

Together as Catholics...

2019 REPORT OF GRATITUDE

...you made the difference.

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal



“The whole Catholic community
leaned in to open doors and hearts
to the mercy of Christ.”

DEAR CO-WORKERS IN CHRIST:

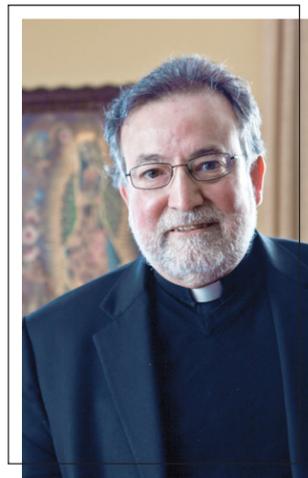
EACH YEAR I appeal to your generosity on behalf of tens of thousands of individuals and families throughout our Northern California diocese. Each year you faithfully respond. Thank you.

This year more than 261,000 lives have been touched by your generous support. More than \$3.7 million has been pledged by nearly 24,000 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
...someone survived a disaster



Story after story from Camp Fire survivors has been both humbling and motivating to the tireless staff and volunteers of *Northern Valley Catholic Social Service*. Thanks in part to the Appeal donors, the agency continues to help individuals and families move forward with recovery.

...you made the difference.

600 families

have been helped by disaster relief programs
of *Northern Valley Catholic Social Service*.

Every time
...a family was able to be a family



It takes very special people to shoulder the trauma that homeless, pregnant women have been through before coming to *Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home*. Housing, companionship and a model for healthy family life gives them a chance to keep their newborns and thrive.

...you made the difference.

72 homeless, pregnant
women received shelter, love and learned how to be
a family at *Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home*.

DEAR FRIENDS:

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 2019, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Watkins".

John Watkins
Director
Catholic Charities of Sacramento



Every time

...someone could be themselves



In June, *Camp ReCreation* once again inspired fun, friendship, social interaction and spiritual growth for men, women and children with developmental disabilities throughout Northern California. Since 1983, campers and volunteers enjoy a special time, while creating valuable respite for parents and caregivers.

...you made the difference.

138 campers

and 155 volunteers came together to create lasting memories at *Camp ReCreation*.

Every time

...parishes comforted the homeless



California leads the U.S. in homeless population. As numbers rise in the 20 counties of our diocese, local churches, including the St. Vincent de Paul ministry of St. Katharine Drexel Parish in Amador County are responding with hot meals and access to services through hotline and outreach programs.

...you made the difference.

53 parishes

operate St. Vincent de Paul ministries. Many are responding to the homeless crisis.

Every time
...a child could stay in Catholic school



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

...you made the difference.

\$578,000 helped
families in our most economically-challenged
communities to thrive in Catholic school.

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.

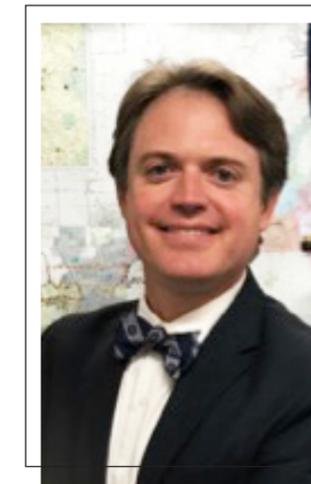
Our schools depend on philanthropy to ensure their continued accessibility and sustainability. Your generosity in 2018 allowed families in our economically-challenged neighborhoods to provide their child a Catholic education.

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



DEAR FRIENDS IN CHRIST:

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 one who is in college level, the two on pastoral year, one in Pre-Theology 1 level and five in 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. Guillermo Hernandez
Director, Office of Vocations



Every time ...a seminarian moved closer to ordination



Nine 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.

...you made the difference.

3 new priests

were ordained in June. Fr. Dean Marshall now serves at St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

Every time
...someone gained a life-improving skill



Charities supported by the Appeal are universally dedicated to helping people become self-assured and independent. Through their own programs or referrals, skills are taught by staff and volunteer experts in technology, nutrition, parenting, English as a second language and more.

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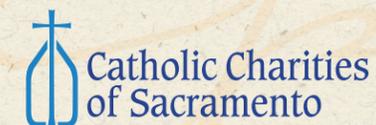
17,000 people

gained new skills through *Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services* and *Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano* alone.

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.



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 Center: *Greater Sacramento*

Salvation Army Food Shelf: *Susanville*

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:
Amador, Burney, Chico, Davis, Dunsmuir, Esparto, Fair Oaks, Folsom, Ft. Jones, Gridley, Lincoln, Rio Vista, Winters

Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center:
Sacramento

Wellspring Women's Center: *Sacramento*

Yuba-Sutter Right-To-Life

25% went 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
is our annual tradition that connects us
to those who need our help every day.”

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.

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