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the heart
of mercy
in Northern California

2018 Annual Catholic Appeal

2018 Report of Gratitude
DEAR CO-WORKERS IN CHRIST:

EACH YEAR I appeal to your generosity on behalf of tens of thousands of individuals and families throughout our Northern California diocese. Each year you faithfully respond. Thank you.

In 2018 more than 253,000 lives were touched by your generous support. Nearly $3.7 million was pledged by 25,000 Catholic households. Fifty percent of funds collected went to charitable organizations helping people to overcome poverty and rebuild lives with dignity. Twenty-five percent went back to your parishes to serve the needs of families in your neighborhoods. Twenty-five percent helped seminarians with their education and assisted children in at-risk communities with the cost of Catholic school education.

God’s abundant mercy enables us to bring His tender care to so many of our neighbors in need. To Him be all the glory and praise. Be assured of my prayers. May the joy and peace of the Lord Jesus abide always with you and yours.

Respectfully,

+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento

Every time
...a teen received safety and love

In the rough neighborhoods of Sacramento’s Garden City, Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center provided safety, love and mentoring. Kids as young as three all the way through high school learn to overcome adverse experiences as they journey to adulthood.

...you made the difference.

1,400 kids, teens,
as well as families and seniors avoided isolation
at Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center
EVERY DAY, WHILE WORKING ALONGSIDE OTHER MEN AND WOMEN OF GOOD WILL, Catholics go out to preach the Gospel to our brothers and sisters in need through concrete actions of love: housing the homeless, feeding the hungry, protecting the unborn, and welcoming the stranger.

I am filled with joy, hope and gratitude when I see the exceptional work being done for those in need by Catholic charity programs and parish ministries which are supported through the Annual Catholic Appeal.

In 2018, the Appeal provided much-needed financial assistance to seventeen social service agencies and countless parish outreach ministries.

By living the Gospel message of service to others, your faithful support makes it possible for this life-saving work to continue.

With gratitude,

John Watkins
Director
Catholic Charities of Sacramento
Men, women, children and families in Yolo and Solano counties once overwhelmed by dire circumstances were shown compassion and how to access the assistance they need to regain stability and independence.

...you made the difference.

2,000 people found food, counseling and legal services through Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano

Families lost everything in the 2018 Carr Fire. Dozens were helped into temporary housing by St. Joseph and Our Lady of Mercy parishes in Redding. The Appeal helps ensure this joint St. Vincent de Paul ministry remains strong and ready to assist neighbors in need.

...you made the difference.

77 families devastated by the Carr Fire have been aided by St. Vincent de Paul parishes in Redding
DEAR FRIENDS:

FOR CENTURIES, CATHOLIC EDUCATION HAS HELD AS ITS MISSION the formation of the young into virtuous citizens in Christ. Our legacy of servant-leadership in the Sacramento diocese remains particularly strong, with tens of thousands of alumni actively engaged in works and worship in their parishes and communities.

Our schools depend on philanthropy to ensure their continued accessibility and sustainability. Your generosity in 2018 allowed families in our economically-challenged neighborhoods to provide their child a Catholic education.

By educating our children in schools where we can teach them about the Saving Grace of Jesus Christ and His love for them, we build a bench of future leaders for the Church and the world. Your contributions make this work possible in at-risk communities.

May God continue to bless His Church, her schools, and all those who support this exceptional ministry.

Your fellow servant in Christ, Peace,

Lincoln Snyder
Executive Director of Catholic Schools

Catholic schools provide faith-based values and innovative education. Schools in our economically-challenged neighborhoods, cannot make ends meet on their own. The Appeal helped bridge the gap between the need for tuition assistance and available support.

...you made the difference.

$589,000 helped families in our most economically-challenged communities to thrive in Catholic school
EVERY YEAR, WE FEEL THE BLESSING of new priests being ordained to serve in our parishes.

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 level, the one in pastoral year and nine 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 Diocese.

We are all humbled by your generosity.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jovito Rata
Director, Office of Vocations

Twelve seminarians are currently in formation for priesthood in our diocese. The Appeal helps with the cost of seminary education, which in addition to spiritual formation and studies, includes building brotherhood among our current and future priests.

Every time a seminarian moved closer to ordination...you made the difference.

3 new priests were ordained this year and now serve in our parishes.
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services provides fresh produce to programs like the weekly “Pop-up Food Pantry” at Sacramento State University. For elementary to college-age students, where three meals a day is a luxury their families cannot afford, it means the world.

Every time ...a student could avoid hunger

...you made the difference.

You made the difference in Northern California

of funds collected:

50% went to charitable organizations helping people to overcome poverty and rebuild lives of dignity.

Catholic Charities of Sacramento

MEMBERS
Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano
Northern Valley Catholic Social Service: Butte, Glenn, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services: Greater Sacramento

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
Camp ReCreation: Serving Northern California
Mother Teresa Maternity Home: Placerville
Upper Room Dining Hall: Placerville

PARTNERS
Anderson-Cottonwood Christian Assistance
Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home: Sacramento
Catholic Ladies Relief Society: Chico
Community Assistance Network: Greenville, Portola, Quincy
Loaves and Fishes: Sacramento
Sacramento Life Centers: Greater Sacramento
Salvation Army Food Shelf: Susanville
Society of St. Vincent de Paul:
Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center: Sacramento
Wellspring Women’s Center: Sacramento
Yuba-Sutter Right-To-Life

557,678 pounds of fresh food helped students through Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

25% went to back to your parishes to serve the needs of families in your neighborhoods.

25% helped seminarians with their education and assisted children in at-risk communities with the cost of Catholic school education.
The Annual Catholic Appeal assists 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.

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