

2021 REPORT OF GRATITUDE



Together as
Catholics...



“Together as Catholics our whole community assists others to begin again, refreshed and renewed.”

This year more than 314,000 lives have been touched by generous support of the Annual Catholic Appeal. Nearly \$3.8* million has been pledged so far from generous Catholics throughout the 20 counties of our diocese.



+Jaime Soto
Bishop of Sacramento

COVER: “From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank The Upper Room for making me feel human and providing a safe place when I was living on the street.” – Deanne

*The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal ends January 31, 2022

Every time

families found relief during COVID-19...



Jobless and afraid, parents wanted to provide for their children, to pay the rent but couldn't. As a landlord, Tina was determined to help her tenants put food on the table above anything else. Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano was a lifeline. Executive Director Miriam Sammartino (left) is grateful to donors who made the response possible.

...you made a difference.

1,436 families received rental assistance through *Catholic Charities of Yolo-Solano*.

Every time

someone could successfully re-join society...



...you made a difference.

Stable housing and a path to success are priceless to those returning to society from felony probation. Trish found both and a fresh start with her family through Northern Valley Catholic Social Service. She now gives back through her work with a local non-profit. NVCSS provides housing and resources to those coping with poverty, disabilities, mental illness and more.

508 housing units and a path to stability were provided through Northern Valley Catholic Social Service.

Every time

the value of life was upheld...



...you made a difference.

Judgement-free support, resources and free medical services are available to anyone facing an unsupported pregnancy and equips them to honor the value of life. The need to come alongside more pregnancies is ever-present. Support from the Appeal helps expectant mothers and fathers learn to parent or make adoption plans.

1,895 pregnancies were supported by Sacramento Life Center.

Every time

a family found safety and hope for the future...



...you made a difference.

Special Immigrant Visas (SIVs) are life and death to those who have assisted US military in conflicts overseas. *Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services* arranges housing, job training, language classes and emotional support to arriving families. Rocio, an immigrant herself, feels blessed to have worked with refugee families over the last seven years.

28 SIV families

relocated to the US were welcomed by *Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services*.

Every time

a parish gave love and hope to others...



...you made a difference.

Jon Berkley is a firm believer that when we give, God opens the windows of heaven and pours out upon us His blessings. He also feels blessed to be part of the St. Vincent de Paul Ministry at his parish. Forty-seven parishes operate St. Vincent de Paul Ministries which are committed to extending the love of Christ to individuals and families that struggle on the margins.

40,100 people

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

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.

\$614,200 helped families in our most economically-challenged communities to thrive in Catholic school.

Every time

a seminarian moved closer to ordination...



Benjamin is in his second year of theology. He looks forward to sharing the sacraments and bringing people closer to the freedom one finds in Christ. The Appeal helps with the cost of seminary education, which in addition to spiritual formation and studies, focuses on building brotherhood among our current and future priests.

...you made a difference.

9 seminarians are in formation to serve as priests in our diocese.

Every time

someone gave to the Appeal...

...charities could help 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

...programs could 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

...parishes could extend help

- St. Vincent de Paul ministries kept going
- Wildfire survivors were helped with recovery
 - Families received tuition assistance
- Families were helped with funeral expenses
 - Local charities were supported
 - Rent and utility bills were paid
- Families were helped with job security

“Your generosity allowed 18 charities to provide
instant and meaningful response
to men, women and families.”

Unlike many other sources, funds from the Annual Catholic Appeal can be used for the most urgent needs as they arise. As the pandemic, wildfires and the escalating homeless crisis continue to affect our communities, Appeal donors truly make a difference, particularly now.



John Watkins
*Director of Catholic Charities
and Social Concerns*



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



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