

# Archdiocese of Detroit

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**For Funeral of Mother and Five Children Killed in Fire  
Catholic Social Services of Oakland County  
Accepting Donations on behalf of Valiente-Carrasco Family**

Catholic Social Services of Oakland County (CSS Oakland) is accepting donations on behalf of the Valiente-Carrasco family, five of whom perished in a Pontiac home fire the evening of July 29. Killed in the blaze were the mother, Guillermina Carrasco, 26, who was seven months pregnant with twins, and her five children: Grecia, 7; Eduardo and Enrique, 4; Veronica, 2; and Salena, 15 months. Only Francisco Valiente, the husband and father, who was not at home at the time of the fire, survives.

A memorial fund has been established to help cover funeral expenses for the Valiente-Carrasco family. Checks should be made out to CSS Oakland and designated with a notation for the Valiente-Carrasco Family Fund. The checks should be mailed to: CSS Oakland, 50 Wayne Street, Pontiac, MI 48342. For more information, telephone 248-333-3700.

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