



Assisting people in need

## 2019 FOCUS

### TOGETHER AS CATHOLICS:

### WHAT CAN WE DO OUT OF LOVE FOR THE SAKE OF THE OTHER?

Our Annual Catholic Appeal is dedicated solely to the social mission of the Church. Even in difficult times, the Appeal has grown and demonstrated a strong commitment to this powerful way of announcing the Gospel of life and mercy in Northern California by supporting our dedicated charities.

Through the eyes of our youngest Catholics, the 2019 Appeal asks “how do we learn to be Catholics together and to use our gifts, talents and generosity to show love and mercy through the Church”.

The 2019 Video features:

- **An impressive 31 year-old married mother of four** who grew up with drug-addicted parents in a gang- infested neighborhood. She talks about her gratitude to Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center and the after-school program that gave her safety, love and a better future.
- **A young family that survived the Carr Fire in Redding** that feels incredibly blessed by the love and support they received from the St. Vincent de Paul ministry of St. Joseph and Our Lady of Mercy parishes.
- **Young student volunteers** from St. John Notre Dame School in Folsom who experience the face of charity thanks to Loaves & Fishes Friendship Park, where volunteers of all ages can get involved in serving homeless men and women.
- **A deacon and his wife** who remind us that as Catholics, we can't separate ourselves from those who suffer and why their family supports the Appeal.