

FAQs

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal

SOLELY DEDICATED TO THE SOCIAL MISSION OF THE CHURCH



Assisting people in need

WHAT IS THE ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL?

Bishop Jaime Soto is committed to helping the poor in our communities. To that end, our Annual Catholic Appeal is the only Annual Catholic Appeal in the nation that is solely dedicated to the social mission of the Church. It is our annual tradition that connects us to thousands of people in our diocese who need our help every day.

Why is the Annual Catholic Appeal necessary?

It is vital, on an annual basis, to more than one hundred programs that help people in desperate need to overcome extreme physical, economic or psychological hardship. Tens of thousands of people in the 20 counties of our diocese are helped by Catholic works and parish programs that receive funding from the Annual Catholic Appeal.

Who should participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal?

Bishop Soto asks that all parishioners participate in the Annual Catholic Appeal. As Catholics in service to others, it is vital that we all participate in the Appeal to assist people in need through ministries too large for a single parish to handle.

Families are encouraged to talk about the Appeal with their children so that they too can share in the family commitment to serving others.

Why is it important for each family to use the donation envelope?

Every gift is important. Every household in each parish is asked to participate with whatever gift they can afford. Each gift is counted as an individual gift by the envelope, even if the donor gives anonymously.

How is the Annual Catholic Appeal Case determined?

The Annual Catholic Appeal case is determined by the Bishop of the Diocese of Sacramento in consultation with diocesan leadership and in response to diocesan needs and priorities.

How is the Case funded?

Funds from the Appeal are used to help Catholic charitable programs that assist people in need and are not used for concerns such as buildings or general funds at the Diocese.

75 percent will benefit those in need through funding of social service programs (50% of net proceeds is granted to agency programs throughout the diocese that are too large for a single parish to handle; 25% of gross proceeds is returned to parishes for their own ministry to people in need).

The remaining 25 percent of net proceeds helps finance the formation of seminarians who will serve as priests in our diocese, and helps provide need-based Catholic School tuition assistance to qualified families in our most economically-challenged communities.

What is the 25% Parish Share?

The parish share is 25% of what is collected from parishioners in the parish. The funds are returned to the respective parish by the Diocesan Finance Office on a quarterly basis. The amount is determined by actual contributions and payments received to date.

How should the Parish Share be used and who decides?

Parish Share funds can be used for:

- parish outreach ministries to people in need
- grants to community programs that serve people in need
- grants to other parishes in poor areas
- up to 50% can be used for parish school tuition assistance

Use of the 25% Parish Share is determined by the Pastor in consultation with parish leaders.

How is Seminarian Education funded?

Funds raised are applied directly to the cost of seminarian tuition and books. The contribution from the Annual Catholic Appeal covers approximately 10% of the total cost of educating our seminarians.

How is the need for Tuition Assistance determined?

The Diocese of Sacramento is committed to ensuring that Catholic education is available to Catholic youth regardless of demographic or socio-economic background.

Proceeds from the Appeal go to various schools throughout the diocese where it has been determined that the supporting parish may not have the necessary funds to meet the tuition assistance needs of the school.

What is the Appeal Advisor?

The Appeal Advisor is a newsletter from Annual Catholic Appeal Coordinators. It contains updates and important information and is published as needed to serve and inform parish leaders. The Appeal Advisor is distributed to parishes in the weekly Diocesan parish email and to Parish Advocates on record with the Appeal Office.



WHO BENEFITS FROM APPEAL FUNDS?

50% supports Catholic Charities of Sacramento programs

MEMBERS

Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano: *Solano and Yolo counties*

Northern Valley Catholic Social Service: *Butte, Glenn, Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama and Trinity counties*

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 and 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% supports your parish social service ministry

All 102 parishes receive 25% of funds collected from their parishioners.

25% supports education

Catholic school tuition assistance in economically-challenged neighborhoods is provided as well as help with the cost of **Seminarian formation** for priesthood in the Diocese of Sacramento.

HAS THE APPEAL BEEN SUCCESSFUL?

In the last decade the Appeal has raised more than \$35 million in commitments from generous Catholics in our diocese, with nearly \$9 million going back to our parishes for local assistance to people in need.