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Dear Pastors,

In these unprecedented times, we see even more how our faith sustains us. We truly understand how God is in control! He is with us through it all.

Every day, Catholic Charities and our eight agencies provide help and hope for people in need. We have been doing so, in good times and in bad, since 1912. The COVID-19 virus certainly presents a complex set of challenges. While many entities are understandably shutting down operations, we are working even harder to safely minister to the growing number of people in need of our services, especially those in our residential facilities and beyond.

Now and in the coming months, we are called to be even more creative and resourceful. Your prayers and support for our agencies, *Marygrove, Cardinal Ritter Senior Services, St. Patrick Center, St. Francis Community Services, Good Shepherd Children & Family Services, Saint Louis Counseling, Saint Martha's Hall, and Queen of Peace Center* are especially needed!

Please consider mobilizing your resources and talented employees to help protect some of the most vulnerable citizens in our community.

Here are some of the supplies our agencies desperately need: **bottled water, hand sanitizer, sanitizing wipes, face masks, and disposable gloves.**

If you have any of these supplies and would be willing to donate them, please contact Lisa Shea at lshea@ccstl.org to coordinate delivery.

Also, Cardinal Ritter Senior Services is in need of additional employees to care for senior adults at its Shrewsbury campus. These are hourly and temporary positions that are flexible. If you know any qualified candidates, please have them visit <https://cardinalritterseniorservices.org/about-crss/employment-opportunities/online-application/> and put "parish" in the position title. This will help fast track their application.

From the entire Catholic Charities family, I thank you for your consideration. Please keep us in your prayers as we do for you.

With sincere gratitude,

Theresa E. Ruzicka
President, Catholic Charities of St. Louis

*P.S. We will continually update our **COVID-19 Response page** (ccstl.org/covid-19-coronavirus-response/) to keep you posted on what we are doing and how you can help.*

