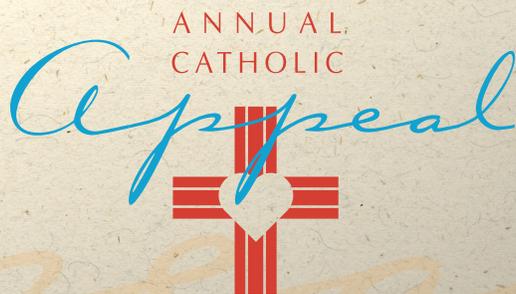


# 2013 REPORT OF GRATITUDE



*...you made the difference.*



*“The Annual Catholic Appeal*  
is our annual tradition that connects us  
to those who need our help every day.”

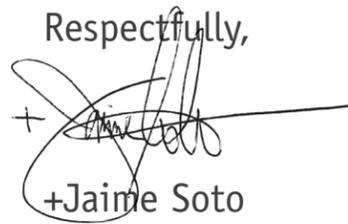
## DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:

THANK YOU for your generous and faithful sacrifices that sustain the good work of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your kindness has brought hope and provided help to thousands of our neighbors in need throughout the Diocese of Sacramento.

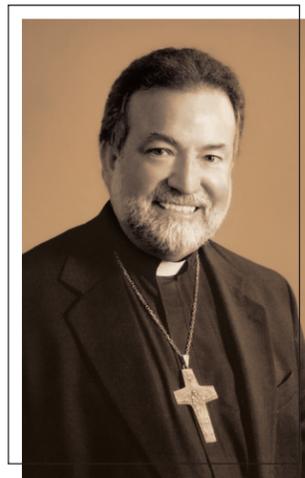
In 2013 nearly 26,000 of you contributed more than \$3.45 million to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Fifty percent of funds collected went to charitable organizations helping nearly 120,000 people to overcome poverty and despair. Twenty-five percent went back to each of the 102 parishes so local parishioners could respond to a wide variety of needs in their neighborhoods. Twenty-five percent helped educate seminarians, and assisted families in the many at-risk communities to give their children a Catholic School education.

In this Year of Faith, together we have put our faith into action. May the Lord Jesus make fruitful these efforts so that His Kingdom may come “on earth as it is in heaven.” Be assured of my abiding prayers and my gratitude.

Respectfully,



+Jaime Soto  
Bishop of Sacramento



*Every time*  
a family had a breakthrough...



A family of five – including a disabled child – found themselves living in a motel after losing what little money they had to a fraudulent “landlord.” When they finally found a new apartment they could afford, Catholic Charities of Solano was there with emotional support and the first month’s rent.

*...you made the difference.*

**9,407** people  
received hope and help through programs  
of Catholic Charities of Solano.

*Every time*

a child found safety and hope...



A young girl stands at a child-sized kitchen and “prepares” a meal for a baby doll. A familiar face at Sacramento’s Wellspring Women’s Center, she and her siblings, along with her mother, receive comfort and a warm meal when seasonal work is scarce for her parents.

*...you made the difference.*

**576** children

enjoyed playtime and breakfast at the Children’s Corner of Wellspring Women’s Center in Sacramento.

## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

I AM FILLED WITH JOY, hope and gratitude when I see the marvelous work being done for those in need by Catholic Charities and its partner organizations.

In my years since founding Wellspring Women’s Center, it has been a privilege to witness the heroic efforts of staff and volunteers to provide hope and help to those who suffer the physical and emotional ravages of poverty.

I am humbled by the achievements of those who have come to us in desperate need and who are now productive and caring ambassadors for Christ and giving back in meaningful ways to the community.

I am grateful to God for the opportunity we all have to share the graces He has given us with others. I am equally grateful to the donors who provide much-needed funds for social service programs in the Diocese of Sacramento. Day-in and day-out, the good works happening in our communities makes a vital difference.

With gratitude,

*Sister Catherine Connell, SSS*

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Co-founder  
Wellspring Women’s Center, Sacramento



*Every time*

someone could build a life with dignity...



A man, desperate to save money to fix his teeth, camped in the Trinity County woods in the winter cold. Northern Valley Catholic Social Service arranged housing at an apartment complex they manage for people in need. He was able to afford rent, dental work and now has a year-round home.

*...you made the difference.*

**24,629** people  
received hope and help through programs  
of Northern Valley Catholic Social Service.

*Every time*

someone found courage and strength...



Destiny, with support — not judgement — from the caring staff at Sacramento Life Center, chose life for her unborn child. “They’re always in my corner” she says. Now working on her Master’s in Social Work, she’s a vibrant student and dedicated mother to her 4-year-old son.

*...you made the difference.*

**2,000** clients  
received hope and help through programs  
of the Sacramento Life Center.

*Every time*

a child could stay in Catholic School...



Sendy received the tuition assistance she needed so that Angelo, Anthony, and Daniel could attend St. Vincent Ferrer School in Vallejo. Families like these, who are committed to the formation of their children through Catholic education, are profoundly grateful for our support.

*...you made the difference.*

**\$500,000** helped

deserving families in our most economically-challenged communities.

**DEAR FRIENDS:**

SUSTAINING HIGH QUALITY Catholic schools that are available to all Catholic youth is a priority for the Diocese of Sacramento. Once again, you have made a difference! Your generosity has provided our schools with the ability to offer tuition assistance to deserving families in our most economically challenged communities.

The future of our Church and our country relies on our ability to effectively educate Catholic youth in an environment where our children learn and grow with Christ. As Catholics, we share the obligation to ensure that we prepare our youth to be the future leaders in our parish communities. That responsibility starts with education. Each and every day, I experience many of the great things that are happening in our schools. Educating students in an environment where we integrate the Gospel values in everything we do — is simply remarkable.

What's most special about your gift to the Annual Catholic Appeal is the fact that your generosity will impact a student whom you may never meet, and you gave anyway — and for that, we are grateful.

With gratitude,

Rick Maya

*Director of Catholic Schools*



## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

WE STILL FEEL THE BLESSING of the eight new priests that were ordained last June at the Cathedral.

Now twenty-one seminarians are preparing themselves to serve God and His Church here in the Diocese of Sacramento. The journey towards priesthood starts with the calling, that is, when an unmarried man feels in his heart the invitation from God to be a priest of Christ. Formation includes four years of college focused in philosophy, two years of theology, a pastoral year (the experience of living in a parish for a school year), and another two years of theology.

Your support has allowed us to once again ensure the preservation of a supportive community for those who have committed themselves to this journey in service to Christ.

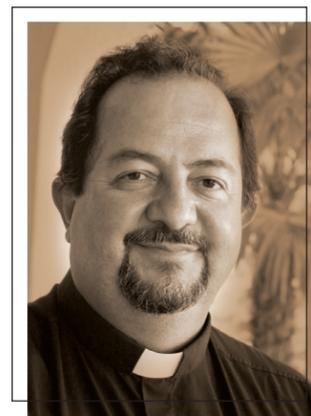
I am grateful for the difference you have made to the three who are at college and pre-theology level, the three in pastoral year and fifteen at theology level who, after success in their preparation, will have the opportunity to be ordained to the priesthood and to serve the people in our parishes.

We are all humbled by your generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,



Rev. Francisco Hernandez  
Director, Office of Vocations



*Every time*

a seminarian moved closer to ordination...



On June 1, eight men were ordained by Bishop Soto as priests for the Diocese of Sacramento during Mass in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. This year, you made the difference to all seminarians, giving them the ability to focus completely on their formation.

*...you made the difference.*

**\$35,000** a year

is the cost to educate one seminarian.  
The Appeal offset this growing expense.

*Every time*

a parish helped someone in need...



Anyone hungry for food or companionship finds both on Saturdays at St. Joseph Parish, Yreka. Seventy-five people a week come to this ministry that's funded by the parish share of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Homeless individuals, low-income families, or those just passing through are served. This work is a way of life for caring volunteers and dedicated supporters.

*...you made the difference.*

**IO2** parishes

received a 25% share for their own ministry to local people in need.



- Sacred Heart Parish, Alturas
- Sacred Heart Parish, Anderson
- St. Joseph Parish, Auburn
- St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Auburn
- St. Dominic Parish, Benicia
- St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Burney
- Our Lady of the Assumption Parish, Carmichael
- St. John the Evangelist Parish, Carmichael
- Newman Catholic Community, Chico
- Our Divine Savior Parish, Chico
- St. John the Baptist Parish, Chico
- Holy Family Parish, Citrus Heights
- St. Joseph Parish, Clarksburg
- St. Dominic Parish, Colfax
- Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Colusa
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Corning
- Newman Catholic Community, Davis
- St. James Parish, Davis
- St. Peter Parish, Dixon
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Downieville
- St. John The Evangelist Parish, Dunsmuir
- Holy Trinity Parish, El Dorado Hills
- Good Shepherd Parish, Elk Grove
- St. Joseph Parish, Elk Grove
- St. Maria Goretti Parish, Elk Grove
- St. Mel Parish, Fair Oaks
- Holy Spirit Parish, Fairfield
- Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Fairfield
- St. John the Baptist Parish, Folsom
- Sacred Heart Parish, Fort Jones
- St. Christopher Parish, Galt
- St. Joseph Marelllo Parish, Granite Bay
- St. Patrick Parish, Grass Valley
- Sacred Heart Parish, Gridley
- St. Therese Parish, Isleton
- St. Paul Parish, Knights Landing
- Our Lady of the Snows Parish, Lake Almanor
- St. Joseph Parish, Lincoln
- St. Katharine Drexel Parish, Martell
- St. Joseph Parish, Marysville
- Sacred Heart Parish, Maxwell
- St. Joseph Parish, McCloud
- St. Anthony Parish, Mount Shasta
- St. Canice Parish, Nevada City
- St. Lawrence Parish, North Highlands
- Divine Savior Parish, Orangevale
- St. Dominic Parish, Orland
- St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Oroville
- St. Thomas More Parish, Paradise
- St. Patrick Parish, Placerville
- Holy Family Parish, Portola
- St. John Parish, Quincy
- St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova
- Sacred Heart Parish, Red Bluff
- Our Lady of Mercy Parish, Redding
- St. Joseph Parish, Redding
- St. Joseph Parish, Rio Vista
- SS. Peter & Paul Parish, Rocklin
- St. Clare Parish, Roseville
- St. Rose of Lima Parish, Roseville
- Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Sacramento
- Divine Mercy Parish, Sacramento
- Holy Spirit Parish, Sacramento
- Immaculate Conception Parish, Sacramento
- Newman Catholic Community, Sacramento
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Sacramento
- Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Sacramento
- Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Sacramento
- Sacred Heart Parish, Sacramento
- St. Anne Parish, Sacramento
- St. Anthony Parish, Sacramento
- St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Sacramento
- St. Elizabeth Parish, Sacramento
- St. Francis of Assisi Parish, Sacramento
- St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, Sacramento
- St. Jeong-Hae Elizabeth, Sacramento,
- St. Joseph Parish, Sacramento
- St. Mary Parish, Sacramento
- St. Paul Parish, Sacramento
- St. Peter & All Hallows Parish, Sacramento
- St. Philomene Parish, Sacramento
- St. Robert Parish, Sacramento
- St. Rose Parish, Sacramento
- St. Stephen, the First Martyr, Parish, Sacramento
- Vietnamese Martyrs Church, Sacramento
- St. Theresa Parish, South Lake Tahoe
- Sacred Heart Parish, Susanville
- Corpus Christi Parish, Tahoe City
- Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Truckee
- Holy Cross Parish, Tulelake
- St. Joseph Parish, Vacaville
- St. Mary Parish, Vacaville
- St. Basil Parish, Vallejo
- St. Catherine of Siena Parish, Vallejo
- St. Vincent Ferrer Parish, Vallejo
- St. Anthony Parish, Walnut Grove
- St. Patrick Parish, Weaverville
- Holy Family Parish, Weed
- Holy Cross Parish, West Sacramento
- Our Lady of Grace Parish, West Sacramento
- St. Monica Parish, Willows
- St. Anthony Parish, Winters
- Holy Rosary Parish, Woodland
- St. Joseph Parish, Yreka
- St. Isidore Parish, Yuba City

“*With this Annual Catholic Appeal grant* to **Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home**, you have provided a home for homeless pregnant women and provided a life for children who might otherwise have been aborted.”

— *Richard White*  
Board of Directors

“The women and children who enter our doors each morning know that they can find a place where they are treated with dignity and respect. **Wellspring Women’s Center** is most grateful for the generous response to our appeal for support.” — SR. JUDY ILLIG, IBVM

“**Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services** depends on the support of local donors to serve all the men, women and children who come through its doors.”

— BLAKE YOUNG, PRESIDENT/CEO

“At **Catholic Ladies Relief Society** – Chico we serve over 10,000 individuals per year and your grant is so much appreciated! You are truly a partner in our work with the poor. God Bless.” — JEAN MAYER, PRESIDENT

“**St. Vincent De Paul** conferences throughout the Diocese of Sacramento use these funds to serve the very diverse needs of the poor in their communities.”

— JOHN HALLISSY, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

“At **Sacramento Life Center**, 82% of clients are uninsured, 75% are under age 24, 30% are Hispanic and 9 out of 10 women who seek our services choose life!” — MARIE LEATHERBY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“*Without this grant* **Catholic Charities of Solano** could serve only half our clients and it would be a real challenge to keep the doors open.”

— *Linda Webb*  
Interim Executive Director

“With your help, **Loaves & Fishes** is able to daily perform the works of mercy Jesus instructed us to do — feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, clothe the naked, and visit the imprisoned. Thank you for caring for the least among us.” — SR. LIBBY FERNANDEZ, RSM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“Clients at **Anderson-Cottonwood Christian Assistance** are in greater need due to part-time employment, long-term unemployment and decreases in aid programs.” — DEACON MIKE EVANS, SECRETARY/TREASURER

“All of the programs of **Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center** foster resiliency, the ability to thrive, mature and increase competence in the face of adverse circumstances. Funds for this type of intervention are not readily accessible.” — SR. JEANNE FELION, SSS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“*This grant allows* **Northern Valley Catholic Social Service** to live out the gospel mission to feed, clothe, shelter and welcome those in dire need. It is much needed and very appreciated.”

— *Don Chapman*  
Executive Director

“The most needy of our Catholic Schools wouldn’t have access to counseling services without these dollars. Your help can and does make a great difference to **Mercy Education Resource Center** and in the lives of these families.” — TERRY ANDERSON

“**Community Assistance Network** – Quincy provides emergency food supplies to 5% of the total population of Quincy.” — KITTY GAY, DIRECTOR

“This grant supports the strong pro-life presence of **Yuba-Sutter Right to Life** in Yuba, Sutter and Colusa Counties which is provided by a completely non-paid volunteer staff.”

— MAUREEN GUTH, DIRECTOR

*To the agency and parish volunteers*

*who worked an estimated*

**300,000** hours

*this year, and the more than*

**400** staff

*throughout the Diocese of Sacramento*

*who graced*

*the lives of more than*

**119,000** people in need:

Thank you for your dedication  
and tireless efforts in the building of God's kingdom  
here in the Diocese of Sacramento.



“Let us be renewed by God’s mercy...

Let us become agents of this mercy,  
channels through which God can  
water the earth, protect all creation,  
and make justice and peace flourish.”

*Urbiet Orbi* Message  
3.31.13

POPE FRANCIS I



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communities and local parish  
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