



Finger Lakes

35th Anniversary

Help that works... Hope that lasts...

May 2, 2017

Rev. William Darling
Our Lady of the Snow Parish
2667 Hamilton Street
Weedsport, NY 13166

Dear Father Darling:

We have some more good news to share! April 24th of this year marked the 100th anniversary of Catholic Charities in New York State. One hundred years of serving the poor. One hundred years of responding to the ever-changing needs of those who are marginalized, those who are down-trodden, those who are left on the sidelines of society. Just to list the ways in which the Catholic Charities agencies of New York State serve those in need would fill too many pages to print.

We are asking you to help get out the good news we are celebrating in this centennial of service; after all, in so many ways your parish partnership, prayers and continued support have been instrumental in our successes thus far. A wonderful video has been produced by the New York State Council of Catholic Charities directors. This video beautifully illustrates the great work that has been done by Catholic Charities throughout the state over the last one hundred years. More than just a recounting of work accomplished, it also speaks to *why* we reach out to the poor and suffering and *how* that outreach continues to change and to adapt to the unique needs of every age of history. This brief video can be shown in your parish, whether to the entire congregation or to a smaller gathering. Since it is online, it would be simple to provide a link in your bulletin so all of your parishioners can view it at home. If you click on the link below, you will see that the video is well worth sharing.

For the most part, Catholic Charities just continues to work in a quiet and humble way. But we should not stay quiet. Let's get the word out so that no one in need would be left unaided. You can help us help others by promoting this brief video in your parish.

<http://www.nyscatholic.org/charities/>

Again, many thanks for all that you do to help support the work of Catholic Charities in the Finger Lakes, and beyond.

Thank you,

Ellen T. Wayne
Executive Director



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