



Assisting people in need | 2012



**Hope and help.**

Your gift to people of all ages  
in desperate need.

# Appeal

## DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST:



Every day, countless good works are happening in the Diocese of Sacramento because you support the Annual Catholic Appeal. Thanks to your heartfelt response last year, we can continue — with God's grace — to be the living presence of Christ in our communities.

Last year, your generous sacrifices:

- helped a network of dedicated Catholic social service agencies care for the ever-growing numbers of families overwhelmed with just surviving day to day.
- helped families apply for tuition assistance so their children could have a Catholic education.
- helped seminarians devote themselves fully to their studies as they prepare to serve as our priests.
- helped parishes respond to a wide array of local community needs with their 25% share of Annual Appeal funds received.

There is so much good work yet to be done. Prayerfully consider joining me again in extending a helping hand and the love of Christ to thousands of our neighbors in need.

May God bless us in this worthwhile effort to build the kingdom of God here in the Diocese of Sacramento.

Respectfully,

  
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Bishop of Sacramento

## Michael

found compassion and a new place to live when he suddenly lost everything. A fire had burned his low-income residence to the ground. He's one of thousands who have been helped by

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE OF SOLANO** where dedicated case managers help people in their most desperate moments. Our support is their lifeline.



## Families

often face a hard choice: food on the table or other vital expenses. Responding in faith to a growing local need, volunteers at **ST. MARY PARISH IN VACAVILLE** open their food locker to 280 families each month. This emergency program relies on support from the 25% parish share.



## Fredelito

grew up surrounded by relatives and friends who are priests and sisters. It was no surprise when he entered the seminary at age 16. Now in his pastoral year at

**ST. JOSEPH PARISH IN LINCOLN**

his sense of God's call to priesthood has grown. The support of the faithful is fuel for his ministry as he looks forward with joy to his ordination this year.





**"I am filled with joy,**  
hope, and gratitude when I see the marvelous work  
being done for those in need by Catholic charity  
programs and parish ministries with funding from the  
Annual Catholic Appeal. God bless you for all that your generosity  
makes possible."

— Rev. Michael F. Kiernan, *Director*  
*Office of Social Service Ministry / Catholic Charities*

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IN OUR 20-COUNTIES, YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONE'S LIFE.



## Hunger

is relieved through a  
program supported by  
**ST. PATRICK PARISH IN  
PLACERVILLE.**

## Children at risk

receive a Court Appointed  
Special Advocate through  
**NORTHERN VALLEY CATHOLIC  
SOCIAL SERVICE.**



## Seminarians

are supported in their  
formation for **VOCATION**  
**TO THE PRIESTHOOD.**

## Opportunity

awaits students receiving  
need-based tuition  
assistance to attend our  
**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS.**



**V**OLUNTEERS FROM A  
VARIETY OF CHURCHES  
AND ORGANIZATIONS  
transform donated food into a  
nutritious hot meal for anyone  
who is hungry. St. Patrick Parish,  
Placerville, started the ministry  
more than 15 years ago and now  
helps support it with its 25% share  
from the Annual Catholic Appeal.  
Named after the Upper Room,  
where Jesus fed his friends, the  
program has served 358,000 meals.

**H**EATHER HAD LIVED IN  
30 FOSTER HOMES by  
the time she ran away at 16.  
Without a sense of belonging, she  
became pregnant at 17 and a mother  
at 18. By the grace of God, she found  
Northern Valley Catholic Social  
Service. Case workers helped her  
develop her identity and sense of  
family. She's now working on her  
Masters in Social Work and is a  
CASA volunteer, giving help and  
hope to children experiencing the  
same traumatic childhood.

**C**HOOSING TO DEDICATE  
ONE'S LIFE to the Church  
requires focused discernment.  
This year, 29 men are actively  
preparing for priesthood. Our  
support helps defray the rising cost  
of seminarian education and assures  
the preservation of a supportive  
community for those preparing  
to serve our diocese as ordained  
servants in our local parishes.

**M**ARISSA AND HER  
MOTHER ARE VERY  
GRATEFUL for the  
tuition assistance that gives  
them access to the quality  
education and spiritual formation  
offered at Holy Cross College  
Preparatory Academy in West  
Sacramento. Shaping leaders  
with strong minds and hearts for  
service to others is the mission  
of all diocesan Catholic schools.



“My husband and I want our charitable giving to make a valuable difference here in our local community. The Annual Catholic Appeal is a very positive way for us to provide help to people who are truly in need.” — Meg Verardi, *Annual Catholic Appeal Donor*

## EVERYONE BENEFITS FROM YOUR GIFT: THE POOR AND THE VULNERABLE.

Your generosity enables Catholic charitable organizations and parish ministries in our neighborhoods to assist thousands of people desperately in need. For every story of individuals and families in this brochure, there are countless more waiting to be told. Funds raised by the Annual Catholic Appeal go directly to the organizations that need our support.

## SEMINARIANS AND CATHOLIC EDUCATION.

The Appeal provides critical support to offset the rising cost of education for seminarians currently in formation to serve as priests in our diocese. The Appeal also provides need-based tuition assistance to those families who desire a Catholic education for their children but cannot afford it.

## PARISH SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES.

25% of funds contributed to the Appeal are returned to each parish for its own social service ministries. Like the ministries featured in this brochure, your participation in the Annual Catholic Appeal helps your parish add new ministries, expand existing programs or support Catholic charities in the local community.

## EACH OF US.

The Annual Catholic Appeal is an opportunity for each of us to be good stewards of God’s gifts and to put our Catholic faith into action.

## HOW YOUR GIFT WILL BE SHARED:



## SUPPORTED BY THE APPEAL:

### SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS

More than 100 programs that serve the mentally ill; homeless; immigrants; elderly; working families; teens at risk; pregnant women; infants; single parent families; and the hungry with emergency food; shelter and clothing; permanent and transitional housing; counseling; job training; pregnancy counseling; post and pre-natal care; independent living skills; mentoring; citizenship and immigration services; parenting skills; information and referral; after-school care; and other life-sustaining services.



#### MEMBERS

**Catholic Social Service of Solano**  
**Catholic Social Service of Sacramento**  
**Centro Guadalupe:** *Sacramento*  
**Downtown Senior Outreach Program:** *Sacramento*  
**Mother Teresa Maternity Home:** *Placerville*  
**Northern Valley Catholic Social Service:** *Shasta, Siskiyou, Tehama, Trinity, Butte and Glenn Counties*  
**Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services**

#### PARTNERS

**Anderson-Cottonwood Christian Assistance**  
**Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home:** *Sacramento*  
**Catholic Ladies Relief Society:** *Chico*  
**Community Assistance Network:** *Quincy, Portola, Greenville*  
**Francis House:** *Sacramento*  
**Handicapables:** *Sacramento*  
**Loaves and Fishes:** *Sacramento*  
**Mercy Education Resource Center:** *Sacramento*  
**Sacramento Life Center**  
**Salvation Army Food Shelf:** *Susanville*  
**Society of St. Vincent De Paul:** *Sacramento, Orangevale, North Highlands, Citrus Heights, West Sacramento, Roseville, Woodland, Weed, Fairfield, Vallejo, Vacaville, Burney, Davis, Carmichael, Auburn, Jackson and Oroville*  
**Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center:** *Sacramento*  
**Wellspring Women’s Center:** *Sacramento*  
**Yuba-Sutter Right To Life**

### PARISH SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES

Countless parish programs that serve local individuals and families with life-sustaining social services and spiritual development.

### SEMINARIAN EDUCATION FUND

Defrays educational expenses of seminarians currently in formation to serve the Diocese of Sacramento.

### CATHOLIC EDUCATION

Provides need-based tuition assistance to those families who desire a Catholic education for their children but cannot afford it.



*“Each donation makes a difference in the quality of life of those in extreme poverty.”*

**Loaves and Fishes**

*“Appeal funds help us meet the spiritual needs of the disabled and seniors who we serve.”*

**Handicapables**

*“Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal provide a home for pregnant women in crisis.”*

**Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home**

*“Thank you for helping us turn each dollar into ten dollars of emergency services.”*

**Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services**

*“These funds help families in the Quincy area survive very high unemployment rates.”*

**Community Assistance Network**

These are just a few of the hundreds of ways your gift is appreciated.

## PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY.

“Your gift provides critical support to the education and formation of our 29 seminarians who are your future priests.”

— Fr. Francisco Hernández-Gómez, *Director of Vocations, Diocese of Sacramento*



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**Heather had lived in 30 foster homes** when she ran away at 16 and gave birth to a son at 18. Northern Valley Catholic Social Service helped her find a sense of identity and a sense of family for the first time in her life. Today she volunteers as a Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) where she provides a stable presence to children experiencing the same traumatic childhood. Our support is their lifeline.

Your gift matters. **25%** goes back to your parish.

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