



Dear Friends,

For over a century, millions of children, men, women and families have received healing and hope from the charitable works of our Church in Western Washington. The strong roots of Catholic Community Services and Catholic Housing Services (CCS/CHS) began with faith-filled Catholic women answering Bishop O’Dea’s call in 1918 to aid orphans and widows following World War I.

Thanks to the past ten decades of God’s blessings, and the hands of help provided by thousands of staff, volunteers and supporters, CCS/CHS has grown to become the largest private social service network in Washington State. As a tireless voice for those who often go unheard, CCS/CHS stands as a critical advocate within the social and civic infrastructure addressing complex issues of poverty, homelessness, and so much more.

As we look forward to a second century of service and to every means available to provide for those living on the margins, I am excited to announce a more vitalized presence of our Catholic Charities Foundation of Western Washington. The sole mission of the Foundation is to garner financial support for the ministries of CCS/CHS. While all traditional avenues of giving to CCS/CHS will remain unchanged, the Foundation will offer donors advanced philanthropic tools for lifetime and legacy giving.

As the Vicar for Catholic Charities, I have witnessed firsthand the loyal and gifted CCS/CHS workforce, volunteers and donors who serve and support Christ’s call to embrace the most vulnerable in our midst. With the blessing of Archbishop Etienne, it is my privilege to guide and promote the Catholic Charities Foundation. I am confident that the Foundation will provide perpetual resources that will enrich and sustain CCS/CHS ministries as well as enlighten and engage donors in loving service to the poor.

I ask that you pray for the success of the Catholic Charities Foundation and CCS/CHS, that those we serve may experience Christ’s light and grace, and receive healing and hope.

With gratitude, I am yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bradley R. Hagelin".

Fr. Brad Hagelin
Vicar for Catholic Charities