

Your gift is  
**Mercy in Motion**

in Northern California



2017 ANNUAL  
CATHOLIC  
*Appeal*





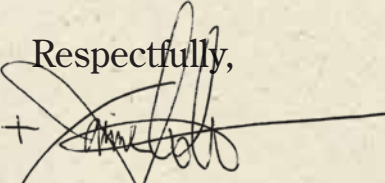
“We as the Church have to be *Mercy in Motion*...that’s when we taste and see the Kingdom of God.”

**DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS:**

The Annual Catholic Appeal is our tradition of being faithful to the thousands of neighbors who need us.

Not everyone can be on the frontlines of charity. Through the Appeal, we can all keep *Mercy in Motion* by helping a vibrant network of dedicated Catholic social service agencies — and our own parishes — care for families and individuals who struggle in poverty here in Northern California.

Last year, more than 200,000 lives were impacted by charitable works supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal. As disciples of Jesus, join me once again in extending God’s mercy and love into the lives of others.

Respectfully,  
  
 +JAIME SOTO  
 Bishop of Sacramento

**Jatziri, Dayami** and their parents are grateful for the food, clothing, rental assistance and love they receive at the St. Vincent de Paul ministry of **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, FOLSOM.** The 25% parish share from the Appeal helps keep it all going.



**Raymond** was afraid to become a dad. He and his wife Erica faced enormous financial and physical challenges. Counseling, medical care and referrals from **SACRAMENTO LIFE CENTER** paved the way for the healthy arrival of Raymond Jr.

In and near Sacramento  
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**Dean and Manuel** are in the pastoral year of formation for priesthood. Dean is currently serving **OUR LADY OF ASSUMPTION PARISH, CARMICHAEL.** Manuel is serving **ST. THERESA PARISH, SOUTH LAKE TAHOE.** Parish life is spirited and enriched by their presence.



“The joy of the Gospel

can be seen so clearly and beautifully in the good works of Catholic charity programs supported by the Annual Catholic Appeal.” **John Watkins**

Director, Office of Catholic Charities and Social Concerns







**Youth at-risk** in low income neighborhoods, where access to tuition assistance is a constant challenge, have a better chance to stay in **CATHOLIC SCHOOL** with funds made possible by the Appeal.



In the  
20 counties  
of our Diocese

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**Homeless** individuals like Leon find a home and a path to independence. The “Supportive Housing Program” of **NORTHERN VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE** is a community of care that understands the challenges he and others face every day.



**Newcomers** who seek a better life for themselves and their families learn “English as a Second Language” — and how welcoming our community can be — through education programs operated by **SACRAMENTO FOOD BANK & FAMILY SERVICES.**



**Parishes** start new ministries with their 25% share of the Appeal. **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PARISH, SACRAMENTO** runs its fledgling St. Vincent de Paul from the parish cell phone, where Manuel first encountered Adolfo, who needed shelter and a job.



**Seminarians** prepare for priesthood in our Diocese. Your gift helps assure **OUR PARISHES** will continue to have strong and vibrant leadership.



**Families**, like this toddler and her mother, find a safety-net of services to overcome hunger, homelessness, domestic violence, lack of education and more at **CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOLANO.**



“If I am a follower of Christ, a ‘disciple of mercy’, how do I reflect a loving and gracious heart?”

The Annual Catholic Appeal is an opportunity to demonstrate our gratitude to God for the many gifts He has given us, by helping those around us, as we build up the Kingdom of God in our midst. Nearly 100 programs run by 18 Catholic charitable agencies serve the poor and vulnerable in our neighborhoods. Our 102 parishes receive 25% of funds raised for their own ministry to people in need. The Appeal also supports Catholic education for more families in economically-challenged communities and helps with the cost of educating our seminarians.

+MYRON J. COTTA  
Auxiliary Bishop of Sacramento  
Annual Catholic Appeal Chair



Supported  
by the Appeal

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The mentally ill · homeless ·  
immigrants · elderly · infants ·  
working families · refugees ·  
at-risk teens · the unborn ·  
pregnant women · the hungry ·  
single parent families



MEMBERS

**Catholic Charities of 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:** *Sacramento*  
**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:** *Sacramento*  
**Salvation Army Food Shelf:** *Susanville*  
**Society of St. Vincent de Paul:** *Auburn, Benicia, Carmichael,  
Citrus Heights, Dixon, Elk Grove, Fairfield, Mt. Shasta, North  
Highlands, Paradise, Rancho Cordova, Redding, Roseville,  
Sacramento, Vacaville, Vallejo, Volcano, Weed, West Sacramento,  
Woodland and Yuba City*  
**Stanford Settlement Neighborhood Center:** *Sacramento*  
**Wellspring Women's Center:** *Sacramento*  
**Yuba-Sutter Right-To-Life**

HOW YOUR GIFT  
WILL BE SHARED



75% SOCIAL SERVICE

50% CATHOLIC CHARITABLE PROGRAMS  
25% PARISH SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES

emergency food  
shelter and clothing  
permanent and transitional housing  
counseling  
job training  
pregnancy counseling  
post and prenatal care  
independent living skills  
mentoring  
citizenship and immigration services  
refugee resettlement  
parenting skills  
information and referral  
after-school care

25% EDUCATION

SEMINARIAN FORMATION /  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL TUITION ASSISTANCE

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY

Thank  
you

*"All of Catholic charities in  
Northern California work on  
behalf of our donors to put  
Mercy in Motion every day."*

**Catholic Charities of Solano**

*"Your donations have allowed  
vulnerable mothers to find the  
transitional support they need  
to raise a healthy family."*

**Mother Teresa Maternity Home**

*"Thanks to your donations, our  
food pantry remains open to  
communities in Quincy seeking  
emergency provisions."*

**Community Assistance Network**

*"Your partnership provides hope  
and new beginnings for mothers  
pursuing a path to success."*

**Bishop Gallegos Maternity Home**

*"With your gift, we continue to  
provide respite and services based  
on hospitality, dignity and love."*

**Wellspring Women's Center**

*"Resource information is  
available, saving babies and  
their moms from the heartache  
of an abortion decision."*

**Yuba Sutter Right-to-Life**

*"Thanks to you, refugees and  
immigrant families fleeing danger  
and insecure environments have  
legal resources and care."*

**Sacramento Food Bank  
& Family Services**

*"Programs can continue to  
provide safety and support to  
neighborhood children at-risk,  
youth and seniors."*

**Stanford Settlement  
Neighborhood Center**