



Catholic Charities
of the Diocese of Green Bay

Putting Our Faith Into Action

Dear Mayor Nickels and Alders of the Manitowoc Common Council,

Catholic Charities serves 16 counties in Northeast Wisconsin, including Manitowoc County. Since September of 2024, we have had a tele-site at the St. Francis of Assisi Parish Office so that we can better reach individuals and families in need in that area. We are therefore supportive of both the Temporary Warming Shelter at 702 N. State Street and the Permanent Shelter at 601 N. 8th Street.

We believe in the dignity of every human being. Individuals without a home are no exception. One thing that helps to affirm human dignity is showing love and compassion toward those in need. Mother Teresa once said, "The greatest disease in the West today is not TB or leprosy; it is being unwanted, unloved, and uncared for. We can cure physical diseases with medicine, but the only cure for loneliness, despair, and hopelessness is love. There are many in the world who are dying for a piece of bread but there are many more dying for a little love." By supporting this warming shelter, the City of Manitowoc has the opportunity to stand in solidarity with those on the margins of society and show them a little love; that they are just as much a part of the city as anyone else.

Thank you for taking the time to read our testimony. And we thank you for your public service.

Sincerely,

Lucas Holt