

Together as Catholics

WE RESTORE DIGNITY AND HOPE TO OTHERS

2023 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC

Appeal



“I feel I have the backbone of society, not just my family behind me.”

OSVALDO (right)
Returning from incarceration,
Exodus Project mentee

TROY ELLERMAN (left)
Osvaldo's mentor



Hover your smartphone camera

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“We embrace the charity of Jesus as a fundamental expression of who we are as Catholics. With the Appeal, we come together in the charity of Christ to restore dignity and hope to those who suffer alone.”

+JAIME SOTO
Bishop of Sacramento



WATCH HIS
MESSAGE

...men and women can reach their full human potential

Out of prison and with Troy by his side, Osvaldo found a path to wholeness in society. Exodus Project, a program of **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** brought mentor and mentee together, each with his own experience with incarceration and the painful, vulnerable process of re-entering society.

Osvaldo enjoys the responsibility of his full-time job. And he's grateful to Troy for ongoing encouragement to move forward in life. Troy is grateful, too, for being able to help others rejoin society in a positive way. “Without people who give financial support, we wouldn't have the Osvaldos and the many other success stories.”



“I see Jesus in my mentees. It doesn't matter where they came from, it just matters that they're here now and doing their best.”

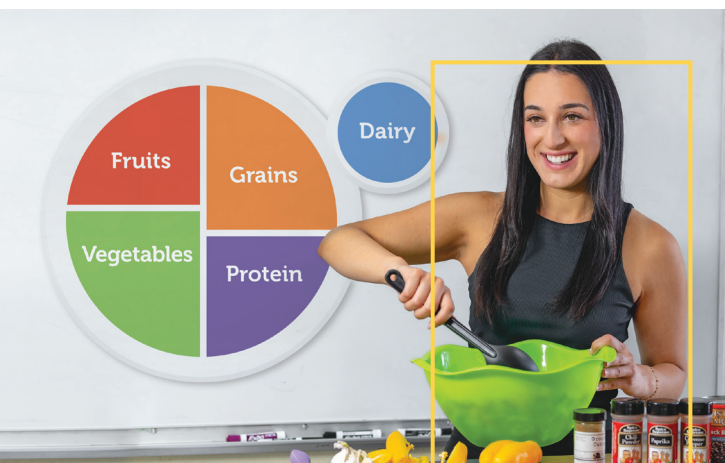
REYNA JUDILLA
St. John the Baptist
Parish, Folsom
Exodus Project
volunteer mentor



“The hardest day for people who are incarcerated is the day they are released.”

RABBI SETH CASTLEMAN
Director, Exodus Project

From the moment the gate to freedom is opened we are fully behind individuals coming out of incarceration. **EXODUS PROJECT** is also there for the community. When someone is employed and housed and sober, they're much more likely to be productive, healthy, safe members of society.



Kimberly creates a safe and fun environment where others can learn healthy habits for themselves and their families. She's passionate about her work as a nutrition instructor with

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF YOLO-SOLANO

and knows that nourishing food experiences really can heal body and soul. Your gift matters.

...low-income families learn healthy choices



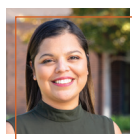
...single moms overcome great hardship

Anna struggled with the cost of driving to her daughter's monthly blood transfusions and putting food on the table. Receiving help from

SACRAMENTO FOOD BANK & FAMILY SERVICES changed

their lives. Today she extends the same lessons of hope and kindness in her work with the homeless community. Your gift matters.

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"As Catholics we respond to the cry of those who are suffering in dire circumstances. Through each encounter your gift makes possible, we are transforming the lives of so many in desperate need."

MIRIAM SAMMARTINO
Director of Catholic Charities
and Social Concerns
Diocese of Sacramento

"We are grateful to be able to support people who are on the brink of homelessness and struggling with mental illness."

NORTHERN VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE



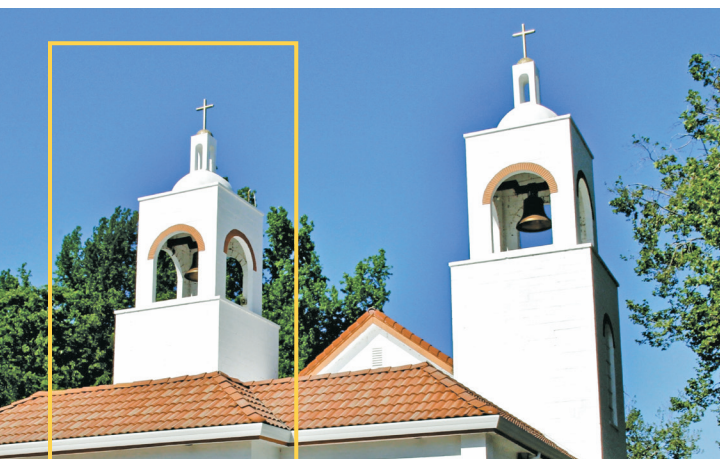
Through her own resolve and with support from her case manager, Donna was granted an interview for affordable housing owned by **NORTHERN VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE**. She was welcomed with open arms. The agency is grateful to support people like Donna who are near homelessness and struggling with severe mental and physical health conditions. NVCSS housing and financial assistance provide sustainable independent living: a precious alternative to homelessness and declining chronic illness. Your gift matters.

...homes and support are found



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.

...at-risk students stay in Catholic School



...parishes can do more

WITH THE 25% PARISH SHARE:

SACRED HEART, ANDERSON

participates as a member of *Anderson Cottonwood Christian Assistance*: local churches working together to assist

men, women and families with emergency food.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA, ROSEVILLE started its *Front Door Ministry* to help those coming for help with lodging, rent, hospital bills, etc.

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“When a man feels in his heart the invitation to be a priest of Christ, your participation in the Appeal helps ensure a supportive community for his journey to ordination.”

REV. GUILLERMO HERNÁNDEZ
Director of Vocations
Diocese of Sacramento

Our gifts help people

WHO ARE

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



Support from the Appeal helped Seminarian Erik Pereira to become Father Erik Pereira this past June. As a newly-ordained priest, his motivation is to help people understand what their vocation is. “I’ve had a personal encounter with Christ and I want to give that to the people. My job is to be that voice that points others to Christ...and to walk with them in their pain and joy.”