



Poverty Awareness Month: January 2025; Online Overview of Bridges Out of Poverty Offered by Catholic Charities

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Pope Francis has decreed the year 2025 as a Jubilee year calling all to be Pilgrims of Hope. Catholic Charities is the human social service sector of the diocese, and we are to bring awareness of the social injustices that impact the marginalized. To do this, we must talk about the importance of looking through different lenses, the individual, the institution, the community, and the policies that often prevent those living in poverty from moving forward to being self-sufficient.

January is the month of National Poverty Awareness. Please consider joining a virtual overview of **Bridges Out of Poverty: Strategies for Professionals and Communities** to have a better understanding of a comprehensive approach to the dynamics that cause and maintain poverty, from the individual to the systemic level. We will have two options to share this information virtually: **Friday, January 10th, 2025, from 10:00 AM until Noon** or **Thursday, January 23rd, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM**. To register for a session, **please RSVP** to coconnor@dioceseaj.org.

Additionally, Catholic Charities will be using this Jubilee year 2025 and the influence of Pope Francis to provide training opportunities to understand what poverty looks like in each parish community. Dates for the live workshops will be shared with each Deanery for the Lenten season. The knowledge provided will have participants embrace how they can bring hope and respond to real situations in their parish communities and local neighborhoods.