

# Together as Catholics...

2020 REPORT OF GRATITUDE



## ...you made a difference.

ANNUAL  
CATHOLIC  
*Appeal*

“God’s abundant mercy enabled us to bring His  
tender care to so many in need  
here in Northern California.”

This year more than 362,000 lives have been touched by your generous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Nearly \$3.9 million has been pledged by more than 22,000 Catholic households.



+Jaime Soto  
*Bishop of Sacramento*

Every time  
someone found relief during COVID-19...



The need was sudden and swift. As thousands struggled to make ends meet, our Catholic Charities pivoted to address the unprecedented demand for food, rental assistance and emotional support. Flexibility to use Appeal funds for the greatest need proved essential to the ability to respond.

...you made a difference.

Thousands a day  
turned to our charities for help during COVID-19,  
many for the first time in their lives.



Every time  
expectant parents were supported...



The *Butte Baby Steps Program* of Northern Valley Catholic Social Service stands beside at-risk parents-to-be, guiding a healthy pregnancy and skills to raise a child in safety. When COVID-19 threatened the ability for some to provide food and shelter, NVCSS workers were there with resources and emotional support.

...you made a difference.

**154** moms & dads  
were guided through pregnancy and beyond  
by *Northern Valley Catholic Social Service*.

Every time  
at-risk families escaped homelessness...



More often than we realize, low-income families are one paycheck away from losing stability and their home. The *Family Assistance Program* of Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano brings a safety-net of assistance and education to families on the margins. In 2020, the demand has been overwhelming.

...you made a difference.

**2,025** families  
were helped to stable circumstances  
by *Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano*.



Every time  
someone left homelessness behind...



Ten years ago, Joe Smith was homeless. Finding his way to *Loaves & Fishes*, he eventually received housing. With a maintenance job at the charity and his own strength and talent, Joe advanced professionally and personally. Today, as Advocacy Director, his work with the homeless community and government leaders is invaluable.

...you made a difference.

**13,000** guests  
came to Sacramento's *Loaves & Fishes* for  
food, respite and hope for a better day.

Every time  
healthy food reached those in need...



2020 has been a year of unprecedented demand at food banks across the nation. In our diocese, *Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services* experienced an overnight doubling of people in need. Through round-the-clock hard work, despite a critical shortage of volunteers, SFB&FS and others sustained countless families in need.

...you made a difference.

**Overwhelmed** by people  
in sudden need, *Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services*  
and its local partners met the need, and the challenges.



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 a difference.

**\$572,800** helped  
families in our most economically-challenged  
communities to thrive in Catholic school.

Every time  
a seminarian moved closer to ordination...



Seven 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 a difference.

**1** new priest  
was ordained in June. Fr. Ryan Maher now  
serves at St. Joseph Parish, Redding.



Every time  
a parish gave love and hope to others...



Home visits from St. Vincent de Paul volunteers as well as parish-run clothing and food closets help families step away from the brink of homelessness, and the marginalized regain stability and dignity. Most importantly, the love of Christ is extended to our neighbors who may otherwise become lost and forgotten.

...you made a difference.

83,000 people  
were helped by St. Vincent de Paul ministries  
operated at 53 parishes in our diocese.

“You enabled Catholic Charities to change course and quickly  
come alongside men, women and families  
in extraordinary need.”

Unlike many other sources, funds from the Annual Catholic Appeal can be used for the most urgent needs as they arise. This year’s pandemic, wildfires and escalating homeless crisis are being met with empathy, compassion and a level of care that helps people regain human dignity and purpose.



John Watkins  
*Director of Catholic Charities  
and Social Concerns*

YOU HELPED PEOPLE WHO ARE

mentally ill • homeless • disaster survivors • immigrants • elderly  
developmentally-disabled • inmates • working families • refugees  
kids at-risk • the unborn • pregnant women • hungry • single parents

MORE THAN 100 PROGRAMS PROVIDE

Counseling • Emergency food • Shelter and clothing • Permanent and transitional housing  
Job training • Pregnancy counseling • Post and prenatal care • Independent living skills  
Mentoring • Parenting skills • After-school care • Refugee resettlement  
Citizenship and immigration services • Jail ministry

## 50% supports charities



### 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*  
**Rancho Cordova Food Locker:**  
*Greater Sacramento*  
**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**  
7 District Councils: *North State, Placer/Yuba/Sutter/Butte, Sacramento East, South Sacramento/Elk Grove, Sacramento Metro Area, Yolo/Delta, Solano*  
**Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center:**  
*Sacramento*  
**Wellspring Women's Center:** *Sacramento*  
**Yuba-Sutter Right-To-Life**

## 25% goes back to parishes

For social ministry at your parish

## 25% supports education

Seminarian formation and Catholic school tuition assistance