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Catholic Charities 2016 Annual Appeal Continues in Parishes This Weekend with a \$100,000 Challenge Grant to Benefit Rose-Mary Homes For The Future

Cleveland, Ohio – May 16, 2016 – The Catholic Charities 2016 Annual Appeal, the most significant annual fundraising effort in the Diocese of Cleveland, will hold a follow up In-Pew Appeal on the weekend of May 21st and 22nd in all parishes throughout the Diocese. A \$100,000 Challenge Grant has been offered to match all new, increased and additional Annual Appeal gifts received in the second In-Pew envelopes distributed at Masses, or online at www.CatholicCommunity.org/Challenge.

This year's second In-Pew Appeal invites Catholics to become partners in the transformation of one of Catholic Charities' most vital programs and services for children and young adults with developmental disabilities. Rose-Mary has been offering residential care and compassion to those with disabilities for almost 100 years from their facility in Euclid, Ohio. The Appeal will support Rose-Mary's *Homes for the Future, A Community Integration Project*, which will close the doors on insititutional care and move all residing children and young adults into seven state-of-the-art community homes, the first of which has opened its doors in Richmond Heights. All dollars raised through this weekend's In-Pew Appeal will benefit Rose-Mary's ongoing project in providing for the construction and renovation of these seven group homes.

The 2016 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal has currently raised over \$9.5 million and is on track to exceed its goal of \$11.5 million. The Annual Appeal raises funds to support one of the largest health and human services organization in the U.S. – one that directly benefits the people of Northeast Ohio. The Most Reverend Richard Lennon, Bishop, Diocese of Cleveland, states, "Last year, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal raised over \$12 million in pledges, a record number and one that reflects the ever-growing amount that is needed to ensure that the poor, the disabled, older adults and families will benefit from Catholic Charities services and programs."

For additional information about the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal, contact Karen Joyce at 800-869-6525, ext. 1910, kjoyce@CatholicCommunity.org; for Rose-Mary contact Lena Chapin at lchapin@rose-marycenter.com.



The first Rose-Mary Homes for Our Future Open House was held on Friday, April 8 at this location on Cary Jay Blvd. in Richmond Heights.

The Catholic Community Foundation is dedicated to enriching lives by encouraging faithful philanthropy. The Foundation supports the mission of the Diocese of Cleveland to provide for the spiritual, educational and charitable needs of people throughout Northeast Ohio. Since its inception in 2000, the Foundation has raised more than \$220 million to support Catholic Charities, Catholic Education, Priestly Formation, and other ministries in the Diocese of Cleveland.