

“...making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”
— Ephesians 4:3

UNITED IN Christ



DIocese OF
SAN DIEGO

2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



ASSISTANCE FOR FAITH FORMATION

Evangelization is at the core of the Church's mission. The Annual Catholic Appeal supports this mission across the diocese by bringing Jesus' life-giving message of love to all.

Diocesan offices collaborated with parishes, schools, agencies and ministries to enhance their service outreach to form disciples while deepening the faith of their community members.

Diocesan pastoral offices organize in-person and online trainings, workshops, in-services, retreats and conferences. These provide spiritual enrichment and ongoing formation in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

In 2023, a collaborative effort involving six pastoral offices and the Offices for Schools and Stewardship presented a conference in Calexico, titled "United in Christ, *Unidos en Cristo*." Lay leaders, catechists, teachers, members of parish ministries and families from across the Imperial Valley attended bilingual workshops on various subjects. And a special track offered sessions just for youth.

Through the ongoing diocesan synod, the faithful expressed a profound desire for the Church to do more to engage youth and young adults.

Diocesan offices continue to provide training for teachers and catechists with a "Faith and Science" curriculum designed to counter a leading cause of young people leaving the Church.

Last year, we welcomed 1,184 catechumens and candidates at four Rite of Election and Call to Continuing Conversion ceremonies in San Diego and the Imperial Valley.

Your contribution to the ACA supported the loving formation that helped them to achieve this life-changing milestone, and the work that will deepen their faith in the years to come.

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.sdatholic.org.