

"For I was hungry and you gave me food..." Mt 25:35

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION Wednesday, February 22, 2023

As a diocese, we will soon participate in an Ash Wednesday collection for Catholic Charities of Acadiana. The focus of this year's collection is preventing hunger.

Catholic Charities of Acadiana receives over 9,000 phone calls per month from our neighbors in Acadiana who are in crisis. Too many of these calls for assistance are from families and individuals experiencing hunger.

We believe that hunger is an emergency, one where our faith compels us to respond. With this core belief in mind, Catholic Charities of Acadiana operates St. Joseph Diner and FoodNet Food Bank.

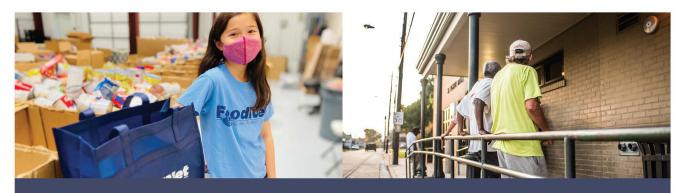
Through both of these core programs, Catholic Charities of Acadiana responds with compassion to thousands who experience hunger and food

insecurity throughout the eight civil parishes of the Diocese of Lafayette.

Just last year, St. Joseph Diner prepared and distributed over 145,000 meals, while FoodNet Food Bank assisted thousands of our neighbors, distributing over 39,000 supplemental food bags.

St. Joseph Diner and FoodNet Food Bank are 100% donor-funded programs. Your generous support of the *Ash Wednesday collection* will help us purchase food and provide immediate relief to someone in our community.

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Make an impact today by visiting **give.classy.org/ashwednesday** or by scanning the code.

