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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK  
CEO PRESENTS SUPER BOWL XLVIII TICKETS TO RAFFLE WINNER FROM OLD TAPPAN**

**Newark, NJ, January 31, 2014** – Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark presented two tickets to Super Bowl 2014 to Reverend Patrick M. Mulewski, pastor at St. Pius X, located in Old Tappan, New Jersey. Reverend Mulewski also received a \$500 American Express gift certificate.

The fundraiser started in August, when Catholic Charities secured two tickets to the NFL's championship game at Metlife Stadium in Rutherford, NJ. The raffle raised over \$25,000, with all proceeds going directly to help people in local communities.

The drawing was held on December 30<sup>th</sup> at the Mount Carmel Guild Academy in West Orange, NJ, where Catholic Charities operates a special education pre-K– 12 school for 115 students from 24 school districts throughout the state. Principal James Badavas selected the winning ticket. Father Pat was delighted when he was presented with the two Super Bowl tickets. Asked who he was rooting for, he said the Seattle Seahawks, because he is “an Eagles fan and wants to stick with the birds.”

According to John Westervelt, Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities, "We are very pleased with the success of this fundraiser. With the funds raised from this raffle, Catholic Charities will be able to help a single mom who needs a little help to put food on the table for her children, a person with a disability who needs vocational training to find the right job, a survivor of Super Storm Sandy who needs someone to help navigate through the bureaucracy to get the resources they need to rebuild their homes."

**About Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark**

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark is a non-sectarian, not-for-profit social service agency of the Roman Catholic Church within the Archdiocese of Newark. As one of New Jersey's oldest and largest Agencies, Catholic Charities serves approximately 80,000 individuals and families each year in over 50 programs. Its mission is to improve the quality of people's lives and enhance their self-worth and dignity by providing superior social service, behavioral health, and education programs, and by advocating for justice in all human relationships. This mission is pursued through a network of caring, effective, and well-managed social service professionals within the four counties served by the Archdiocese: Bergen, Essex, Hudson and Union. The organization focuses on strengthening and preserving family life while restoring the dignity of each individual. The programs provide shelters for the homeless; food to the impoverished; care for the elderly and mentally ill; and, education to children with developmental disabilities. Catholic Charities is a Ministry of the Church, a concrete illustration of the Church's commitment to ease suffering and bring social justice and hope to all, without regard to religion, race or culture.

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