior citizens and the frail elderly are isolated or lonely. Limited accessible public transportation and their own health limitations interfere with getting to doctors appointments, socializing with others, or attending religious services. PSMs have met many of these needs through transportation ministries, senior groups and home visits. One ministry that has grown in response to the needs of the homebound is telephone reassurance calls where volunteers make a telephone call as a “friendly visitor” to confirm the safety and well being of the person, as well as to chat.

Consolation ministry. In most parishes in the diocese, a designated staff person coordinates this supportive ministry for families who have experienced a death. In approximately twenty-five percent of parishes, the PSM Coordinator is the staff person who oversees the consolation ministry.

Support groups. The majority of PSM programs have one or more support groups to meet specific or ongoing life situations, for example, groups for divorced/separated, bereavement groups, Rainbows (for children who have experienced a loss).

Public Policy Education Network (PPEN). More than a quarter of all PSM programs are part of PPEN, which is administered by Catholic Charities to assist parishioners to form their consciences on public issues and to advocate for public policy informed by Gospel values. Hundreds of members across the diocese work for a more just world by writing letters, meeting with government officials, and raising awareness among their own parishioners through faith-sharing groups, placing items in Sunday bulletins and other activities.

PSM initiatives toward local and global awareness with action. PSM coordinators in some parishes sponsor peace and justice activities, participate in events for interfaith understanding, partner with a more needy parish, or initiate a sister parish relationship with a mission parish in another country. Sometimes the latter includes parishioners traveling to the mission parish and providing sweat equity, as well as monetary assistance.

Did you know how many Parish Social Ministry programs have special initiatives?

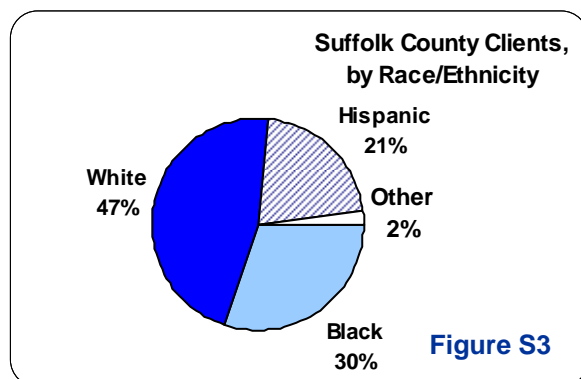
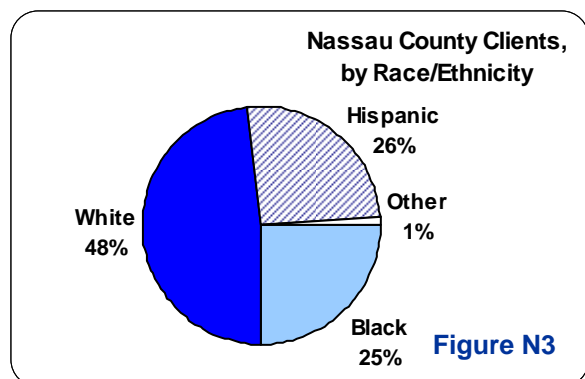
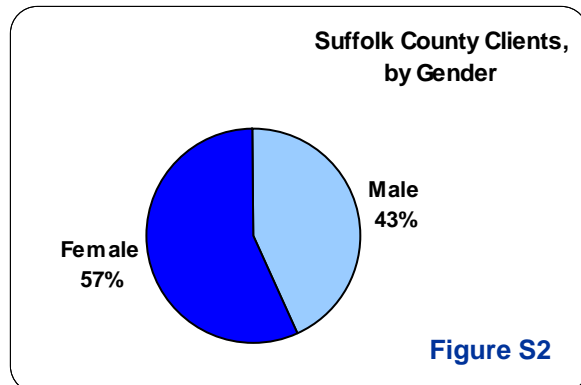
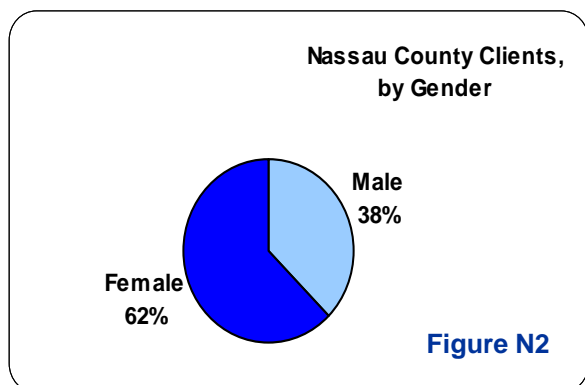
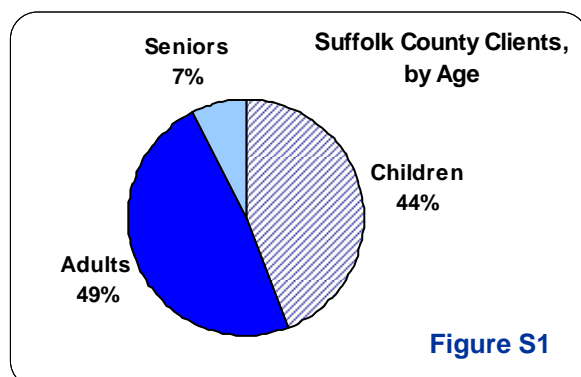
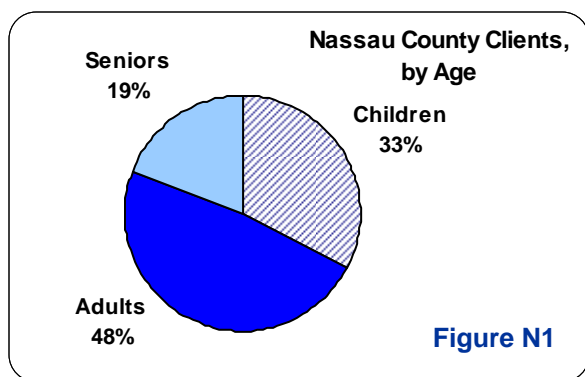
- 11 offer English as a Second Language (ESL) programs.
- 29 have a designated parish advocate for the disabled.
- 4 have an HIV/AIDS ministry.
- 44 sponsor bereavement groups.
- 26 twin with a financially needier PSM/Outreach on Long Island to provide ongoing assistance, while others give more informal assistance to each other in times of crisis, for example, for a funeral.
- 38 support a parish or mission beyond Long Island, which in some cases involves parishioners visiting their partner parish in another country for the mutual benefit of both parishes.
- 44 are supporters of the Volunteer Lawyers Initiative by inviting parish lawyers to make limited pro bono services available through all PSM programs. Some PSM programs also recruit professionals in other fields who generously offer pro bono services to individual clients.
- 43 have an employment ministry to support clients in finding suitable jobs.
- 10 sponsor blood drives, which provide parishioners an opportunity to help others who need this “gift of life.”
- 19 sponsor prayer groups.
- 28 schedule retreat days or prayer services in connection with their ministry. Many PSMs also sponsor special Masses, such as a Mass for those affected by cancer.
- 18 provide meeting space for various 12-step programs.
- 79 put announcements in Sunday bulletins to increase awareness and advocacy on justice issues.
- 40 attend public/legislative meetings on issues concerning the poor and needy.
- 15 are affiliated with a formal community-organizing group, such as LICAN (Long Island Congregations, Associations and Neighborhoods) or LION (Long Island Organizing Network).

Source: The June 2005 survey of PSM programs (86 responded).

WHO WE SERVE

Each month, 64 outreach programs assisted 14,000 clients...

Client Demographics, by County. According to the PSM Monthly Reports, on average, 64 parish outreach programs serve over 14,000 clients in Nassau and Suffolk Counties and provide them with over 26,000 services (see page 9 for a breakdown by county and deanery). These Nassau and Suffolk parish outreaches served all ages, genders, and races. The demographic distributions by county are shown in the figures below. Figures S1 and N1 indicate that almost half of the persons served in each county were adults (ages 19-64). Percentage-wise Nassau parish outreaches served more seniors, aged 65 and older (19 percent) than Suffolk parish outreaches where only 7 percent of clients were seniors. Nassau residents' higher median age, and the parish outreaches' efforts to meet their needs may explain this. Figures N2 and S2 indicate that more clients are female. Figures N3 and S3 show that approximately half the clients are white, a little more than a quarter are black, and approximately a quarter of clients are Hispanic (more in Nassau; fewer in Suffolk). Two percent or less of clients are of another race or ethnicity.

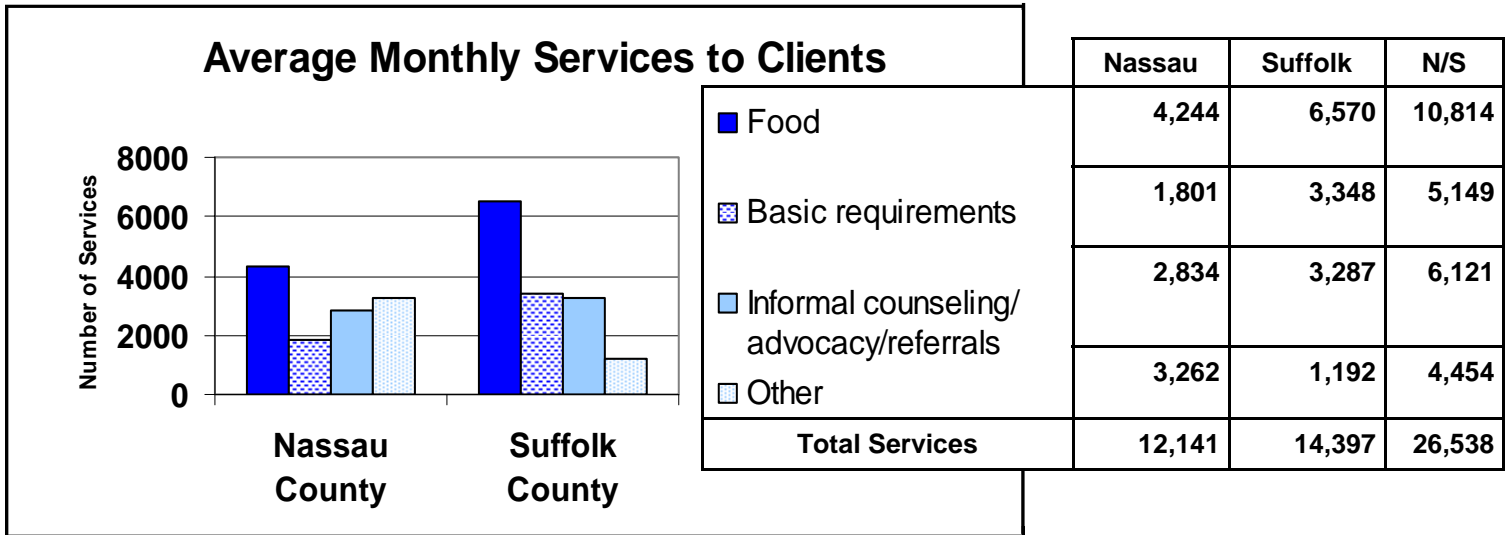


Source: The PSM Monthly Report database, representing 64 PSM programs in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Note: Percentages in pie charts are based on data available for clients served: age categories (all clients); gender (93 percent of clients); race/ethnicity (85 percent of clients).

HOW WE SERVE

...and provided 26,000 services to clients.



Food

- bags of groceries
- vouchers to supermarkets
- holiday baskets
- meals served at hospitality centers or soup kitchens.

Basic Requirements

- *housing, which may include assisting eligible clients to obtain housing assistance from government agencies, such as Department of Social Services, Section 8*
- *assisting clients in connecting with non-profit groups providing emergency or affordable housing*
- *applying on behalf of eligible clients for emergency financial assistance for shelter expenses through Catholic Charities*
- *providing financial assistance for housing through parish funds*
- *clothing*
- *furniture*
- *toiletries*
- *household supplies*
- *economic assistance for emergencies such as, gasoline vouchers to travel to work, prescriptions, indigent funeral expenses*
- *transportation through parish volunteer drivers*
- *referrals to community groups that provide transportation to specific populations.*

Informal Counseling, Advocacy and Referrals

Coordinators and trained volunteers assist and encourage clients in considering options and alternatives that will promote economic self sufficiency and more stable lives.

Informal Counseling:

- budget
- employment

Advocacy:

- assistance in applying for and receiving benefits/entitlements
- ensuring client rights
- making contact on behalf of a client with a service provider

Referrals:

- health care
- day care
- immigration
- mental health
- substance abuse services

Other includes the many varied client needs to which parish outreaches respond. Examples:

- sending cards or making phone calls to the homebound
- sponsoring groups that make gifts for hospital patients
- teaching English as a Second Language to clients

Source: The PSM Monthly Report database, representing 64 PSM programs in Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

Note: The PSM Monthly Report has fifteen categories of services, which have been collapsed into the above four categories, as follows: Food (food); Basic requirements (economic assistance, housing, basic needs of living); Informal Counseling, Advocacy and Referrals (day care, health care information, immigration, transportation, substance abuse, employment, legal); Other (other).

CLIENTS AND SERVICES: UNDERSTANDING THE AVERAGE MONTHLY NUMBERS

Counting clients and services. Each month 64 Parish Social Ministry/Outreach programs serve an average of 14,201 clients (see page 9) and many clients are served more than once in the month. The 64 programs keep daily logs and then send PSM Monthly Reports to Catholic Charities. These 64 parish outreach programs are strongly representative of the 118 programs in the Diocese of Rockville Centre (Nassau and Suffolk Counties).

During the 2004-2005 year, the 64 programs provided an average of 26,538 services to their clients each month, which is equivalent to approximately two services for each client every month.

Example: A family of two adults and two children receives food from the outreach once during the month. Later in the same month, the family receives winter jackets for the two children. This family would be counted as four clients who together have received six services in that month.

Looking at Nassau and Suffolk parish outreach programs. In Nassau County, 28 parish outreaches served an average of 201 persons each month in each parish. In Suffolk County, 36 parish outreaches served an average of 238 persons monthly in each parish.

Beneath the numbers...many factors. Individual programs range from serving less than 50 clients a month to serving more than 500 clients each month. The types of services that parish outreach programs provide usually reflect the needs of their communities. How much service a parish outreach program can provide depends on many factors: the staffing; the number of volunteers, especially core volunteers; the hours of operation; the parish financial commitment; parishioners' awareness - and the community's - that these services are available; the level of need in the community.

Parish Social Ministry/Outreach programs are growing. Over the past 30 years, the number of PSM/Outreach programs has increased to include 118 of the 134 parishes (88 percent). In a spirit of partnership, the Parish Social Ministry staff of Catholic Charities, especially designated Developers, work with pastors and coordinators to establish and expand PSM/outreach programs.

A Need Becomes a Blessing...Providing Transportation

Like many parishes, St. Anthony of Padua in East Northport recognized that senior citizens and others with special needs had a great need for transportation. Public transportation in the area is limited and access is difficult for many people. In 1987 the idea of having a wheelchair-accessible parish van took shape. A volunteer spoke at every mass one weekend describing the need and sharing his personal story about his son's need for a handicapped-accessible van. The special collection taken that weekend, along with some other donations, was enough to purchase a wheelchair-accessible van in the spring of 1988. The parish's second van was purchased with the proceeds of a parish raffle. The third van was donated by the Knights of Columbus Fr. Judge Council.

The van is driven by an outreach volunteer who is accompanied by a volunteer assistant. It seats six passengers and has a lift to accommodate someone in a wheelchair. The outreach office receives requests and schedules riders, and there is a waiting list. The van drives people to medical appointments, dialysis and chemo treatments, senior groups, grocery shopping and Sunday mass.

St. Anthony's Transportation Ministry tracks its transportation services on the PSM Monthly Report. During the 2004-2005 year, this ministry provided 3,403 transportation services. But it does more than that. The van with the parish name and its logo, "Love One Another" is a visible sign that St. Anthony's parish is a presence in the community serving the needs of its people. But it is more than that. The van creates community. The six people who ride together on the van bond with one another. They are concerned when someone isn't there; they make a phone call to check in, they laugh together and share their worries. And so their need for transportation joins them with others and they become family. A need becomes a blessing.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY REPORT

SUMMARY OF CLIENTS AND SERVICES: MONTHLY BY DEANERY AND COUNTY SEP. 01, 2004 TO AUG. 31, 2005

County	Deanery Name	Number of Parishes Represented	Average Number of Clients Served	Average Number of Services Provided
Nassau				
	01 - Rockville Centre	3	1,479	3,208
	02 - North Hempstead	6	1,029	1,307
	03 - Oyster Bay	4	489	675
	04 - Belmont	4	627	1,320
	05 - Hicksville	5	789	1,810
	06 - Five Towns	2	407	2,182
	07 - Seaford	4	812	1,640
County Total:		28	5,630	12,141
Suffolk				
	08 - Huntington	2	153	600
	09 - Babylon	7	2,611	3,918
	10 - Islip	7	2,069	2,851
	11 - North Brookhaven	6	1,298	2,349
	12 - South Brookhaven	6	1,201	2,185
	13 - Peconic	4	688	1,413
	14 - Smithhaven	4	551	1,082
County Total:		36	8,571	14,397
Grand Total:		64	14,201	26,538

Source: Database of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Rockville Centre, NY. The data was collected by individual parish outreach programs.

Notes:

1. The number of clients served monthly is an unduplicated count, that is, a person is counted only once each month even if they receive two or more services in the month.
2. A service is any direct assistance that an outreach provides to a client. Examples of services are food, employment counseling, or a referral to other community services.

Integrating Parish Social Ministry in the Life of the Parish

Sacred Heart Parish in North Merrick raises awareness on the issue of hunger through their celebration at Thanksgiving Mass. Volunteer bakers are invited to a meeting at which they receive a blessing and a small disposable aluminum loaf pan that contains a prayer. Each volunteer is asked to prayerfully bake a small loaf of his/her favorite bread and bring the loaf to the parish just prior to Thanksgiving. A tag describing the mission of *Bread for the World*, a nationwide Christian citizens movement seeking justice for the world's hungry people through education and organizing, is attached to each loaf.

A basket filled with donated supermarket gift cards in addition to a tray with a few symbolic loaves of bread become part of the offertory procession at the Thanksgiving Day Mass. The rest of the baked loaves, with the information about *Bread for the World*, are distributed to each family as they leave Thanksgiving Mass.

Imagine the potential for meaningful conversations around the Thanksgiving dinner table as family and friends gather to offer thanks for their abundance and consider how they are challenged to learn what they can do to take an action step toward the elimination of hunger and injustice in our communities and world.

PROVIDING ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO CLIENTS

How we feed the hungry...

Parish outreach programs estimate that the value of food that they distribute to the poor and low-income working families each year runs into many thousands of dollars for most programs, but no complete calculation has been undertaken. Outreaches obtain food through donations by parishioners, local businesses (often picked up by parish volunteers), and parish and community groups. Youth groups make sandwiches for the homeless and a number of parishes provide one or more meals each week in a communal setting at the parish. In addition, many parish outreach programs redistribute food from Long Island Cares, which also provides grants for refrigerators and other storage devices. Some parishes have both an outreach and a St. Vincent de Paul conference that work cooperatively in providing food.

How we stretch family budgets...

A parish may provide a voucher or cash equivalent to:

- Cover the cost of purchasing necessary items by arranging for accounts with local merchants, i.e. pharmacy, gas station, fuel oil company, etc.
- Provide donated gift cards for supermarkets, department stores, etc.
- Purchase bus tickets, train tickets or metrocards.
- Provide a check made payable to a vendor for rent, utilities, auto insurance, etc.

There is a general understanding of a NO CASH policy among parish outreach programs. This policy protects the safety of parish staff and volunteers, as well as establishing a process of assessment and evaluation of need prior to providing a response.

On average, Nassau outreach programs distribute \$1,200 per month in the above types of assistance; Suffolk outreaches, on average, provide about \$1,300 per month for similar needs. This cash-equivalent financial assistance provided by individual PSM programs ranges from \$0 to about \$4,000 per month. The funds are often available to outreaches through the donations of parishioners in special collections for this purpose.

How we meet emergencies...

In addition to accessing diocesan-wide services, parish outreach programs submit applications to Catholic Charities for financial assistance through the Emergency Food and Shelter Program (EFSP), which is a federal grant administered by Catholic Charities, and Emergency Relief Funds (ERF) which are Catholic Charities discretionary funds. Each year, on behalf of their clients, programs receive a total of approximately \$300,000 from these two funds. Programs can also access World Trade Center Disaster Relief Funds, which are a grant from Catholic Charities USA; and Christmas Help-A-Family Funds that come from specific donations to Catholic Charities and Newsday.

Needs we cannot meet...

Coordinators and volunteers also track requests for assistance that they are unable to meet. This alerts them to community needs, and helps them plan for future advocacy and programs. More than half these requests are for housing. Although sometimes the outreach worker can connect the person to emergency assistance or provide a referral, they are often frustrated because they cannot assist with the frequent requests for housing, especially affordable rentals.

Other frequent requests are for employment and for financial assistance to meet health care needs, especially prescriptions. While PSM programs try to assist, sometimes they are unable to help. It is particularly difficult to locate resources or suitable referrals for the undocumented.

POVERTY AMID PLENTY: LONG ISLAND'S STRUGGLING POOR

- Long Island is one of the wealthiest regions in the U.S., with a median income of about \$89,000 for a family of four, which is twice the U.S. median family income. (U.S. Census Bureau)
- In 2004, 5.6% of Long Island households had incomes at or below the Federal Poverty Level. For example, the poverty level for a family of four was an annual income of \$18,979 or less. (Newsday, August 31, 2005; U.S. Census Bureau)
- Even working poor Long Islanders earning significantly higher than \$18,979 face special challenges because of our high cost of living.
 - Nassau-Suffolk housing prices rose 70% between 2000 and 2003 while the average LI salary rose only 7.1%. (National Association of Realtors)
 - Long Island Cares (the agency that supplies most pantries with food) reported the number of Long Islanders served by food pantries rose by 50% between 2001 and 2004. (Long Island Cares, Inc. The Harry Chapin Food Bank, *Agency Monthly Report Comparisons, 1997-2004*)

Monthly Budget for a Family of Four To Live a Life of Minimum Dignity on Long Island

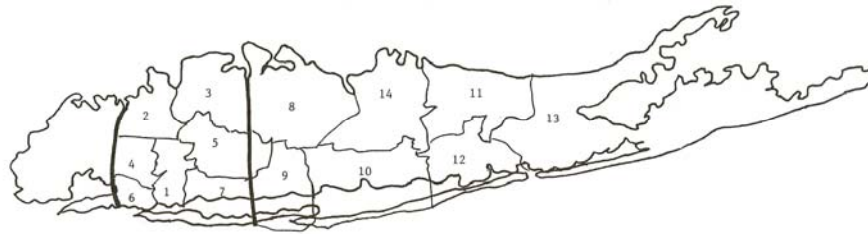
Budget Item	Monthly Expenditure
Food	\$ 400
Rent (2 bedroom apartment, with utilities)	\$1,324
Telephone	\$ 50
Auto maintenance: gas, insurance, repairs, loan	\$ 350
Clothes	\$ 120
Miscellaneous: household, personal hygiene, bedding, etc.	\$ 250
Federal/state taxes	\$ 661
Monthly Total:	\$3,155
Annual Total:	\$37,860

NOTE:

- This family earns too much income to qualify for Public Assistance, Medicaid, child care subsidies, Food Stamps and most government supports. They **may be eligible for a Section 8 housing subsidy**, and do qualify for Child Health and Family Health Plus, **the New York State health insurance plans**. On LI, a family of four earning under \$37,860 a year (or about 200% of the Federal Poverty Level) will find it hard to make ends meet. Workers earning less than this income are officially designated by the Federal Government as “low income.” About 21% of LI households earn less than \$37,000.
- This family has health insurance and utilities are included in the rent. If health insurance is lost, add another \$400 a month in expenses; if they move to an apartment without utilities, add another \$250 a month to their expenses. And, if the family has young children in need of day care, add another \$500 in expenses.
- This family has NO money for recreation and vacations: no cable TV; no cell phones; no restaurants; no nights at the movies and other entertainment taken for granted on LI.

Source: Poverty Amid Plenty: What We See on Long Island by Catholic Charities and the Adelphi University School of Social Work, 2001 (updated to 2005.)

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Thank you to Parish Social Ministry programs that participated in the annual report (listed below).

<p><u>Deanery 1:</u> Our Holy Redeemer, Freeport *# Our Lady of Loretto, Hempstead # Queen Most Holy Rosary, Roosevelt *# St. Agnes Cathedral, Rockville Centre *# St. Joseph, Garden City # St. Martha, Uniondale # St. Thomas the Apostle, West Hempstead #</p>	<p><u>Deanery 6:</u> St. Ignatius the Martyr, Long Beach * St. Mary of the Isle, Long Beach * St. Raymond, East Rockaway #</p>	<p><u>Deanery 11:</u> Infant Jesus, Port Jefferson * Ss. Peter & Paul, Manorville * St. Anthony of Padua, Rocky Point *# St. Francis Cabrini, Coram*# St. Gerard Majella, Port Jefferson Station*# St. John the Baptist, Wading River# St. Louis De Montfort, Sound Beach # St. Margaret of Scotland, Selden # St. Mark, Shoreham *#</p>
<p><u>Deanery 2:</u> Notre Dame, New Hyde Park ** Our Lady of Fatima, Manorhaven # St. Aidan, Williston Park *# St. Aloysius, Great Neck *# St. Mary, Manhasset *# St. Peter Alcantara, Port Washington * The Holy Spirit, New Hyde Park *#</p>	<p><u>Deanery 7:</u> Cure of Ars, Merrick * Maria Regina, Seaford *# Sacred Heart, North Merrick # St. Barnabas the Apostle, Bellmore # St. Frances De Chantal, Wantagh *# St. Rose of Lima, Massapequa # St. William the Abbot, Seaford *#</p>	<p><u>Deanery 12:</u> Good Shepherd, Holbrook ** Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Patchogue *# Our Lady of the Snow, Blue Point ** St. Francis De Sales *# St. John the Evangelist, Center Moriches *# St. Joseph the Worker, East Patchogue # St. Jude, Mastic Beach # St. Sylvester, Medford *#</p>
<p><u>Deanery 3:</u> St. Dominic, Oyster Bay ** St. Edward the Confessor, Syosset ** St. Mary, Roslyn Heights # St. Paul the Apostle, Upper Brookville * St. Patrick, Glen Cove **</p>	<p><u>Deanery 8:</u> Our Lady Queen of Martyrs, Centerport # St. Anthony of Padua, East Northport ** St. Hugh of Lincoln, Huntington Station # St. Matthew, Dix Hills # St. Patrick, Huntington # St. Philip Neri, Northport *#</p>	<p><u>Deanery 13:</u> Immaculate Conception, Westhampton Beach# Most Holy Trinity, East Hampton # North Fork Parish Outreach * (includes Our Lady of Ostrabrama, Cutchogue; Sacred Heart, Cutchogue; St. Agnes, Greenport; St. Patrick, Southold) Our Lady of the Isle, Shelter Island Hts.# Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, Bridgehampton # St. Andrew, Sag Harbor *# St. Isidore, Riverhead # St. John the Evangelist, Riverhead *# St. Rosalie, Hampton Bays #</p>
<p><u>Deanery 4:</u> Holy Name of Mary, Valley Stream # Our Lady of Lourdes, Malverne # Our Lady of Peace, Lynbrook *# St. Anne, Garden City # St. Boniface, Elmont *# St. Catherine of Sienna, Franklin Square *# St. Vincent De Paul, Elmont **</p>	<p><u>Deanery 9:</u> Our Lady of Grace, West Babylon ** Our Lady of Lourdes, West Islip *# Our Lady of the Assumption, Copiague ** Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, Wyandanch*# St. Joseph, Babylon ** St. Martin of Tours, Amityville *# Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Deer Park *#</p>	<p><u>Deanery 14:</u> Assumption of the BVM, Centereach * Holy Cross, Nesconset ** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Lake Ronkonkoma # St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma *# St. Patrick, Smithtown # St. Thomas More, Hauppauge *# Ss. Philip & James, St. James #</p>
<p><u>Deanery 5:</u> Our Lady of Mercy, Hicksville # St. Bernard, Levittown ** St. Ignatius Loyola, Hicksville *# St. James, Seaford *# St. Killian, Farmingdale # St. Martin of Tours, Bethpage * St. Raphael, East Meadow *#</p>	<p><u>Deanery 10:</u> St. Anne, Brentwood * St. John Nepomucene, Bohemia *# St. John of God, Central Islip *# St. Lawrence the Martyr, Sayville *# St. Luke, Brentwood *# St. Mary, East Islip *# St. Patrick, Bay Shore # St. Peter the Apostle, Islip Terrace *#</p>	<p><u>Deanery 14:</u> Assumption of the BVM, Centereach * Holy Cross, Nesconset ** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Lake Ronkonkoma # St. Joseph, Ronkonkoma *# St. Patrick, Smithtown # St. Thomas More, Hauppauge *# Ss. Philip & James, St. James #</p>

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