



Narrative Accompaniment to the Nutritional Development Services of the Archdiocese of Philadelphia Audited Financial Statements for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2016

Nutritional Development Services (NDS), a separately incorporated charitable non-profit 501(c)3 and a division of the Secretariat for Catholic Human Services, provides meals, food assistance and technical support to organizations that serve children and the poor. These programs provided over 10 million meals to children and those in need of food in Fiscal Year 2016.

The NDS audited financial statement discloses a surplus of \$1,113,853 for the year ended June 30, 2016 on revenues of \$21,141,197. The surplus is the result of the increase in the number of meals served in the school meal program and the annual appeal for the Community Food Program. Sixty nine percent of the total expenses of \$ 20,027,344 were spent on the procurement of food.

The largest revenue source for NDS is the U.S. Department of Agriculture which enables NDS to sponsor **Child Nutrition Programs** in Southeastern Pennsylvania. Through these federally funded programs, children have access to nutritious, well-balanced meals that are crucial to their physical development and academic success. More than 7,984,142 meals were provided to children in parochial, charter and private schools, residential child care programs, child care centers, homeless shelters, after-school and summer programs during fiscal year 2016. The primary reason for the increase in meals served was the expansion of the Community Eligibility Program of USDA that enables schools with a high percentage of children who are eligible for free or reduced priced meals to serve meals to all children in the school at no cost to the parent or guardian.

An additional 2,112,024 meals were made available through food drives to assist parishes and other community organizations in meeting the nutritional needs of the hungry in the five county Philadelphia region. Known as the **Community Food Program (CFP)**, this initiative is supported financially by the lay faithful with donations to the Catholic Charities Appeal, Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl and other individual gifts. Foundation grants and corporate support assist us in fulfilling the mission of NDS. In addition to monetary support, NDS received approximately 880, 010 pounds of donated food through parish, school and business food drives. NDS also provided fresh produce and lean proteins (chicken and fish) to ten food cupboards that were able to store these items.