



When we support
communities,
Hope Grows.



**CATHOLIC
CHARITIES
OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE
OF TORONTO**

STRATEGIC PLAN

2025-2030



June 1, 2026

My dear brothers and sisters,

May Jesus and Mary be in your souls.

As Catholic Charities presents its strategic plan, it does so at a most critical time. With the steep increase of people (especially children) living in poverty; homelessness reaching an all-time high; the continued crisis of explicit and illegal drug use; dangerous and harmful political ideologies infiltrating all aspects of society; and the rapidly growing and ever-expanding culture of death through unlimited access to abortion and reduced restrictions for “Medical Assistance in Dying” (which we recognize as euthanasia). There certainly is no better time to pause and reflect, pray, and enact a thoughtful and faithful path forward to best serve the most vulnerable in our community throughout the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Ultimately this strategic plan is our call to action inspired by our faith in Christ. With hope ever on the horizon and with our Catholic faith as our guide, this document serves as a roadmap for placing our love for others into action. To lift up those who have fallen and to radiate light for those caught in the dark shadows of society. I call to mind the words of St. Pope John Paul II, “Today more than ever, the Church is aware that her social message will gain credibility more immediately from the *witness of actions*...The Church’s love for the poor, which is essential for her and a part of her constant tradition, impels her to give attention to a world in which poverty is threatening to assume massive proportions in spite of technological and economic progress.” (*Centesimus Annus*, 57. 1 May 1991.)

It is my hope that through the implementation of the strategies outlined in this plan, the Church, through the work of Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Toronto and the agencies it supports, will continue to make a difference in as many lives as possible.

May God continue to bless you in abundance, may the Blessed Mary continue to intercede for you, and may St. Michael the Archangel protect you.

Yours sincerely, in Jesus with Mary,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Frank Cardinal Leo".

Frank Cardinal Leo
Metropolitan Archbishop of Toronto



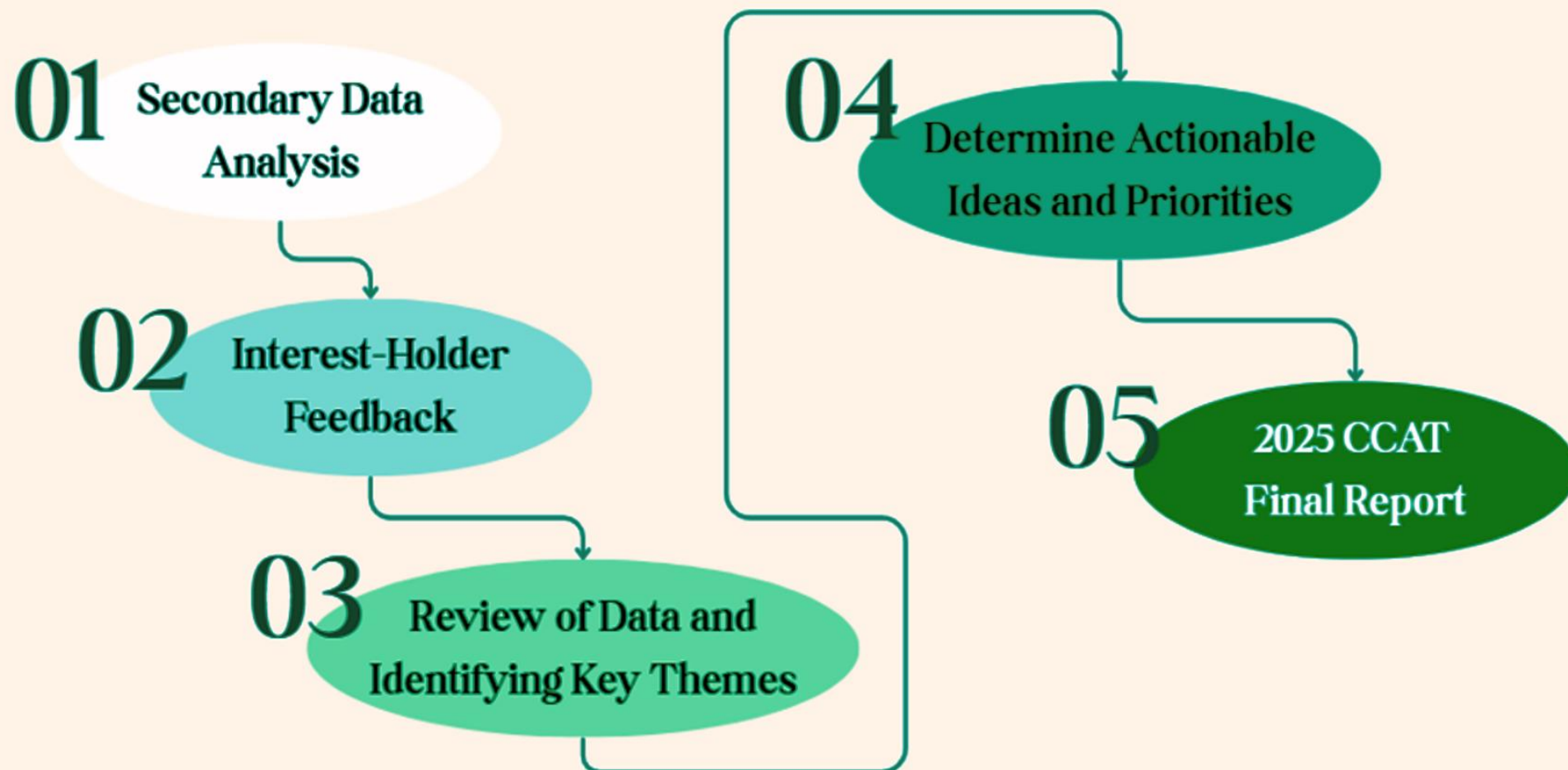
Our Mission Statement:

Called by our Catholic faith, we support those in need through leadership and action.



How Did We Develop Our Plan?

The Research Process



Strategic Plan 2025-2030

Three Key Goals:



Promote and Advance Catholic Social Teaching in Practice and Service



Foster and Elevate Catholic Thought Leadership



Assess and Redefine Membership to Align with CCAT's Mission & Values



Conversations that explore faith, education, and the human experience.



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Stephen's desire to continually learn and engage with people and their ideas has led him to Emmanuel College, University of Toronto, where he is pursuing a Master's in Theological Studies. Stephen is also currently nurturing the About Faith Network, an initiative that aims to connect conversations about religion and faith across multiple traditions.

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Catholic Charities' Monthly Newsletter



Welcome to Insights & Encounters, our monthly reflection on the people, programs, and partnerships that bring hope and support to communities across the Archdiocese.

Each issue highlights voices and experiences that inspire, challenge, and remind us of the impact we can make together.

Visit our website for more information.
ccat.ca/insights-and-encounters/newsletter/

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COMMUNITY/FAMILY SERVICES - PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES - SENIORS - CHILDREN AND YOUTH - YOUNG PARENTS

Promote and Advance Catholic Social Teaching in Practice and Service

Objective 1:

Foster understanding of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching

Objective 2:

Build strong parish partnerships that enhance local capacity to meet community needs through concrete actions rooted in Catholic Social Teaching

Foster and Elevate Catholic Thought Leadership

Objective:

Enhance CCAT's
Catholic Identity
presence and position it
as a trusted voice for
the Catholic network of
service organizations



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Assess and redefine membership to align with CCAT's mission and values

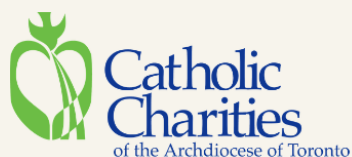
Objective 1:

Align grant-making with Catholic Social Teaching principles

Objective 2:

Develop and implement a mission- and value-driven tiered CCAT membership model that fosters a strong Catholic Identity

Our 7 Priority Areas:



Hope
Thrives
Here!



FOOD SECURITY

Initiating long-term solutions focused on community-based interventions with systemic impact.



HOUSING & HOMELESSNESS

Creating safe, stable places to call home.



MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

Supporting healing, resilience and wellbeing for all.



MIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Welcoming, supporting and walking together toward belonging.



PALLIATIVE CARE

Providing compassion and quality care at life's most vulnerable moments.



PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Promoting inclusion, accessibility and equal participation.



SENIORS

Reducing isolation and supporting dignity at every age.

Supporting local initiatives that promote human dignity, uphold the preferential option for the vulnerable, foster solidarity and subsidiarity and promote the common good in communities across the Archdiocese of Toronto.

Our Mission and Strategy: Putting it all Together

Our Mission

Called by our Catholic faith, we support those in need through leadership and action.

Our Values

1. Gospel Values 2. Partnership 3. Social Justice 4. Leadership

Our Strategic Focus

Promote and Advance
Catholic Social
Teaching in Practice
and Service

Foster and Elevate
Catholic Thought
Leadership

Assess and Redefine
Membership to Align
with CCAT's Mission &
Values

Our Strategic Results

Service and
community impact
grounded in CST
principles

CCAT recognized as a
trusted Catholic voice
influencing policy and
advocacy aligned with
Catholic values

Mission and value-driven
membership that advances
human dignity, prioritizes
the needs of the poor,
and advocates for
subsidiarity, solidarity,
and the common good