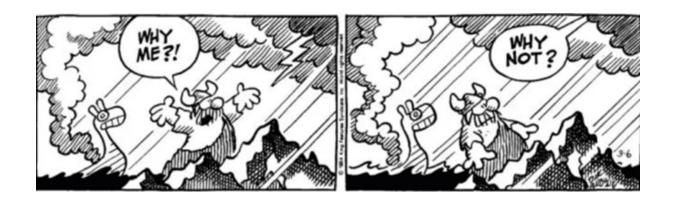


### **Catholic Charities of Baltimore Digital Transformation Journey**

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### Introduction





# Start to Finish – A Race Without An End

#### The Issues

- Limited and low speed Wide Area Connectivity
- Decentralized IT
- Distributed Data and Application servers
- Limited standardization
- Availability uptime



# Start to Finish – A Race Without An End

#### Priorities

- Leadership education and partnership
- Improve WAN Connectivity, Capacity and Reliability
- Consolidate Servers and Datacenters
- Increase Security
- Increase Reliability and Availability at Catholic Charities sites
- Improve routing to decrease latency and failure points
- Improve access for remote workers



# The Tools – Technology Keeps Changing

- Citrix Winframe and beyond
- IPSec Branch Office VPNs
- SSL Client to Network VPNs
- Virtualization
- Centralized and offsite backups
- Infrastructure as a Service
- VOIP
- Cloud computing Software as a Service



### **Evolutionary Changes – Drivers and Opportunities**

- Technology advances in Networking, Servers, End User computing
- Decreased costs due to expanded production of IT equipment and resources
- Central Administration relocations
- Changes in the delivery of Social Services required increased mobility
- Rapid Growth 500 to 2000 users, 100 to 1800 end user devices
- Continuously escalating security threats
- Telemedicine
- Mobile workers
- Pandemic Impact <u>Are Network Designs Ready for a Pandemic?</u> (2006)



# **Major Stages**

- Multiple WAN redesigns over time
- First Datacenter in house
- Virtualization
- Moving to IAAS
- Start move to Cloud SAAS
- Mobile Workforce
- Managed Security



### **Moving Forward, What's Next?**

- Framework, Policy, Governance & Roadmap
- Security, Security, Security
- Migration to the Cloud
- Our Passion: Empowering our Customers
- Our Goal: World Class standards for IT Operations

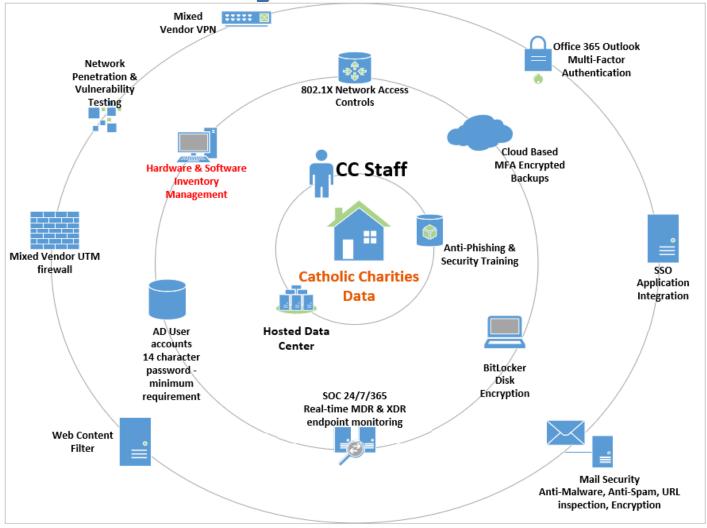


# Framework, Policy, Governance & Roadmap

- Our actions are guided by our adherence to CIS Controls v8 and HIPAA
- These actions are run through internal vetting mechanisms:
  - IT ARB (Architectural Review Board)
  - Compliance Committee oversees and approves IT policies
  - Change Advisory Board (CAB)
    – approves modifications or ideas impacting existing infrastructure
- IT Technical Roadmap: Enumerating IT priorities within the Agency
- Result: well-documented, leadership supported, framework driven execution of technology and ideas



#### **Security is in our DNA**





#### **Driving toward 100% Cloud-based Agency**

- Catholic Charities current Cloud footprint:
  - Office365
  - EHR systems
  - Box.com
  - Telephony UCaaS
  - UKG

#### The future: IoT

- Moving traditional Operational systems to the Cloud
  - DVRs & Security Cameras
  - Door access controls
  - Elevator Phones
  - Building call boxes
  - HVAC

#### • ESXi data center migration to Azure: laaS & SaaS



#### Our Passion: Empowering our customers to help fulfil our mission

- Empowering a mobile, agile and secure hybrid workforce:
  - Laptops, Chromebooks and tablets
  - Cloud and web-based applications (O365, MyEvolv, Box, UKG)
  - Increase use of Softphones and hot desks at physical locations
  - 802.1X network security, SSO, MFA, encryption, E-mail hygiene, MDR & XDR
  - Dual VPN capability
  - Security training and phishing awareness campaigns
  - 24/7/365 live Service Desk



#### Our Goal: Maintain WorldClass Standards for IT Operations

- Technical Roadmap: Our guide to success
- Provide the right tools along with outstanding service
- Security is at the forefront of everything we do
- Develop maturity in our framework model
- Foster an environment of collaboration throughout the IT organization
- Eye on the horizon, continuous improvement
- Finally, IT <u>is</u> customer service: End User Forums (EUF) and Business Relationship Management (BRM)



## **Questions?**

