







## **ASSISTANCE FOR**



"When we welcome people seeking food and shelter, we see in these men and women the person of Jesus Christ."

DIEGO That's how Cardinal Robert W. McElroy began his blessing of

a day center for homeless men and women Catholic Charities formally opened in May of 2023 in El Centro. The center, the first of its kind in the Imperial Valley, offers a wide range of services for these individuals.

The center is emblematic of the organization's mission to assist the most vulnerable, be they low-income seniors, hungry families or indigent refugees. And it is emblematic of the way it works, collaborating with partners to advance the common good.

This collaboration has garnered the agency support from leaders in Washington, D.C., Sacramento, and San Diego and Imperial counties.

In the last year, the agency provided emergency housing and food for thousands of immigrants legally in the country applying for asylum. And its staff helped the migrants, mostly women and children, to reach their final destination.

Catholic Charities continually looks for innovative solutions to major community challenges, solutions that are costeffective and sustainable.

A contribution to the Annual Catholic Appeal helps to sustain the organization's work across the diocese.

Guided by Catholic values, its staff members see "the person of Jesus Christ" in the individuals they help, treating all with dignity and mercy.

## **Our Response as Stewards**

**REFLECT** — On the many gifts you have received from God, including your financial blessings.

**PRAY** — About how God wants you to use the gifts He has given you.

**RESPOND** — By supporting the mission. You can give at your parish or online at **giving.sdcatholic.org.**