DEAR FRIENDS,

THE UNITED STATES Department of Justice’s report on the Baltimore City Police Department (“BCPD”) is sobering and distressing and should be a cause for great concern for all of us. If you have not read the report, I encourage you to read it, reflect on the findings and consider the role that each of us should play in bringing about change. It is clear that nothing short of a wholesale change in the culture within the BCPD will result in the kind of reform that is necessary to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of every citizen in Baltimore. We cannot ignore the good and just service of the majority of men and women of the BCPD who put their lives on the line every day as they carry out their duties. For their service, I am grateful. But the fact that most officers are good and fair does not mitigate the need for change, for justice.

At Catholic Charities, we believe that we are all called to work for justice — in our homes, in our workplaces and in our broader community. Some of us will be recognized for the work we do. Some will not be noticed much at all. And some, like Peter Norman, will be criticized strongly and will suffer for doing what is right.

In an online article on Littlethings.com that reprinted an essay by Riccardo Gazzaniga called “The White Man in That Photo,” I learned

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Inspired by the Gospel mandates to LOVE, SERVE and TEACH, Catholic Charities provides care and services to IMPROVE the LIVES of Marylanders in need.

Tenan Decorating Contest
1ST PLACE: CohnReznick LLP
2ND PLACE: M&T Bank
3RD PLACE: Whiting Turner

Chant Contest
1ST PLACE: St. John the Evangelist School, Severna Park
2ND PLACE: Bank of America
3RD PLACE: T. Rowe Price

2016 Team Spirit Award Winners

Dragon Boat Winners
Division A
1ST PLACE: T. Rowe Price 1:45:92
2ND PLACE: M&T Bank 1:45:98
3RD PLACE: Brown Advisory 1:46:54

Division B
1ST PLACE: Heritage Financial 1:52:93
2ND PLACE: SunTrust Bank 1:55:50
3RD PLACE: DAP Products, Inc. 1:56:67

Division C
1ST PLACE: Bank of America 2:01:16
2ND PLACE: Wells Fargo 2:02:72
3RD PLACE: PayPal 2:04:20

Division D
1ST PLACE: KPMG LLP 2:11:81
2ND PLACE: Catholic Charities 2:19:10
3RD PLACE: Catholic Relief Services 2:25:17

Not even a little lightning and thunder could dampen the team spirit at the 10th biennial Dragon Boat Races on September 10. The crowd at the Inner Harbor cheered on the 31 corporate-sponsored teams throughout the day.

Each team is partnered with a Catholic Charities program, and the event combines water races with fundraising and community awareness of social issues. The award ceremony took place on September 29 at Our Daily Bread Employment Center.

(PHOTO BY LARRY CANNER)

Harkins Builders and Villa Maria students do a rousing chant. (PHOTO BY LARRY CANNER)

The team from BGE presented a check to Bill McCarthy as part of the Paddler Challenge, money that will directly benefit the teams’ program partners. (PHOTO BY BOB KEENAN)
about the inspiring yet heartbreaking story of Peter Norman, an Australian Olympic sprinter in the 1968 Olympics. Norman won the silver medal in the 200-meter finals that year, setting an Australian record that still stands today. Tommie Smith won the gold medal and John Carlos finished behind Norman, winning the bronze medal. After the race, Carlos and Smith had decided that they needed to make a statement about the struggle for civil rights back in the United States. So Carlos and Smith went to Norman and asked him if he believed in human rights. Norman said yes. They asked him if he believed in God. Norman said yes. They told him what they intended to do on the stand and how they were sure that it was the most important thing they would do at the Olympics.

Norman said four words that Carlos and Smith would never forget. He said, “I’ll stand with you.”

Carlos and Smith went to the medal podium wearing black socks. They had intended to also wear black gloves, but Carlos had left his pair behind. Norman suggested that one wear a black glove on his right hand, the other on his left. And that’s what they did. The photo of John Carlos and Tommie Smith holding up one black gloved hand has become one of the most iconic in American history and perhaps THE most iconic in Olympic history. Peter Norman stands to the left, an unclear look on his face. What you cannot see in the photo is that Norman was wearing a badge that read “Olympic Project for Human Rights,” which he had borrowed from Paul Hoffman, a white member of the U.S. rowing team.

“I believe that every man is born equal and should be treated that way,” Norman told reporters after the ceremony.

When Norman returned to his native Australia, a country with stringent apartheid laws, he was ostracized. Despite the fact that Norman qualified easily for the 1972 Olympics, he was not sent to those Olympic Games. Instead, he was an outcast who had trouble finding work and who, later in his life, struggled with depression and alcoholism. Norman died in 2006 with no apology from his country, and both Carlos and Smith, friends since that pivotal moment in 1968, were pallbearers at his funeral.

Peter Norman sacrificed a great deal for justice. I pray that we all have the courage to do the same.

Peace,

Bill McCarthy, Executive Director

T. Rowe Price won the Division A Dragon Cup at the 10th biennial Catholic Charities Dragon Boat Races on September 10. Their time of 1:45:92 beat out their competitors. M&T Bank took second place, and Brown Advisory took third in the Division A race. T. Rowe Price also held the title in 2014, 2012, 2008 and 2006. (PHOTOS BY LARRY CANNER)
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We are grateful for their service to the community and wish them well.

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YouthWorks

YouthWorks’ 2016 programming interns served the residents of Weinberg Housing & Resource Center over the summer. Pictured are eight of the more than 8,000 youth employed through Baltimore City’s YouthWorks program. As part of their activities, they were invited to attend Tabria’s Restaurant during Homeless Restaurant Week and served the hundreds of residents and guests transitioning through homelessness.

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A GROUP of seven Gallagher Services individuals and two staff members have been visiting Sam Hammaker’s farm on Tuesdays and Thursdays since last May. Sam has been very enthusiastic about using part of his farm to create a good and positive experience for people with intellectual disabilities. While the Gallagher crew is on the farm, they assist with various tasks such as mulching, weeding, spreading compost and planting various flowers, such as sunflowers, zinnias and cosmos. They also planted pumpkins and gourds. Fred the farmer and Master Gardeners Sue Joyce and Carol Jones assist the group.

Sam, Sue and Carol added an educational component, in which they teach our individuals about safely using gardening tools, the purpose of mulching and weeding and how to relate what they are growing to the foods they eat. They recently harvested their first crop of squash and zucchini and made zucchini bread.

The crew feeds the pigs, ducks, horses and chickens as well. It has truly been a rewarding experience for everyone involved.

To learn more, visit cc-md.org/gallagher

IN 1986, VILLA MARIA, a residential treatment center, piloted a therapeutic foster care program for children who had been institutionalized at Villa Maria and St. Vincent’s Center. Since then, the Center for Family Services’ Treatment Foster Care (TFC) program has provided services to youth with severe emotional, behavioral and medical needs. Even though the program has had several names, operated from various locations and has had over 100 compassionate staff members working with youth and families, the mission has remained the same: to build and strengthen families by making permanent connections.

We have provided care to over 1,000 children, reunified them with their birth parents or a relative, placed them in adoptive families, and assisted adolescents in the transition to independent living.

The Treatment Foster Care program has changed over the past 30 years, but through all the changes, the compassion, dedication and perseverance of the staff have never faded.

The TFC program has provided—continues to make—a significant impact on thousands of lives.

To learn more, visit cc-md.org/TFC

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Catholic Charities cordially invites you to attend:
Hungry for Change: How Our Daily Bread Transforms Lives
Please join us for a panel discussion of the impact of poverty on our lives
Hungry for Change: How Our Daily Bread Transforms Lives, a program featuring a discussion of poverty and how we are all affected by it, will take place on Wednesday, October 26, 2016, from 7:30 p.m., at Loyola University of Maryland’s McGuire Hall.
Keynote speakers include Kathryn Edin, PhD, a Bloomberg Distinguished Professor from Johns Hopkins University and co-author of “$2.00 a Day: Living on Almost Nothing in America,” and Sr. Patricia Chappell, executive director of Pax Christi USA, an organization that presents events, programs and observances focusing on the spiritual dimensions of taking action for a better world.

RSVP by October 19, 2016 by visiting cc-md.org/ODB35. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Dennis Murphy at 410-261-6781 or dmurphy@cc-md.org.

To learn more, visit cc-md.org/ODB35.

For more information on programs and events, visit cc-md.org

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Serving up a Maryland staple

THE BIBLICAL STORY of multiplied loaves and fishes received a modern-day adaption at Our Daily Bread (ODB) on June 24. Thanks to the culinary skills of Dining Services Operation Manager Demetria Davis, 90 cans of jumbo lump crab meat, donated by Gordon Foods, was made into 700 crab balls for ODB’s afternoon meal, 300 crab cakes for dinner for the men of Christopher Place Employment Academy and 80 crab balls for the ODB volunteer appreciation luncheon. Gordon’s donation of kamaboko (imitation crab meat) was made into 100 lbs. of pasta seafood salad for ODB vegetarian diners.

Gordon’s substantial twice-a-week donations of top sirloin, hamburgers, chicken, scallops, shrimp and ham for the past four months have allowed the program to stretch its budget and support other Catholic Charities programs.

To learn more, visit cc-md.org/odb

Fall Fundraising Campaign is Here!

THIS YEAR’S CAMPAIGN is built around the theme of “Help Us Build Stronger Communities.” When you think about it, throughout the many programs of Catholic Charities, that is how all of our work is accomplished—building stronger communities one person at a time.

Our advertising for 2016 will consist of bus/trolley, print (Baltimore Sun and radio ads on WBAL, WZBA and WRBS.

The advertising will help to keep Catholic Charities top of mind during the coming months when many people will be making charitable donation decisions, whether it’s workplace giving through United Way campaigns or end-of-year donations.

Enjoy!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES IS CELEBRATING 10 YEARS OF THE CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL ON DECEMBER 15TH!

The concert returns to the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, featuring the Concert Artists of Baltimore, under the artistic direction of Edward Polochick.

Catholic Charities is celebrating 10 years of the Christmas Festival on December 15th!

Thursday, December 15, 2016, 7:30 p.m.

$125 per ticket
$50 per ticket for guests 15 and under

Order at cc-md.org/ChristmasFestival or call 410-541-5591

Catholic Charities is Maryland’s leading nonprofit provider of human services, serving over 160,000 individuals and families every year. We also provided more than 482,619 meals to people who were hungry.

With compassion and respect for people of all faiths, races and circumstances, we improve the lives of children and families, seniors, people living in poverty, immigrants and people who are intellectually disabled.

As part of the Archdiocese of Baltimore, we cherish the Divine within all whom we serve in 80 programs throughout Baltimore City and nine counties.

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