

# Office of Diocesan Pastoral Outreach

## Ministry to the Homeless

### Roman Catholic Diocese of Boise

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Outreach to the Homeless within the Diocese of Boise falls under the Directorate of the Permanent Diaconate, Office of Pastoral Outreach and works collaboratively with all parishes, faith communities, and outside agencies throughout the diocese's geographical region.

The mission of our outreach to the homeless is to promote Christ's love through assistance, education and social interaction to the homeless. This ministry also extends to those agencies helping the homeless transition back into society and become fully sheltered and independent citizens.

The Catholic bishops believe decent, safe, and affordable housing is a human right. Catholic teaching supports the right to private property but recognizes that communities and the government have an obligation to ensure the housing needs of all are met, especially poor and vulnerable people and their families. At a time of rising homelessness and when many workers' wages are stagnant, and living expenses are rising, it is essential to ensure housing security.

The Diocese currently supports the efforts of Saint Vincent DePaul, Catholic Charities, Interfaith Sanctuary and the Corpus Christi House in their work to advocate, shelter, and transition homeless individuals and families to a fully sheltered and independent life. Parishioners interested in participating in homeless ministry should contact the Coordinator of Diocesan Pastoral Outreach.

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