

Your gift is
**the heart
of mercy**

in Northern California

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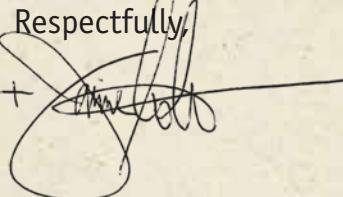
"When we come together for the Annual Catholic Appeal, we unite our resources to help our brothers and sisters in need."

+JAIME SOTO
Bishop of Sacramento

Whether it is for material needs or support during a dark and troubled time, the Annual Catholic Appeal is the opportunity we all have to make a difference in the lives of those who feel lost on the margins. Your gift brings hope to:

the mentally ill
homeless
immigrants
elderly
inmates
working families
refugees
teens at-risk
the unborn
pregnant women
the hungry
single parent families

Join me once again in strengthening our vibrant network of Catholic social service agencies' care for countless people in Northern California.

Respectfully,


What Catholics do together

Respite for families. Summer camp means many things. At **CAMP RECREATION** it means fun, friendship, social interaction and spiritual growth for people with developmental disabilities — and much-needed respite for parents and caregivers. The need is great and applications each year exceed capacity. Funds from the Annual Catholic Appeal make a difference.




The heart of mercy starts with all of us — sharing ourselves by sharing our resources.

Hope for the homeless and mentally ill. Wayne and Jessica each faced tragic circumstances — and both found their way to Valley View in Chico, an independent living complex devoted to homeless individuals who struggle with mental illness. Unlike shelters or transitional housing, this program of **NORTHERN VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE** gives residents support and a path to independence.



Safe beginnings for refugees.

In Afghanistan, Mohibullah put his life on the line as an interpreter and medic for the U.S. Army. Now in Sacramento through the **SACRAMENTO FOOD BANK & FAMILY SERVICES** Resettlement Program, he and his family feel safe and truly welcome with housing, work and support from Rocio and her dedicated staff.





Support and encouragement for struggling moms. Mayte is a single mother of four. She often comes to **WELLSPRING WOMEN'S CENTER** for breakfast before heading to Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services for English class. Through children's programming, women's wellness and safety-net services at Wellspring, women and children are nurtured with dignity and love.

The heart of mercy is what we do together to provide every human being with the opportunity to live with dignity and have a place in society.



Companionship for the poor and lonely. For those in the Sierra foothills who suffer from poverty or loneliness, a hot meal and companionship are waiting 365 days a year. **UPPER ROOM DINING HALL** in Placerville welcomes everyone who walks through their doors. Nearly 45,000 meals are served every year. The Annual Catholic Appeal makes a difference.



Emotional support for students. In today's society, students and families are more vulnerable than ever to overwhelming stress. A team of school counselors, working through **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF YOLO-SOLANO** in partnership with local schools, help students and families avoid crisis in their lives.

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"Neema came in as one of the saddest, most despairing women we've ever seen. She left knowing she had a team ready to help her move beyond her circumstances."

Marie Leatherby, Sacramento Life Center

"They all come with heavy problems. The Appeal is one of the biggest things that keeps us afloat."

Lenore Mullarkey, Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home



Dignity and hope for families who've suffered great loss.

She was a nurse. He was a doctor. Until civil war drove her from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Neema was guided to **SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER** and a network of support when, nearly homeless, she discovered she was pregnant. Life-saving services, medical care and a vast network of support led her to **BISHOP GALLEGOS MATERNITY HOME**, job training, housing and the ability to bring her husband to the U.S.

"We all have an obligation to do something out of love for the sake of the other, as Christ Jesus has challenged us to do. This is where the Annual Catholic Appeal comes in."



+MYRON J. COTTA
Auxiliary Bishop of Sacramento
Annual Catholic Appeal Chair

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Support for at-risk students

St. Vincent Ferrer School in Vallejo is one of several Catholic schools that provide faith-based values and innovative education in our most economically-challenged neighborhoods. The need for tuition assistance is great. Access to funds is challenging. Appeal funds help bridge the gap for families in need.



Seminarian formation

In addition to generous gifts from parishioners, the Appeal helps with the cost of educating our future priests. "The diocese paid for most of my seminary education. My parents are farmers and without financial help they could not have paid for my education. Thanks to you, men like me graduate and are ordained as priests for our diocese. Here I am now, serving you the best way I can."

- Fr. Guillermo Ramirez
Ordained in 2013

How your gift is shared

50% Catholic Charitable Programs

25% Parish Share
Parish social service ministries

25% Education
Seminarian formation
Catholic school tuition assistance



Parish ministries

On Sundays, trained volunteers from Fairfield, Vallejo and Benicia parishes visit local jails. **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** is working hard to address this underserved work of mercy, bringing hope to men and women inmates who yearn for God's presence and a sense of worth as human beings. Brian and Ana oversee this core Vincentian mission with love and compassion.



Together, the 102 parishes in our diocese provide tremendous support to their neighbors in need through the 25% parish share from the Appeal: Food and clothing, refugee resettlement support, prison ministry, St. Vincent de Paul operations, rent and utility assistance, burial expenses, support for the sick, shelter for the homeless, financial aid to poor parishes, grants to local social service charities, and much more.

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