

### CALIFORNIA'S LARGEST NETWORK OF SOCIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS

Catholic Charities of California represents the twelve Local Catholic Charities Organizations in California.

Every year, these organizations provide more than 1.5 million professional social services to Californians who need help and hope. Catholic Charities of California is the single point of access to this statewide network.



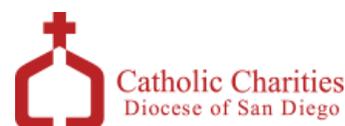
### FEATURED

## CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF SAN DIEGO

Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego, established in 1919, provides services that are designed to help the poor at over 25 sites in San Diego and Imperial County. Major Service areas include Homeless Women's and Men's Services, Counseling, Food Resource Centers, Emergency shelter for Immigrant women, Refugee Resettlement Services, Immigration Services, Case Management Services, Pregnancy and Adoption Services, Senior Nutrition, Foster Grandparent Program, Covered California, A Social Enterprise Project for homeless women and a Thrift Store.

Learn More at:  
[www.ccdsd.org](http://www.ccdsd.org)

## Rebuilding a Life and Career



In Iraq, Nadia was the epitome of the "modern woman." Despite the conflict in her country of origin, she worked her way up from lower level administrative positions to high level IT, purchasing, and executive assistant positions.

After a kidnapping attempt, it was no longer safe for Nadia to stay in Iraq, and so she fled.

In March 2016, after the long refugee screening process, she arrived in San Diego County. Nadia was full of hope, aspirations, uncertainty, and fear of the unknown.

Nadia's first realization was that she had to start her career over again. Even though her English was good, Nadia was unfamiliar with US technology, customs, and business practices. This, plus not having a US work history, made it extremely hard for her to find a job and build a career path similar to what she was forced to leave behind.

With the help of the Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego's (CCDSD) Employment Team, Nadia was hired as a Guest Service Agent at the Residence Inn by Marriott. It was there that Nadia took the opportunity to learn about US customs, business practices, and the high level of customer service expected by guests.

After a year of working at the Residence Inn, Nadia is now partnering with the CCDSD Employment Team to teach new refugees and asylees about the important role that customer service plays in many industries.

Learn more about Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego's Refugee Services by visiting [www.ccdsd.org/refugee-services/](http://www.ccdsd.org/refugee-services/)



## Catholic Charities Statewide Immigration Network

### UPDATES

From the time DACA was implemented, Catholic Charities Diocese of San Diego (CCDSD) has filed 477 initial DACA applications and 817 renewals. However, on September 5th, the DACA program was rescinded and only a small number of DACA recipients have been eligible for renewal.

Maria, a 31 year old mother from North County San Diego, was frightened and looked for answers in renewing her DACA status when she heard that the program was going to be terminated.

Fortunately for Maria, CCDSD quickly began holding DACA workshops at local parishes and community centers to share information about the policy change and to screen individuals for renewal eligibility. CCDSD staff helped applicants apply for scholarships to cover the renewal fee that some struggled to afford. It was through one of these workshops that Maria was able to renew her application and once again have temporary relief.

For Maria, DACA has provided a path to acquiring a better way of life for her and her children by finding a better paying job, build credit, and have the ability to make ends meet.

Maria is currently trying to qualify for a loan to purchase a house, as this is another important step for her family in achieving the American Dream. She is one of more than 222,000 DACA recipients in California. She found hope for a better future in this country through the services and support of Catholic Charities.



## Catholic Charities of California

### PILGRIMAGES

YOU ARE INVITED to attend an Informational Meeting to learn more about pilgrimages organized by Catholic Charities of California.

Please join us!

#### Meeting Dates:

**Thursday, October 26, 2017 at 6pm:** In-person Informational Meeting in Sacramento

**Friday, October 27, 2017 at 10am:** Teleconference Informational Meeting.

A portion of the cost of each pilgrim's trip supports the work of Catholic Charities of California, providing crucial services to Californians in need.

We hope you will join us!

**For details and to RSVP visit:**  
[www.CatholicCharitiesCA.org/pilgrimages](http://www.CatholicCharitiesCA.org/pilgrimages)

