

GOYA FOODS DONATES 30,000 POUNDS OF FOOD FOR CHARITES PANTRIES

April 22, 2016

This week trucks from Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese pulled up to the loading docks of Goya Foods in Jersey City to receive a donation of 30,000 pounds of food. With the food warehouse of Catholic Charities dangerously low on basic food items, the donation was in response to an emergency request from Archbishop Myers to Goya for immediate help. "I know the people at Goya have generous hearts and really care about giving back to the community. I'm very grateful for this abundant food donation of basic food items. I'm not sure exactly what items were donated but since it's from Goya it's got to be good – and they're good to give."

Through Catholic Charities the donation will benefit over 75 food pantries throughout the four counties of the Archdiocese which are part of the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network which provides food and nutrition counseling to nearly 25,000 households each year. Sharon Tobin who runs the food pantries services of Catholic Charities called the Goya donation "a real blessing of quality and nutritious food for so many during this Holy Week."

The donation is representative of the Goya Gives campaign which donated 150,000 pounds of food to Catholic Charities agencies in New York, Philadelphia, and Washington DC to mark the visit of Pope Francis in September. This past Christmas Goya Foods donated \$10,000 to Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese to provide toys to children in need as well as blankets, coats, and essential times for the homeless and other persons in need. "Goya Foods has been a great community partner and their donations to Catholic Charities have touched the lives of some many in need."

Individuals, parishes, and community organization who would like to donate to the Emergency Food and Nutrition Network of Catholic Charities can contact Sharon Tobin at 973-266-7941.

About GOYA: Founded in 1936, Goya Foods, Inc. is America's largest Hispanic-owned food company, and has established itself as the leader in Latin American food and condiments. Goya manufactures, packages, and distributes over 2,200 high-quality food products from the Caribbean, Mexico, Central and South America. Goya products have their roots in the culinary traditions of Hispanic communities around the world; their combination of authentic ingredients, robust seasonings and convenient preparation make them ideal for every taste and every table. For more information on Goya Foods, please visit www.goya.com

About Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark

Tracing its roots to 1903, Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark is a 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 70,000 individuals and families each year in over 87 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.

