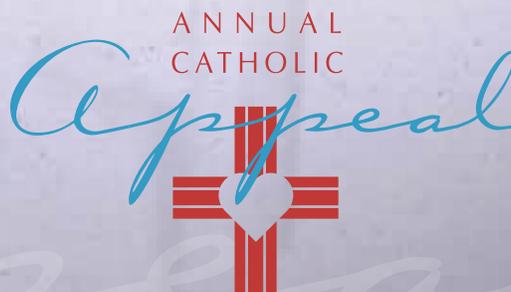


2014

REPORT OF GRATITUDE



*...you made the difference.*



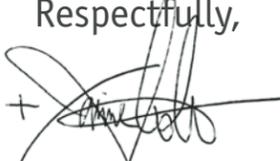
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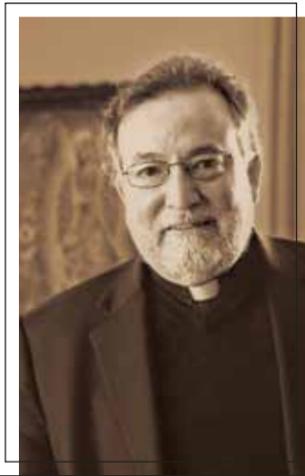
## DEAR CO-WORKERS IN CHRIST:

THIS YEAR, parishioners were asked to support the diocesan Church in two ways. Through the ONE Campaign, we are investing in strategic pastoral priorities that will revitalize the work of the Catholic Church in Northern California. The Annual Catholic Appeal, on the other hand, is an annual tradition that connects us to thousands of individuals and families who need immediate assistance.

Your kindness has brought hope and provided help to our neighbors in need throughout the Diocese of Sacramento. In 2014 nearly 19,000 of you contributed nearly \$3 million to the Annual Catholic Appeal. Fifty percent of funds collected went to charitable organizations, helping more than 120,000 people overcome poverty and despair. Twenty-five percent went back to our 102 parishes to respond to local needs. Twenty-five percent helped educate seminarians and provided tuition assistance to Catholic School families in at-risk communities.

May the Lord Jesus make fruitful these efforts to help our brothers and sisters in need. Be assured of my abiding prayers and my gratitude.

Respectfully,  
  
+Jaime Soto  
Bishop of Sacramento



*Every time*  
someone found courage and strength...



When the town of Weed caught fire, Fernando, single dad and night-time worker was awakened by a call from his daughter's school. Outside, his home was burning. Northern Valley Catholic Social Service was first on the scene to help families start rebuilding.

*...you made the difference.*

**29,472** people  
received hope and help through programs  
of Northern Valley Catholic Social Service.

*Every time*

a family finds safety and hope...



Promised a better job and a better life, his mom fell victim to labor trafficking. Living in substandard conditions, she eventually found her way to Catholic Charities of Solano. Rental assistance and a network of services helps her continue to rebuild and provide for her family.

*...you made the difference.*

**9,000** people  
received hope and help through programs  
of Catholic Charities of Solano.

DEAR FRIENDS:

TO BE A PART OF THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES NETWORK in the Diocese of Sacramento and a mission of faith and encouragement to thousands of people when they need it the most, fills me with awe and gratitude.

“Don’t give up.” “You can do it.” “Never lose hope.” These words of encouragement are sometimes shared with people facing life’s struggles. Whether setbacks are major or minor, it takes courage for someone to stand up and say, “I CAN do this.” Working with children and families over the years, it is amazing to see the transformation that takes place when hope returns. It’s like watching the weather change from winter to spring before your eyes.

Hope fuels the spirit.

It is with tremendous gratitude that I say thank you to the many donors of the Annual Catholic Appeal who have helped to make it possible for our agency to live out the Gospel in service to those in need.

With gratitude,

Cathy Wyatt, LCSW

*Executive Director*

*Northern Valley Catholic Social Service*



*Every time*

a stranger finds hope for the future...



Maye, born in a Thai refugee camp, came to Sacramento and faced overwhelming responsibility as the only English speaker in her community. Wellspring Women's Center provided a childhood and a way into Catholic High School. She now has her Master's and works to improve conditions for others.

*...you made the difference.*

**2,000** clients

received hope and help through Wellspring Women's Center.

*Every time*

someone could build a life with dignity...



Sherrie, dangerously overweight, wanted to change her poor eating habits: a major challenge with her low income. The Demonstration Garden of Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services helped her grow her own fruits and vegetables and newly-found confidence.

*...you made the difference.*

**902** people

gained hope and new skills at the Demonstration Garden of Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services.

*Every time*

a child could stay in Catholic School...



Altagracia is a parishioner at St. John Vianney Parish in Rancho Cordova. She could only dream that her son would attend St. John Vianney Catholic School. The parish was able to provide tuition assistance through the Annual Catholic Appeal.

*...you made the difference.*

**\$500,000** helped

families in our most economically-challenged communities to stay in Catholic School.

**DEAR FRIENDS:**

SUSTAINING HIGH QUALITY Catholic schools that are available to all Catholic youth is a priority for the Diocese of Sacramento. You have made a difference in 2014! Your generosity has provided our schools with the ability to offer tuition assistance to families in our most at-risk 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 our youth are prepared to be 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. Yet you gave anyway — and for that, we are grateful.

With gratitude,

Rick Maya

*Superintendent of Catholic Schools*



## DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

EVERY YEAR, WE FEEL THE BLESSING of new priests being ordained to serve in our parishes.

Now twenty 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.

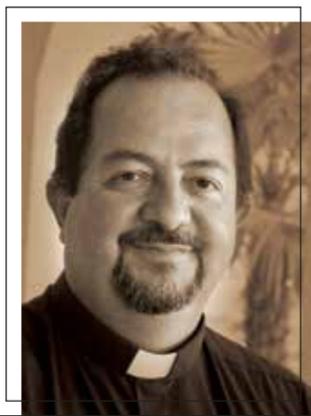
I am grateful for the difference you have made to the two who are at college and pre-theology level, the four in pastoral year and fourteen at theology level who, after success in their preparation, will have the opportunity to be ordained to the priesthood and to serve the people in our parishes.

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...



This year, 20 seminarians are studying for priesthood in our diocese. As more priests near retirement age, The Annual Catholic Appeal helps defray the cost of education for new priests and helps assure a supportive community for their spiritual growth and preparation.

*...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...



Volunteers at St. John Vianney Parish, Rancho Cordova help over 5,000 people a month through the Cordova Community Food Locker. Since its modest beginning in 1987, more than one million people have been helped. The parish puts Appeal funds to work in this ministry.

*...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  
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  
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 Marello 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  
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

*“Your Annual Catholic Appeal contributions help support **Yuba Sutter Right to Life** in saving babies’ lives and saving their mothers from the heartache of an abortion decision.”*

— *Maureen Guth*  
Director

“Generous donations are multiplied many times over making it possible for **Anderson Cottonwood Christian Assistance** to purchase emergency food at significant discounts.” — DEACON MIKE EVANS, SECRETARY/TREASURER

“Thank you for helping **Loaves and Fishes** reach the milestone of serving our 7,000,000th meal!”

— SR. LIBBY FERNANDEZ, RSM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“At **Wellspring Women’s Center** we want you to know that we steward your generous donations carefully providing services that are not duplicated elsewhere in the community.” — SR. JUDY ILLIG, IBVM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*“Without this funding, students at needy schools would have no access to critical counseling services provided by **Mercy Education Resource Center**.”*

— *Terry Anderson*  
Executive Director

“**Sacramento Life Center** relies 100% on private funding and could not do this work without your help. There is nothing more rewarding than helping someone have the gift of life that we all have been blessed with.”

— MARIE LEATHERBY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

“You are true partners with **Catholic Ladies Relief Society** – Chico in our work with the poor. God bless you!” — JEAN MAYER, PRESIDENT



“Every day we are all called to become a ‘caress of God’ for those who perhaps have forgotten their first caresses, or perhaps who never have felt a caress in their life.”

Address to Members of St. Peter’s Circle  
10.31.13

POPE FRANCIS I

*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*

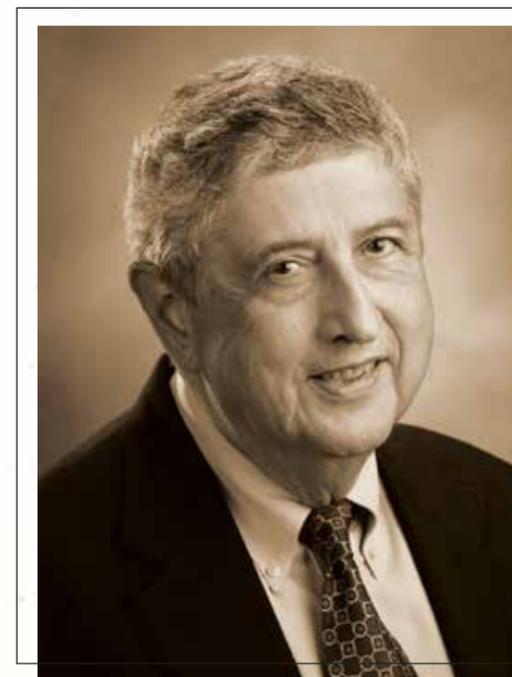
*who graced*

*the lives of more than*

**120,000** people in need:

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

## In memoriam



DON CHAPMAN  
1932-2014

In gratitude for 28 years of service to Northern Valley Catholic Social Service in Redding, serving as a member of the Board of Directors, then as Chief Financial Officer, and finally as Executive Director. "There is never going to be another Don Chapman. A giant tree has fallen, the forest isn't going to be the same."

- EULOGY BY JOHN KENNY



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nearly 100 social service programs,  
seminarians training for the  
priesthood, Catholic school families  
in our most economically-challenged  
communities and local parish  
ministries to people in need.

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