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Rev. Msgr. Alfred P. LoPinto

*Dear Friends of Catholic Charities,
As we go to press with this issue of Hopeworks, the flowers are blooming, the weather is warming and the trees are beginning to show their leaves. Truly spring is a season that speaks hope.*

Hope is a word often used by His Holiness Pope Francis. In a world fractured by wars and growing incidents of displacement, hope becomes the critical element in keeping people focused on the journey.

In the following pages, you will read of hope. Hope for seniors living on fixed incomes and finding themselves struggling for decent and affordable apartments. Hope in the lives of formerly homeless individuals finding a place they can call home. Hope in Catholic Charities as we restructure to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Hope in the lives of our young as they find opportunities to build a brighter future. The hope that Catholic Charities finds in those who generously support its mission.

Yes, in the Year of Mercy, Catholic Charities is building hope, and you are an integral part of the ongoing effort.

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. Alfred P. LoPinto
Chief Executive Officer

P.S.: We have received an overwhelming response to our fundraising dinner that has far exceeded our expectations. Therefore, in order to accommodate the many additional supporters who want to attend but would not fit into the space we had reserved, we changed the date and space of the 2016 Bishop's Humanitarian Award Dinner. We hope this new date will not be inconvenient for you and hope that we can still count on your support. The larger attendance is a major boost to our programs and services for those most in need throughout Brooklyn and Queens.

2016 BISHOP'S HUMANITARIAN AWARD DINNER

NEW DATE: Wednesday, June 29, 2016
Grand Ballroom | The Waldorf=Astoria

The Bishop's Humanitarian Award Dinner is held annually through the generous support of concerned individuals and organizations who champion the agency's mission on behalf of children and families, older adults, those with developmental disabilities, those suffering from mental illness, the formerly homeless and the isolated. This year, the event will be held in the **Grand Ballroom at The Waldorf=Astoria on Wednesday, June 29, 2016**. The event honors outstanding individuals who have demonstrated leadership and dedicated themselves to our communities. We are delighted to announce this year's honorees:



Raymond Quartararo
Real Estate Executive
Global Real Estate
JPMORGAN CHASE & CO.
Bishop's Humanitarian Award



Michael T. Rooney
Founding Principal
MDG DESIGN + CONSTRUCTION
Bishop's Humanitarian Award



Gandolfo Vincent (Vince) DiBlasi
SULLIVAN AND CROMWELL, LLP
Ubi Caritas Award



Deacon John R. Suchik
President
JSK CONSTRUCTION CORP.
Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan Service Award

In addition to the presentation of awards, the evening will feature cocktails, dinner and dancing. **Ken Rosato, Emmy-award winning Anchor of WABC-TV's Eyewitness News**, will serve as the Master of Ceremonies for this important fundraiser. For more information on the upcoming Dinner, including sponsorship and auction opportunities, and electronic journal advertisement placements, contact Lucy Garrido-Mota at **718-722-6211** or **lucy.gmota@ccbq.org** or contact Jean Potvin at **718-722-6024** or **jean.potvin@ccbq.org**.



Catholic Charities Rallies for More Affordable Housing

Since September 2015, Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens joined LiveOn NY and other senior advocacy organizations across the city, including Selfhelp Community Services, Enterprise Community Partners and HANAC, to rally in favor for Zoning for Quality and Affordability (ZQA). Late last year, ZQA became a critical piece in Mayor Bill de Blasio's plan for Affordable Housing. Catholic Charities and the other organizations lobbied and testified at many hearings to garner support to pass this critical law that would allow affordable housing developers to build more homes for seniors in need throughout the City.



"We have thousands and thousands of low-income seniors on our wait lists for housing. We even have wait lists for our tenant gardens. We do not have a single tenant on a wait list for parking."

– Claire Hilger, Senior Vice President for Real Estate for CCBQ and Director of Catholic Charities Progress of Peoples Development Corporation

ZQA has garnered broad support from senior advocates because it enables sorely needed affordable housing for seniors across the five boroughs. Wait lists for senior housing number in the tens of thousands with seniors waiting five to ten years.

The zoning changes in ZQA provide CCBQ with an opportunity to better serve seniors who live in our affordable housing. Few of our tenants can afford cars. Some of the parking lots are large enough to accommodate a new building and provide more units of affordable senior housing. For other smaller lots,

CCBQ could take an empty parking space and put in a bench or plant a tree or add tenant gardens. The new parking requirements will be a huge help to organizations like CCBQ, and the new flexibility in design will also have a significant impact.

"We have thousands and thousands of low-income seniors on our wait lists for housing. We even have wait lists for our tenant gardens. We do not have a single tenant on a wait list for parking," said Claire Hilger, Senior Vice President for Real Estate for CCBQ and Director of Catholic Charities Progress of Peoples Development Corporation, the affordable housing arm for CCBQ. "In many cases, we have sites where we'd like to build affordable senior apartments and a senior center on the ground floor. With additional design flexibility provided by the ZQA amendments, we could build a senior center entirely on the ground floor. This makes the senior center space more accessible, eliminates the need for an additional elevator, and could allow us to add an additional floor of apartments."

The zoning proposal modernized outdated rules that make it unnecessarily costly and difficult to build new affordable housing for seniors. It enables more senior

housing and long-term care facilities (with a continuum of care from independent to assisted living) to be built on the same site without an arduous planning process. The proposal also allows limited additional height to accommodate new affordable senior housing on projects throughout the city. The additional space allowed for this housing could never be converted to market-rate housing. For more on the City's ZQA Plan, which includes affordable senior housing, inclusionary housing, subsidizing affordable housing not parking, and better-designed buildings, visit www1.nyc.gov/site/planning.





Very Reverend Patrick J. Keating Named Deputy Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens

Very Reverend Patrick J. Keating, *Associate Vicar for Human Services* of the Diocese of Brooklyn, and *Chief Executive Officer* of Catholic Migration Services, will also serve as *Deputy Chief Executive Officer* of Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens, effective April 25, 2016.

"Since 2013, Catholic Charities has been undergoing a comprehensive restructuring in order to better serve the residents of Brooklyn and Queens. As we looked at our structure, we looked for ways to make the agency more responsive," said Msgr. Alfred

LoPinto, Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens. "Fr. Keating, who has served as Chief of Staff for Catholic Charities for the past few years, has played a significant role in the effort to restructure the agency and has helped make Catholic Charities a more viable organization for the 21st century." In his role, Fr. Keating has displayed strong leadership in the areas of finance and planning.

Father Keating will continue to lead Catholic Migration Services (CMS) as Chief Executive Officer, where he coordinates and plans the work of the agency with the dedicated board of directors and his colleagues. In 2011, Father Keating joined CMS to strengthen and grow an agency dedicated to welcoming, empowering, and assisting immigrants in Brooklyn and Queens through a variety of programs that include immigration legal services, immigrant housing legal services, and immigrant workers' rights legal services.

Father Keating has a Master's degree in Public Administration from Baruch College of the City University of New York, as well as a Master of Arts in Theology and a Master of Divinity from the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception. He is currently enrolled in Brooklyn Law School and is a candidate for the Juris Doctor degree.

New Chaplain of SS. Joachim & Anne Nursing & Rehabilitation Center

Beginning June 2016, Reverend Michael Onyekwere will serve as Chaplain of the Saints Joachim & Anne Nursing & Rehabilitation Center. Coming from the Vocationist Fathers' Formation House, Retreat Center and Shrine, in Florham Park, NJ, he has over ten years experience working as chaplain at various hospitals and nursing homes, including the Robert Wood Johnson Hospital in New Brunswick, NJ; Good Samaritan Hospital and Franklyn Hospital in Long Island, NY; St. Joseph's Healthcare and St. Vincent Nursing Home in Cedar Grove, NJ; St. Mary's Hospital, Hoboken, NJ; and St. Francis Rehabilitation Center in Jersey City, NJ.

Father Michael was ordained in 1995. His educational career began in Ibadan, Nigeria, where he studied at Ss. Peter and Paul Seminary and then at the University of Ibadan. He has additional degrees and certifications from Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ; Mt. St. Mary's, Emmitsburg, MD; Passaic County Community College, NJ; and Empire State College, NY.

The SS. Joachim & Anne Nursing & Rehabilitation Center is a 200-bed nursing home in Coney Island, Brooklyn. This summer, the home will host an open house on the grounds in a carnival setting. For more information, call 718-714-4800.

We welcome Father Michael to Brooklyn.



Esteemed Benefactor Dr. Elizabeth Lutas Visits Family Support Centers

In 2014, Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens dedicated the Dr. Elizabeth Lutas Center, home to our Brooklyn Homebase Homelessness Prevention and East New York Family Support Programs. The Dr. Elizabeth Lutas Center has served more than 900 clients through the Homebase program and 260 families through the East New York Family Support program.

The Center was named in honor of Dr. Elizabeth Lutas (center), a longtime supporter of Catholic Charities and a doctor of Internal Medicine for the past 37 years. She has dedicated 22 years as a physician in homeless shelters in New York City. She currently works in a health center in the Bronx, caring for individuals who are homeless and struggling with AIDS.

Dr. Lutas recently visited the center to spend time with the participants and learn about their needs and the services being provided by Catholic Charities.



Catholic Charities Awarded the Fidelis Community Grant for “Valuable Work in the Community”

Fidelis Care, the NYS Catholic Health Plan, recently announced the distribution of a \$491,460 grant from its Community Care Grant Fund to support the Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens Healthy Families: In Reach and Outreach Program. Our Healthy Families: In Reach and Outreach project is designed to provide vital health and wellness information to vulnerable populations in both Brooklyn and Queens. Along with supporting the agency's new redesigned Call Centers and Walk-In Centers, which facilitate client referrals to services both within



Pictured from left to right: Humberto Trimino, *Manager, Marketing, Fidelis Care*; Very Rev. Patrick J. Keating, *Deputy CEO, Catholic Charities*, and *CEO, Catholic Migration Services*; Rev. Msgr. Alfred LoPinto, *CEO, Catholic Charities*; Lori Vavrinec, *Director of Marketing, Fidelis Care*; and Maximo Luna, *Outreach Specialist, Fidelis Care*.

and outside the agency, the initiative will also enable Catholic Charities to integrate health and wellness information to existing youth training, counseling and other programs, thus increasing the client's chances for long-term success. Fidelis Care also awarded Catholic Migration Services (CMS), a Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens affiliate agency, a grant for \$368,290, for their Parish Outreach and Health Education Program.

“We extend our thanks to Fidelis Care for their continued support and for their dedication to the work of Catholic Charities and for helping those in need,” said Msgr. Alfred LoPinto, Chief Executive Officer, Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens. “The financial support from Fidelis Care is of significant importance in helping us to respond quickly and correctly when the community residents’ needs arise. Now more than ever, funding is especially important.”

Agency Restructuring



Since 2013, Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens has been undergoing a comprehensive restructuring in order to better serve the residents of Brooklyn and Queens. This process involved a restructuring not only of our services, but also of our corporations and our internal supports.



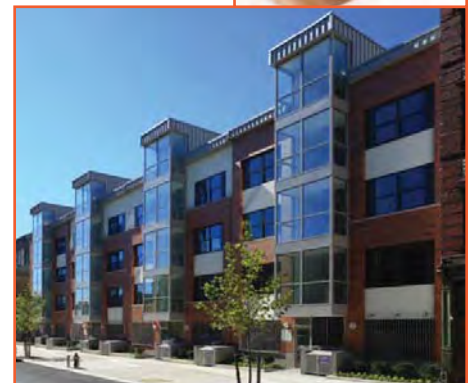
Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens translates the Gospel of Jesus Christ into action by affirming the dignity and value of every person, especially the most vulnerable members of our diverse society. Catholic Charities develops effective responses to human need and joins with all people of good will in advocating for a social order which promotes justice and embraces human development.

— Catholic Charities Mission Statement

Strategic Directions

Concurrent with the revision of the mission statement to more succinctly express the agency's purpose, the agency solicited feedback from stakeholders in developing our strategic directions. Input was gathered from the community via focus groups and meetings with elected officials. Pastors were invited to complete an online survey to help identify areas of need. Agency staff were involved in conducting SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) analyses of their services. Internal support departments also took part in this process, which resulted in the following strategic directions:

- 1) Sustainability – The agency must be able to adapt to a changing environment
- 2) Presence – The agency must improve its visibility in parishes and communities we serve
- 3) Innovation – The agency must provide state-of-the-art services.



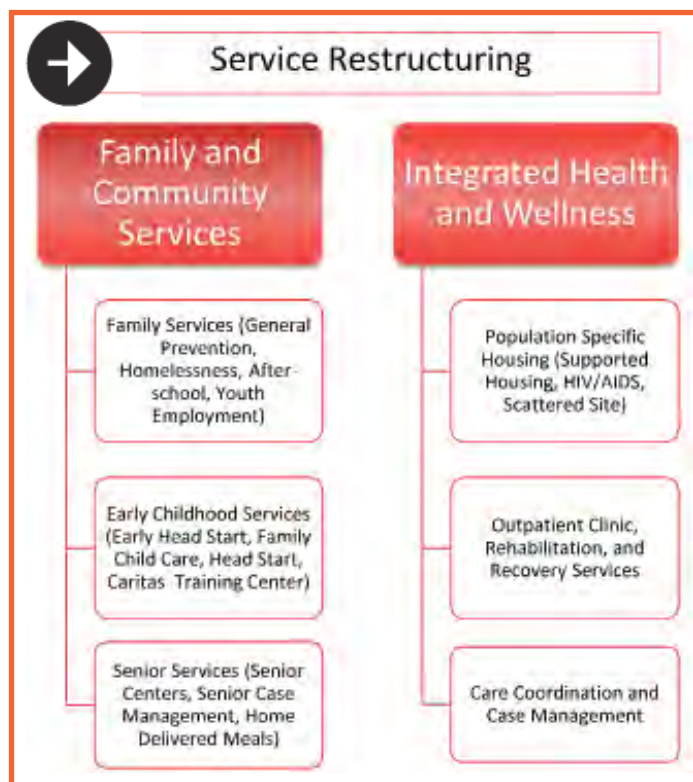
Corporate Restructuring

Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens is the parent corporation of a number of affiliated corporations. The restructuring is designed to increase the ability to meet the needs of individuals and simplify accessing the services that are offered by the many corporations connected to Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens.

CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING	
Corporation	Role
Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens	Parent corporation housing administration and planning functions
Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services	Provides direct client services
Progress of Peoples Development Corporation	Housing and real estate development
Catholic Charities Progress of Peoples Management Corporation	Housing management
Catholic Migration Services	Immigration legal services

Service Restructuring

All direct client services (social services) are provided under the Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services corporation. Because Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens provides a wide array of services, one main goal is to connect people with services by holistically assessing needs in multiple areas. These services are now centralized under the newly created Catholic Charities Call Center and Walk-In Centers. The staff of the Catholic Charities Call Centers and Walk-In Centers is receiving training on assessment skills. If Catholic Charities is unable to provide necessary services to an individual, the staff will try to connect the person to another service provider. The Catholic Charities Call Center can be reached at (718) 722-6001. Please call for locations and hours.



Support Restructuring

In order to improve our internal support structures to allow our programs to focus on delivering the highest quality services, the consulting firm Cohn/Reznick was hired to evaluate our fiscal services supports. This is the beginning of a complete evaluation of the internal support structures that are needed to make the agency more responsive.

The Office of Planning and Evaluation was recently created. All programmatic opportunities will be reviewed through this department with respect to their alignment with the mission, their fiscal viability, and their potential for positive community impact. A key part of this department's function is to ensure that there is integration across all of the affiliated corporations.

An Office of Mission was also established to ensure that the agency remains connected to its Catholic mission of serving the most vulnerable.



Catholic Migration Services

Since 1971, Catholic Migration Services has been addressing the needs of immigrants in Brooklyn and Queens by providing legal assistance regarding immigration legal services, immigrant housing legal services and immigrant workers' rights legal services. In addition, Catholic Migration works directly with the various Ethnic Ministries of the Diocese (formerly the Ethnic Apostolates) to ensure that pastoral needs of immigrants are being addressed.

Catholic Migration Services is now affiliated with Catholic Charities so that through greater collaboration the needs of immigrants in parishes may be better met. Catholic Migration continues to remain a separate corporation but through this affiliation will have greater access to the many social services and programs that are provided by Catholic Charities Neighborhood Services.



Mayor de Blasio Visits Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan Residence: A Place for Veterans to Call Home



In our last issue, we announced 22 new, permanent apartments were recently created for formerly homeless veterans at our Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan Residence, a supportive housing program in Bedford-Stuyvesant, Brooklyn. Mayor Bill de Blasio recently visited the Residence and announced the formation of a Supportive Housing Task Force to help the City implement its plan to create 15,000 units of supportive housing. He addressed one of our formerly homeless veteran tenants, Darryl Harper (pictured below with Mayor de Blasio), as well as a longtime tenant Sylvia Flowers, both who expressed gratitude to have a place to call home.



In addition, our efforts on the affordable housing front have created waves in other states. *The Boston Globe* reported NYC's efforts to cut homelessness for veterans, and also spoke to another of our Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan Residence tenants, George Gisoldi (pictured left), a formerly homeless veteran now happy to have a home of his own.

The Boston Globe

Visit www.ccbq.org to read the full *Boston Globe* article on how NYC underscores a national response to slash veteran homelessness.

A Family's Generous Donation Fills Food Pantry Shelves

Claudette Larocque and her family have once again donated food to CCBQ to help families in need. For the past six years, the family has made this generous donation in honor of Claudette's late son. The Larocque family, originally from Fresh Meadows, Queens, include eight siblings with children of their own. When the youngest sibling, Bobby, unexpectedly passed away in 2011, the family decided to make donations to charity, and each donated to local Catholic churches. That year, after CCBQ had sent out a public announcement regarding the urgent need for food, which was broadcast by anchorman Ken Rosato on WABC's Eyewitness News, the Larocque's family church, St. Nicholas of Tolentine, directed the family to our organization. The money they raised was used to purchase food for the Catholic Charities Food Pantry in Astoria, Queens. Sharon Larocque knows her brother Bobby would have preferred this, having always been a kind and generous person.



Charitable donations, like that of the Larocque Family, allow Catholic Charities to continue to proudly serve over 25,000 clients who visit our food pantry each year. With the help of our supporters, we can provide for all who knock on our doors. To learn more on how you can help, please visit our website at www.ccbq.org or call (718) 722-6175. Many thanks to the Larocque family for their continued commitment and generosity.

CCBQ's Jean Potvin Featured in *The New York Times*



Photo Credit: Ryan C. Jones for The New York Times

The New York Times profiled our Senior Vice President for Giving, Jean Potvin (right), along with his brother Hockey Hall of Famer Denis Potvin (left). Jean and Denis led the New York Islanders to Stanley Cup victories every year from 1980 to 1983. The brothers recalled their years helping to build the hockey team's dynasty in the 1970s and 80s. Visit our website www.ccbq.org to read the full article "For Potvins, a Chance to Reflect on a Shared Islanders' Legacy" from *The New York Times*.

Jean is a retired professional ice hockey defenceman who played in the National Hockey League (NHL) for the Los Angeles Kings, Philadelphia Flyers, New York Islanders, Cleveland Barons and Minnesota North Stars. During his 11-year career, Jean scored 63 goals and 224 assists in 613 career NHL games.

Since 2014, Jean has worked at Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens, the largest Catholic Charities diocese in the US, helping to raise money for the less fortunate people of Brooklyn and Queens.

9-Day Pilgrimage to Italy

Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens, along with friends from local parishes and communities, recently went on a 9-day pilgrimage to majestic Italy, hosted by Peter's Way Tours. Participants attended mass with Pope Francis on the Feast of Divine Mercy. In addition to celebrating faith and forming deeper bonds of friendship, the group contributed to the work of Catholic Charities in aiding those in need, as some of the proceeds from the tour benefitted the programs and services of Catholic Charities.

Pictured are the 28 participants at St. Peter's Square, led by Bishop Paul Sanchez (pictured back row, second from the left).



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Our Youth Are Doing Great Things . . .



Teens Win Cooking Competition

Two participants in our COMPASS Transition to High School Afterschool Program were recently selected as chef finalists for submitting a healthier version of a popular recipe in the second annual Recipe Rescue contest, hosted by the NYC Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD). Pictured top photo, Jovan Crick (left) and Luis Mendez (right) competed against two other high school students. They prepared and presented their recipes to three guest judges: celebrity Daisy Martinez, host of Food Network's *Viva Daisy*; celebrity Jermaine Wright, chef of Food Network's *All-Star Academy*; and Susan Haskell, a DYCD representative. Luis Mendez won second place for his fish taco, and Jovan Crick won third place for his curry chicken. Their awards were presented by the DYCD Commissioner Bill Chong (pictured left in the bottom center photo).



Afterschool Program Chess Team Wins 1st Place!



The Chess Team of our Compass Afterschool Program participated in the Bronx Chess Days MS390 tournament, sponsored by the organization Chess-in-the-Schools. Our Team came in 1st Place and six of our students ranked in the top 10 of 349 participants. Chess-in-the-Schools is a nonprofit educational organization dedicated to improving academic performance and building self-esteem among inner-city public school children. Through structured classroom, after-school, weekend, and summer programs, chess is used as an educational tool to promote learning and to help young people develop skills in critical thinking and problem solving.



Perseverance – High School Equivalency Diploma Earned

Congratulations to Justino Jimenez (left) on earning his High School Equivalency (HSE) Diploma. Justino was not discouraged when he did not pass the exam the first time and continued with his studies through the Spanish HSE class offered at the Queens Walk-In Center. A proud Professor Castillo (right) awarded his diploma. Classes are free and are offered Monday through Friday. For more information, contact 718-726-9790.



Bishop's Coat of Arms Club 2016

Mass and Brunch

Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens recently hosted the 2016 Bishop's Coat of Arms Club at St. Joseph's College Chapel in Brooklyn, where members attended a Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop Nicholas DiMarzio, PhD, DD, Bishop of Brooklyn, and then enjoyed a brunch at Bishop DiMarzio's Residence.

In 1972, because of their concern for the less fortunate and what their assistance could mean to those in need in our Diocese, two concerned gentlemen – Mr. William Debany and Mr. William Scalzo – founded the Bishop's Coat of Arms Club. All proceeds from the Club's membership activities are used to further Catholic Charities Brooklyn and Queens' mission.

We were pleased to welcome new members this year: Mr. Joseph F. Azara, Jr., Mr. Richard Cea, Dr. Geraldine Chapey & Mr. Eugene Pasternak, Mr. Michael Connors, Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. DeBenedittis, Mr. Anthony DiProperzio, Mr. Ethan & Mrs. Joanne Draddy, Pat and Nancy Esposito Foundation, Reverend Michael L. Gelfant, Mr. Broughan & Mrs. Dara Gorey, Ms. Grace G. LoGrande, and Mr. Peter & Mrs. Denise Meyer.



In addition, the Ruby Red Circle is an honorary society for members who make a supplemental gift to assist those in need throughout Brooklyn and Queens. We extend a special thank you to this year's Ruby Red Circle members: Dr. Geraldine Chapey & Mr. Eugene Pasternak, Pat & Nancy Esposito Foundation, Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Joan Farrell, Mr. Allan & Mrs. Christine Gallo, Mr. Peter & Mrs. Denise Meyer, Mr. Robert Charles Golden & Mrs. Maureen Moore, Mr. Thomas & Mrs. Anna Golden, Mr. Richard & Mrs. Sera Barry, Mr. Brian J. & Mrs. Catherine Butler, Mr. Gregory Oussani, Ms. Rebecca Quilapio, Mr. Robert Siebel, Ms. Joanne & Ms. Florence Skibicki, and Ms. Mary C. E. Thompson.



Bishop DiMarzio also presented Mr. Joseph & Mrs. Joan Farrell with a Papal Blessing Certificate from the Vatican for their 60th wedding anniversary.



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Save the Date

Bishop Joseph M. Sullivan Golf Classic 2016

Monday, September 12th
at Sands Point Golf Club

2016 Evening of Jazz & Cocktails

Thursday, November 17th
at Russo's on the Bay

Ticket and Sponsorship Information:

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Rediscover Mercy

EXTRAORDINARY YEAR OF MERCY

*"Let us rediscover
these corporal works
of Mercy: to feed the
hungry, give drink to
the thirsty, clothe the
naked, welcome the
stranger, heal the sick,
visit the imprisoned
and bury the dead."*

— Pope Francis



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