

## Church Bulletin Announcements – January 8, 2024

Catholic Health is looking for **compassionate, active volunteers 18+ at all hospital sites and skilled nursing facilities**. We need friendly visitors, greeters and much more! Catholic Health LIFE center is also seeking senior companions. For more information, contact Lisa Carey at 716-862-1106 or visit our website: <https://www.chsbuffalo.org/volunteer>.

**Bulletin message for weekend of January 27-28: The importance of stretching a dollar is essential these days – and a charitable donation is no different!** That's why Catholic Charities is happy to report that each dollar raised during the annual Appeal leverages an additional \$5-\$6 of government support and contracts – meaning your gift goes five to six times as far. More funding means more services for those in need, which in turn builds stronger, healthier communities! Make a donation today at [www.ccwny.org/donate](http://www.ccwny.org/donate) or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

**Bulletin message for weekend of February 3-4: Did you know Catholic Charities Appeal 2024 is the 100<sup>th</sup> annual Appeal!** Following its inception in 1923, Catholic Charities held its first fundraising campaign in 1924, which carried a goal of \$262,116. That goal was met and exceeded with a total of \$325,808 raised! Today, the annual Appeal looks quite different, including a much larger goal. But the tradition of raising money to help those in need continues. Be part of the historic 100<sup>th</sup> Appeal, and give HOPE to those who need it. Give today at [www.ccwny.org/donate](http://www.ccwny.org/donate) or text HOPE4WNY to 44321.

**Bulletin message for February:** February 8 – Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita. In least developed countries 1 in 4 children ages 5-17 are engaged in labor detrimental to their health and development. Forced labor of children is also in the USA. Pray for these children. **Alliance to End Human Trafficking** (founded and supported by US Catholic Sisters), 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

8 de febrero – Fiesta de Santa Josefina Bakhita. En los países menos desarrollados, 1 de cada 4 niños de entre 5 y 17 años realizan trabajos perjudiciales para su salud y desarrollo. El trabajo forzoso infantil también se da en los Estados Unidos. Oremos por estos niños. **La alianza para acabar con la trata de personas** (fundada y apoyada por las Hermanas Católicas de los EE. UU.), 7575 Grand River Rd., Suite 109, Brighton, MI 48114; [sistersagainstrafficking.org](http://sistersagainstrafficking.org).

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