



Celebrating Our 'Pastor to the Poor'

He's known as the "Pastor to the Poor" for his caring service to those in need.

For more than a decade, Msgr. John J. Enzler has led Catholic Charities, earning the respect and admiration of the people he serves, the staff he leads and the supporters he inspires.

He uses the power of "Yes" to meet the needs of those without homes, those who are hungry, and those in need of medical, dental and legal help.

Father John has created innovative programs like St. Maria's Meals, Cup of Joe and the Financial Stability Network. He brought care to the most vulnerable among us through the creation of Angel's Watch shelter for women and children, and the Family Peace initiative for victims of domestic violence.

His vision and leadership led to the creation of the Compass program in Wards 7 and 8 and the Newcomer Network in Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

Serving at six parishes and the archdiocese, Father John has been with so many at life's most important moments, always saying "Yes" to baptisms, weddings and confirmations.

It's now time — as Father John marks his 50th anniversary as a priest and plans his transition to a new opportunity to serve Catholic Charities — to reflect on all that he has accomplished through 52 social service programs and the lives he has changed.

Please join us in a tribute to our "Pastor to the Poor" by being part of the 2023 Catholic Charities Gala.

With your support, we will toast our good friend Father John and honor a legacy of service that has given help and hope to hundreds of thousands of people each year.

2023 Catholic Charities Gala

April 1, 2023

Marriott Marquis

Chaired by Kevin and Mary Anne Virostek, and Steve and Joanne Virostek

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