



## ***Catholic Charities of St. Paul and Minneapolis serves those most in need.***

*We are a leader at solving poverty, creating opportunity, and advocating for justice in the community.*

Our legislative agenda is developed with input from our staff, clients and partners. **Our foremost priority is achieving racial equity and social justice**, and it is through this lens that we approach all our advocacy, which emphasizes enhancing access to housing, health care, childcare, economic opportunity and stability.

## **Legislative priorities we lead:**

- Increase funding for the Emergency Services Program by \$15 million to support emergency shelter operations across the state.
- Strengthen Housing Support for residents and landlords by increasing the base rate by \$100 and waiving temporary absence requirements for individuals in need of healthcare treatment.
- Emergency aid for immediate COVID-19 pandemic response needs.

## **We also support the work of our coalition partners to further advance racial equity and social justice:**

### ***Policies and programs that promote housing stability, prevent homelessness, and recognize housing as health care:***

- Eviction reforms that ensure transparency in process and fairly balance the power between tenants and landlords when loss of housing is at stake.
- Renters' assistance to help those with housing keep it.
- Ensure transparency and fair notice of upfront fees and remove discriminatory practices in accessing housing.
- Establishment of a Medicaid recuperative care model.
- Implementation of Housing Stabilization Services, and the extension of funding to account for enrollment delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Reform housing assistance programs so recipients can maintain more of their personal income.
- Investments in Housing Infrastructure Bonds and expanding eligible uses to include projects for <30% AMI.

### ***Policies and programs that promote the health and well-being of children, adults and families:***

- Ensure all Minnesotans have access to comprehensive health care and expanded telehealth options.
- Prioritize COVID-19 testing and vaccination for high-risk populations, including emergency shelter and congregate supportive housing residents and staff.
- Strengthen efforts to end hunger and food insecurity, like SNAP.
- Increase access to mental health services, including crisis services in shelters and school-linked mental health.
- Drive innovations for aging in place.
- Prevent domestic violence.
- Increase access to paid family and medical leave and affordable childcare, including the Childcare Assistance Program.
- Increase diversity in the health care workforce and develop structures that help providers of color advance to positions of leadership.

### ***Policies and programs that advance social justice, end racism, and promote economic and community vitality:***

- Criminal justice reform and the adoption of standards and ethics centered on advancing human rights and ensuring public confidence in an equitable system, including investing in community prevention programs that improve public safety and ending mass incarceration.
- Remove barriers for people experiencing housing instability to vote, including restoring voter rights.
- End license suspensions for unpaid traffic tickets.
- A robust public transportation system and safe walking and biking paths.



## ***OUR PARTNERS IN SUPPORTING THOSE MOST IN NEED:***

AspireMN  
City of Minneapolis  
City of Saint Paul  
Greater MSP  
Hennepin County  
Hennepin County  
Medical Center  
Homes4All  
Joint Religious  
Legislative Coalition  
Kids Can't Wait  
Legal Services Advocacy  
Project  
Metropolitan Council  
Minneapolis Regional  
Chamber of Commerce  
Minneapolis Downtown  
Council  
Minneapolis NAACP  
Minnesota Asset Building  
Coalition  
Minnesota Coalition  
for the Homeless  
Minnesota Department  
of Health  
Minnesota Department  
of Human Services  
Minnesota Housing  
Minnesota Housing  
Partnership  
Minnesota Social  
Services Association  
Minnesota Leadership  
Council on Aging  
National Alliance on  
Mental Illness MN  
Pillsbury United Communities  
Prosperity's Front Door  
Ramsey County  
Say Yes & Invest  
Second Chance Coalition  
Saint Paul Area Chamber  
of Commerce  
Statewide Business  
Coalitions  
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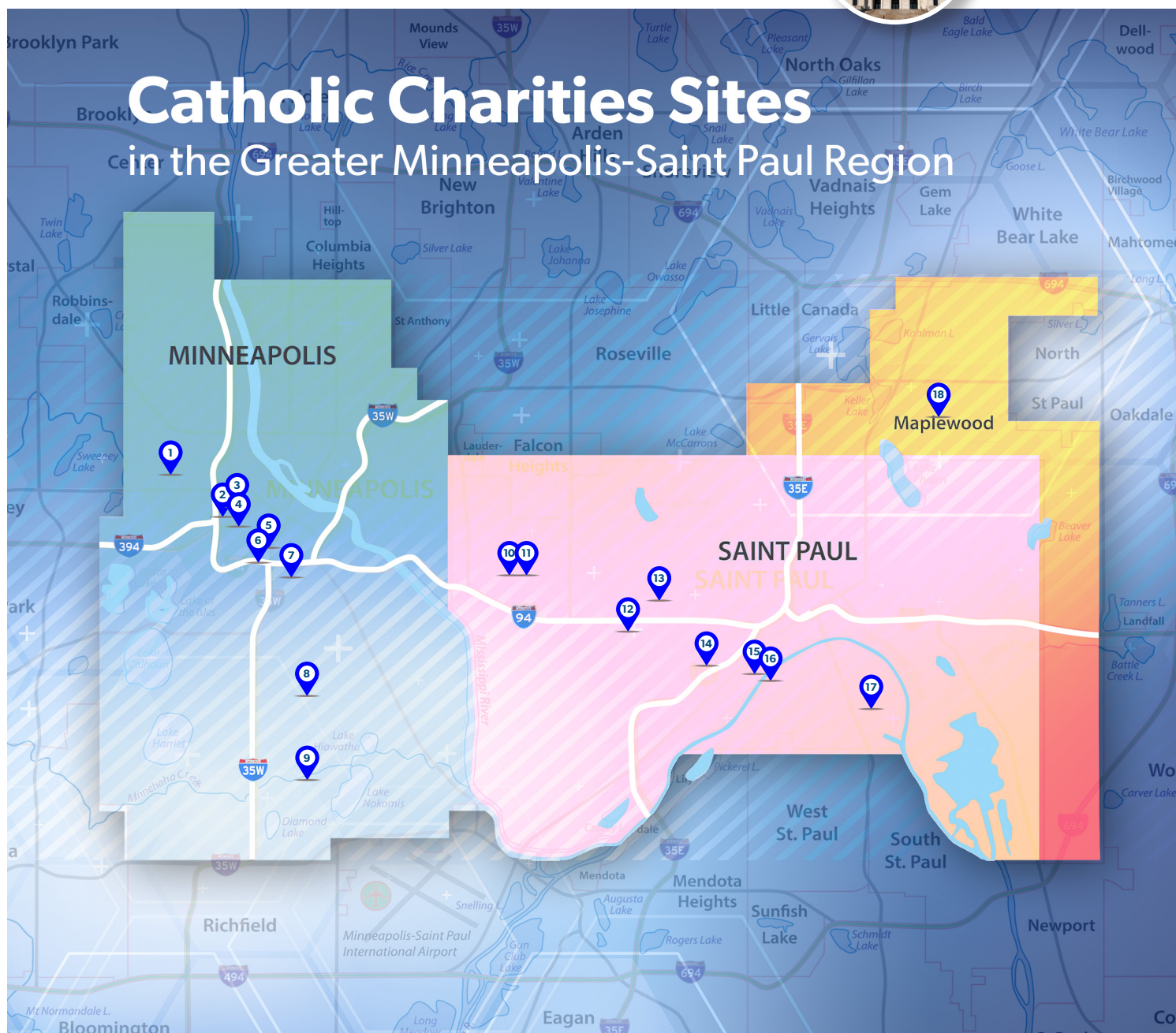


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## Catholic Charities Sites in the Greater Minneapolis-Saint Paul Region



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| 1. Northside Child Development Center | 8. Children's Day Treatment       | 15. Higher Ground Saint Paul                 |
| 2. Evergreen Residence                | 9. Hope Street for Homeless Youth | 16. The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation |
| 3. Glenwood Residence                 | 10. St. Anthony Residence         | Saint Paul Opportunity Center &              |
| 4. Higher Ground Minneapolis          | 11. St. Paul Residence            | Dorothy Day Residence                        |
| 5. Exodus Residence                   | 12. Seton Services                | 17. Distribution Center & In-Kind Warehouse  |
| 6. Administration Center              | 13. Visitation Place              | 18. Family Service Center                    |
| 7. Mary F. Frey Opportunity Center    | 14. St. Christopher Place         |  |



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