



You are
**the heart
of mercy**
in Northern California

2018 ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal

2018 Report of Gratitude

“Your kindness has brought hope and
the tender mercy of Jesus
to our neighbors in need.”

DEAR CO-WORKERS IN CHRIST:

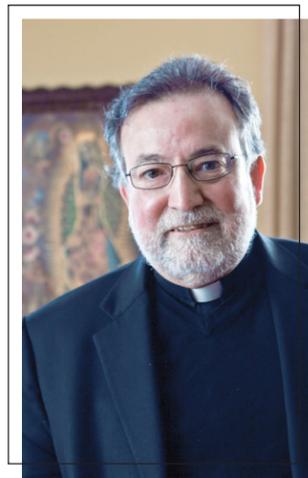
EACH YEAR I appeal to your generosity on behalf of tens of thousands of individuals and families throughout our Northern California diocese. Each year you faithfully respond. Thank you.

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 time

...young parents found guidance



These young parents can now work through the challenges of adult responsibility and raising a family. Work, personal and parenting skills — as well as access to healthcare and stable housing — were made possible by *Northern Valley Catholic Social Service*.

...you made the difference.

15,000 families

and individuals received hope and help from *Northern Valley Catholic Social Service*

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 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



Every time

...a family overcame despair



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*

Every time

...disaster victims received help



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

Every time

...a child could stay in Catholic school



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

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.

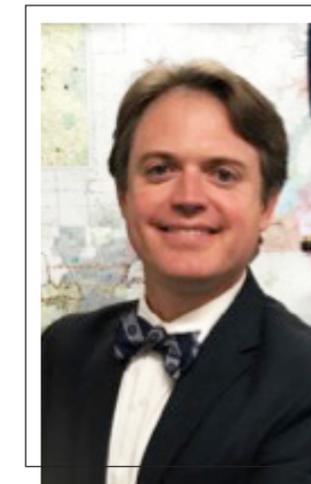
Our schools depend on philanthropy to ensure their continued accessibility and sustainability. Your generosity in 2018 allowed families in our economically-challenged neighborhoods to provide their child a Catholic education.

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 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



Every time

...a seminarian moved closer to ordination



Annual Priests vs Seminarians "Collar Cup"

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.

...you made the difference.

3 new priests

were ordained this year and now serve in our parishes

Every time
...a student could avoid hunger



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.

...you made the difference.

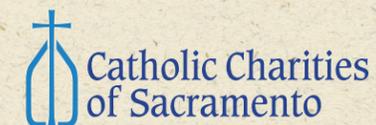
557,678 pounds

of fresh food helped students through
Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services

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

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

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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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