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MEDIA ADVISORY

Catholic Charities Parish Engagement Program expands
to Christ the King Church to meet the community demand of food distribution,
rent and utilities assistance and other services

What: Catholic Charities of Santa Clara Countyn (CCSCC) continue to partner and pivot to meet the increasing needs of the community in food distribution, housing, education and senior needs. By expanding their Parish Engagement Program to Christ the King, they are filling a void of services this community needs especially during the Pandemic.

Attending: Martha’s Kitchen providing hot meals, Sacred Heart providing utility assistance payment plans, CCSCC will have their rental assistance program present, Second Harvest Food Bank will be providing a week’s worth of meals to 800 families, and Project Hope’s Beautifying Neighborhoods.

When: Friday, November 20, 2020, 4:00pm-5:00pm

Where: Christ the King Catholic Church, 5284 Monterey Road, San Jose, CA 95111

About Parish Engagement Program:
Poverty is an everyday reality experienced by hundreds of thousands of Santa Cara County residents. Catholic Charities” Advocacy and Community Engagement addresses these needs by engaging those directly affected by poverty in changing the structures of economic and social disenfranchisement trough public engagement by forming strategic partnerships with parishes, social action groups and community organizers.

Nationally recognized by Catholic Charities USA as runner up for their Innovation Challenge receiving $100,000 for matching funds. Meet the co-founders of Parish Engagement Bridget Balajadia and Father Jon Pedigo. #IRENEMATCHINGFUNDS

About Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County:
Catholic Charities of Santa Clara County provides a critical safety net for disadvantaged and underserved individuals and families excluded from the prosperity of Silicon Valley. We create lasting pathways for hope, opportunity, and dignity for all people — regardless of race, faith or beliefs.

Our services target five areas: food, housing, health, education and economic security. Since the pandemic shutdowns in March, we have mobilized resources and realigned staff to deploy a rapid response to the ongoing crisis. In the past eight months, we have fed over 400,000 individuals, ten times more people than the agency served in all its programs in the previous year. Silicon Valley Business Journal named CCSCC as one of their two Community Impact Award Winners with Second Harvest Silicon Valley. Funding for operations and programs comes from private and public sources.

For more information, please visit www.CatholicCharitiesSCC.org and www.facebook.com/WorkingToEndPoverty

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