

## Catholic Schools

Catholic schools provide a quality education in a nurturing, safe environment that treats each student as an individual. The schools continuously invest in staff development to be able to deliver innovative instruction and leadership. Our education is centered on Catholic values that prepare future leaders in our Church and in our society, needed now more than ever.

## Faith Formation

In synodal consultations throughout the diocese, thousands of Catholics expressed that celebrating the sacraments is a priority for them, as is participating in their parish community. Diocesan pastoral offices provide a wide range of bilingual trainings, conferences and workshops to support those priorities, working with our partners in our parishes, schools and ministries.

## Catholic Charities

Catholic Charities works to meet the basic needs of our region's most vulnerable. In 2023, the agency opened a day shelter in El Centro, providing services for the homeless struggling to survive the extreme conditions in the Imperial Valley. And the agency continued to help asylum-seekers legally in the U.S., mainly women and children, to reach their final destination.

## Clergy Formation and Support

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports priestly formation, enabling our seminarians to prepare for their vocation. The ACA funds the pastoral care of retired priests, who have dedicated their lives to ministering to our community members. And these funds support the preparation and ongoing formation of permanent deacons. Currently, we have 13 seminarians and 52 retired priests in our diocese.



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— Ephesians 4:3

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## Giving Guide

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	ONE PAYMENT	10 MONTHLY PAYMENTS	ONE PAYMENT	10 MONTHLY PAYMENTS
\$20,000	\$100	\$10.00	\$200	\$20.00
\$30,000	\$150	\$15.00	\$300	\$30.00
\$40,000	\$200	\$20.00	\$400	\$40.00
\$50,000	\$250	\$25.00	\$500	\$50.00
\$75,000	\$375	\$37.50	\$750	\$75.00
\$100,000	\$500	\$50.00	\$1,000	\$100.00
\$150,000	\$750	\$75.00	\$1,500	\$150.00
\$200,000	\$1,000	\$100.00	\$2,000	\$200.00

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Robert Cardinal McElroy, Bishop of San Diego

*Robert Cardinal McElroy*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

I invite you, therefore, to join in this year's Annual Catholic Appeal with a generous contribution in support of the mission that we all share, the mission to bring the Gospel of Jesus to those around us.

These programs, which require support from all of us, are a genuine manifestation of the faith that we share. United in the spirit of Jesus, we accomplish His mission by providing resources for these many apostolates and pastoral ministries.

The ACA provides formation and ongoing support for priests and deacons. In the last year, we celebrated the ordination of four young men into the priesthood who are now serving in our parish communities. This fund also supports retired priests who have dedicated their lives to meeting the spiritual needs of community members at every stage of their life.

These programs support parish leadership development, catechist formation and other enrichment opportunities that help staff and ministry members to serve our wonderfully diverse faith communities. A particular focus of this work is to strengthen parish efforts to engage and serve youth and young adult faithful.

This is the focus of our Annual Catholic Appeal, through which we fund a number of pastoral programs that support parish ministries in San Diego and Imperial counties.

While our faith is primarily lived out in our everyday activities and in our participation in the life of our own parish community, each year we are invited to come together and prayerfully reflect on our wider efforts to accomplish the mission of Christ.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



Your participation in our Annual Catholic Appeal accomplishes something very simple yet very powerful: It touches people's hearts with God's love through your gift and deepens our collective faith together. By contributing to our United in Christ campaign, you are helping our brothers and sisters to truly know and love Jesus Christ, His grace and His mercy.

Note that the Annual Catholic Appeal qualifies for many company matching gift programs.

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Faith Formation \$1,000,000

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Catholic Schools \$1,000,000

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ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

# GOAL 2024 \$3,500,000

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