

Your gift matters

IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA



2021 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC

Appeal





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“I was homeless and at the same time trying to look after my friend. When I came to the Upper Room, that’s where I got my life together. Their positive energy changed my life.”

DARRELL
Former client, now a devoted volunteer at Upper Room Dining Hall.

Together as Catholics...



“Through the Annual Catholic Appeal, the whole Catholic community extends our hand to those who need help. We assist them beyond dire circumstances and to begin again refreshed and renewed.”

+JAIME SOTO
Bishop of Sacramento



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...lives are made whole

Deanne knows that those, like her, who experience homelessness have their own story. Rejected by her family as a teenager, she found her way to **UPPER ROOM DINING HALL, PLACERVILLE**. She thanks workers from the bottom of her heart, for never judging, making her feel human and providing a safe place. Coordinator Karen Stinson stands by her side even now, as Deanne volunteers and continues to grow as a mother and strong woman.



...seniors are not forgotten

In 2020 Grace was unable to visit with friends and volunteers at Gardenland’s **STANFORD**

SETTLEMENT NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER, yet still received supplies, love and friendship through home visits. Her gratitude speaks volumes about the importance of this work. Dedicated workers provided 350 home visits a day with at-risk teens and seniors confined to their homes. Your gift makes a remarkable difference.



...basic human needs are met

As our communities pulled together to overcome the paralyzing effects of

COVID-19, **SACRAMENTO FOOD BANK & FAMILY SERVICES**, together with partner organizations like **RANCHO CORDOVA COMMUNITY FOOD LOCKER**, served thousands of people a day at the onset of the pandemic. Thanks in part to funds from the Appeal, charities have the flexibility to continue their response to COVID-related struggles. Access to food and encouragement is ongoing. **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF YOLO-SOLANO** is focused on families driven to the margins by sudden and unexpected job loss, housing insecurity and emotional stress. Your gift matters.

Together as Catholics COVID-19 is addressed...



“Right now every one of us knows someone who is suffering. And we all join in that suffering as Jesus suffered for us and suffers with us now. We can all be there for others through the Appeal.”

DOT O'CONNOR
President,
St. Vincent de Paul
at Holy Spirit Parish,
Sacramento

“My job is important to me because for five and a half years I was living on the street. Now I can make a difference to people who struggle like I did.”

JOE SMITH
Advocacy Director and
former client at
Loaves & Fishes



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...people experiencing homelessness have a voice

As Advocacy Director at **LOAVES & FISHERS** in **SACRAMENTO**, Joe knows all about what it's like to experience homelessness. Once living on the street, **Loaves & Fishes** provided him with a path to housing and renewed confidence. He was offered a basic job and through his natural talent worked his way up the organization, taking the reigns of Advocacy Director just before COVID-19 hit. Joe's ability to walk among the people and work with local leaders is invaluable. Your gift matters.



...at-risk students stay in Catholic School

Catholic Schools provide access to innovative education combined with faith-based values to students in our diocese.

TEN SCHOOLS are located

in economically-challenged neighborhoods where fundraising is difficult. The Appeal helps bridge the gap between the need for tuition assistance and available funds.



The Appeal helps with the cost of educating our future priests, including newly-ordained Fr. Ryan Mahar. "I've always felt called to be something different, not a super hero, but to be more the person God is calling me to be, to become a greater me. The priesthood is the way for me to be fully myself, to be fully alive in the Lord."

...our future priests can prepare

Together as Catholics...



"For me to be in a warm home with food on the table is not enough, knowing there are others who are without. That emptiness has to be filled. Every day I wake up with gratitude for what we as a Church can do for others."

GREG KIDDER
Camp Fire survivor
Parish Steward
St. Thomas More Parish,
Paradise

Our gifts help 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



"Thanks to support from the Appeal, we are able to quickly come alongside individuals and families as we heal from wildfires and COVID-19. At the same time, programs like Butte Baby Steps — which provides resources to parents-at-risk — can continue uninterrupted."

Cathy Wyatt, Executive Director
NORTHERN VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE