

“...making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

— Ephesians 4:3

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DIocese OF
SAN DIEGO

2024 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL



ASSISTANCE FOR SEMINARIANS AND RETIRED PRIESTS

The Annual Catholic Appeal provides essential support for seminarians preparing for the priesthood, helping to fund their studies at the St. Francis Center for Priestly Formation, the Franciscan School of Theology, and more.

In 2023, four men in our diocese were ordained to the priesthood, a joyous representation of our diverse communities.

One of them expressed the impact the campaign had on him during his years of preparation.

“I’m just really grateful that, through the ACA and the diocese, the community was able to support me and my fellow brothers to be able to figure out what is God’s will. By following God’s will, we can ensure that we are living a holy life and be able to lead each other to sainthood.”

The ACA also offers vital support for retired priests, supplementing their pension when necessary.

The normal retirement age for a priest in our diocese is age 75. However, many continue to participate in the life of the Church as long as they are able to, celebrating Masses, offering reconciliation and more.

Like the rest of the community, retired priests face escalating costs in housing, food, health insurance, medical care, prescription drugs, and skilled nursing care. The ACA helps them to meet these costs.

A newly retired priest recently described the sense of security he feels after serving in various parishes for 44 years.

“I’m so grateful to discover that, in our retirement years, Cardinal McElroy and the diocese have our back.”

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.