

Together as Catholics...

2020 REPORT OF GRATITUDE



...you made a difference.

ANNUAL
CATHOLIC
Appeal



“God’s abundant mercy enabled us to bring His
tender care to so many in need
here in Northern California.”

This year more than 362,000 lives have been touched by your generous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Nearly \$3.9 million has been pledged by more than 22,000 Catholic households.



+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento

Every time
someone found relief during COVID-19...



The need was sudden and swift. As thousands struggled to make ends meet, our Catholic Charities pivoted to address the unprecedented demand for food, rental assistance and emotional support. Flexibility to use Appeal funds for the greatest need proved essential to the ability to respond.

...you made a difference.

Thousands a day
turned to our charities for help during COVID-19,
many for the first time in their lives.

Every time

expectant parents were supported...



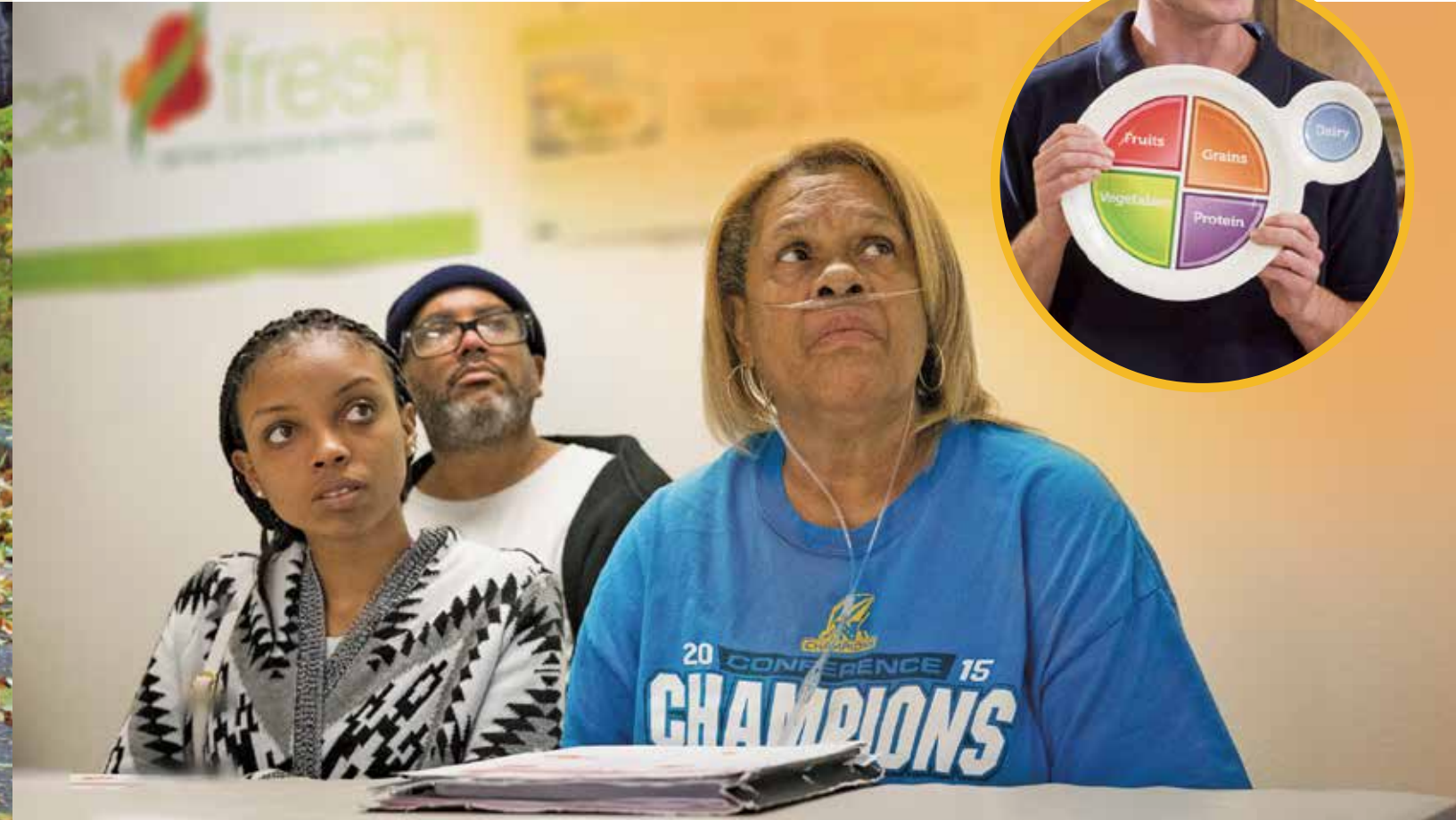
The *Butte Baby Steps Program* of Northern Valley Catholic Social Service stands beside at-risk parents-to-be, guiding a healthy pregnancy and skills to raise a child in safety. When COVID-19 threatened the ability for some to provide food and shelter, NVCSS workers were there with resources and emotional support.

...you made a difference.

154 moms & dads
were guided through pregnancy and beyond
by *Northern Valley Catholic Social Service*.

Every time

at-risk families escaped homelessness...



More often than we realize, low-income families are one paycheck away from losing stability and their home. The *Family Assistance Program* of Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano brings a safety-net of assistance and education to families on the margins. In 2020, the demand has been overwhelming.

...you made a difference.

2,025 families
were helped to stable circumstances
by *Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano*.

Every time
someone left homelessness behind...



Ten years ago, Joe Smith was homeless. Finding his way to *Loaves & Fishes*, he eventually received housing. With a maintenance job at the charity and his own strength and talent, Joe advanced professionally and personally. Today, as Advocacy Director, his work with the homeless community and government leaders is invaluable.

...you made a difference.

13,000 guests
came to Sacramento's *Loaves & Fishes* for
food, respite and hope for a better day.

Every time
healthy food reached those in need...



2020 has been a year of unprecedented demand at food banks across the nation. In our diocese, *Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services* experienced an overnight doubling of people in need. Through round-the-clock hard work, despite a critical shortage of volunteers, SFB&FS and others sustained countless families in need.

...you made a difference.

Overwhelmed by people
in sudden need, *Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services*
and its local partners met the need, and the challenges.

Every time

a child could stay in Catholic school...



Catholic schools provide faith-based values and innovative education. Schools in economically-challenged neighborhoods cannot make ends meet on their own. Every year, the Appeal helps bridge the gap between the need for tuition assistance and available support.

...you made a difference.

\$572,800 helped families in our most economically-challenged communities to thrive in Catholic school.

Every time

a seminarian moved closer to ordination...



Seven 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 a difference.

1 new priest

was ordained in June. Fr. Ryan Mahar now serves at St. Joseph Parish, Redding.

Every time

a parish gave love and hope to others...



Home visits from St. Vincent de Paul volunteers as well as parish-run clothing and food closets help families step away from the brink of homelessness, and the marginalized regain stability and dignity. Most importantly, the love of Christ is extended to our neighbors who may otherwise become lost and forgotten.

...you made a difference.

83,000 people

were helped by St. Vincent de Paul ministries operated at 53 parishes in our diocese.

“You enabled Catholic Charities to change course and quickly come alongside men, women and families in extraordinary need.”

Unlike many other sources, funds from the Annual Catholic Appeal can be used for the most urgent needs as they arise. This year’s pandemic, wildfires and escalating homeless crisis are being met with empathy, compassion and a level of care that helps people regain human dignity and purpose.



John Watkins
*Director of Catholic Charities
and Social Concerns*



YOU HELPED PEOPLE WHO ARE

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

MORE THAN 100 PROGRAMS PROVIDE

Counseling • Emergency food • Shelter and clothing • Permanent and transitional housing
Job training • Pregnancy counseling • Post and prenatal care • Independent living skills
Mentoring • Parenting skills • After-school care • Refugee resettlement
Citizenship and immigration services • Jail ministry

50% supports charities



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*
Rancho Cordova Food Locker:
Greater Sacramento
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
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% goes back to parishes

For social ministry at your parish

25% supports education

Seminarian formation and Catholic school tuition assistance