

Diocese of San Diego



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As Bishop of San Diego, I have the joy of meeting our community members living their faith in countless settings and locales across San Diego and Imperial Counties. I accompanied participants in our San Diego Walk for Life, welcomed our newest Church members at our Rite of Election, planted trees with students of our elementary schools, celebrated the Universality of the Church with thousands of faithful at Pentecost, ordained two extraordinary men into the priesthood and blessed university students as they began a new academic year.

I also had the privilege to listen as our community members shared their joys, disappointments and their dreams for our Church through their participation in our Church's synod. More than 11,000 participated in small-group sessions held in our parishes and schools; and more than 22,000 people completed our electronic survey. We're still analyzing the data from all of those encounters, but one thing is wonderfully clear: Faith is integral to their lives, and they value their parish and pastor.

Our Annual Catholic Appeal enables us to fund our Pastoral Center ministry offices and programs that help our community members to live their faith. They include our schools and programs to support faith formation at all ages, to strengthen families, to promote a culture of life, to care for creation, to engage youth and young adults, to sustain our clergy and those preparing for the priesthood, and to assist the marginalized.

We are called to live our faith in so many ways. I ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this splendid work of the Lord.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Robert Cardinal McElroy".

Robert Cardinal McElroy, Bishop of San Diego