



Lord, when did we see you hungry? **Resources for Advocacy, Education, & Service**



[Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Albany](#) offers programs and services throughout the 14 counties of our diocese. Over the past year:

- Catholic Charities increased access to nutritious foods for 33,323 individuals and increased access to healthcare and improved physical and mental well-being for 5,253 individuals.
- Through 11 food pantries throughout the Diocese, Catholic Charities served 16,792 individuals with at least a three day supply of food
- Catholic Charities assisted 1,851 households to complete and submit a SNAP application. 65% of those applications were approved which resulted in 1,186 food insecure households receiving SNAP benefits.
- And much, much more!

There are a number of ways parishes - especially parish faith formation/youth ministry programs - can participate in the good works of Catholic Charities. In order to coordinate efforts, please contact Michelle Thivierge at the central office: Michelle.Thivierge@ccrcda.org to discuss possibilities in your region. If you wish to offer support for Thanksgiving and Christmas, please contact her no later than early October.

- Over 700,000 children in New York State Live in Poverty: Report by State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli on children living in poverty with some of the highest rates in Upstate New York. Click for a [brief summary](#) and for the [full report](#).
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) is a critical lifeline for individuals and families that live in poverty and are food insecure. To learn more about [SNAP](#).
- In New York State, the Farm Bill funds SNAP. To learn more about this and ways to advocate for justice for those living with food insecurity, see [Hunger Solutions New York](#).
- The [Action Center](#) of the New York State Catholic Conference is a great way to advocate for the needs of the poor and on many other issues of concern to the Catholic Church.
- SNAP in New York State [Fact Sheet](#).
- [Q & A](#) about SNAP.