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### How to Share Your Blessings

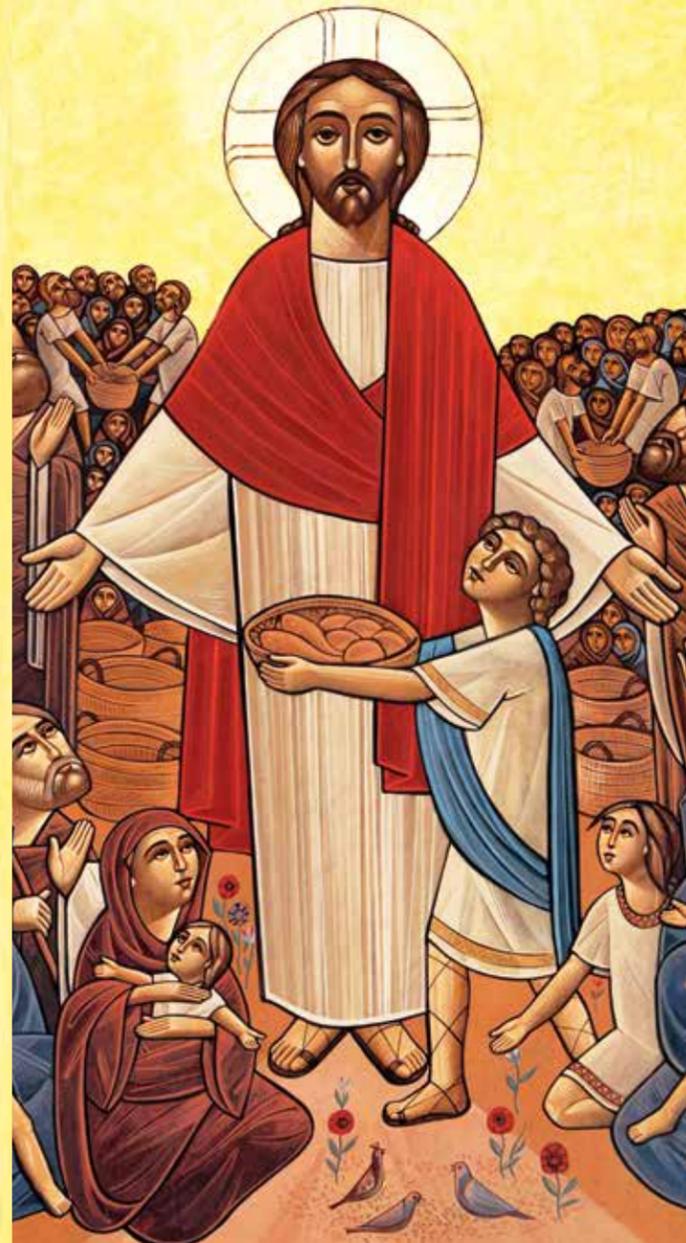
This parable tells us that abundance results from sharing. By sharing a gift with CSA, you will help bring abundance throughout the entire diocese, as CSA funds not only assist struggling parishes, but also provide support for essential diocesan ministries that reach every parish in our diocese. Every household in each parish is invited to make a pledge to the annual CSA campaign so that we can reach our goal of \$1,653,750. Once a parish reaches its goal, 100% of the overage returns to the parish to help finance individual projects.

*"And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces." Luke 9:17*

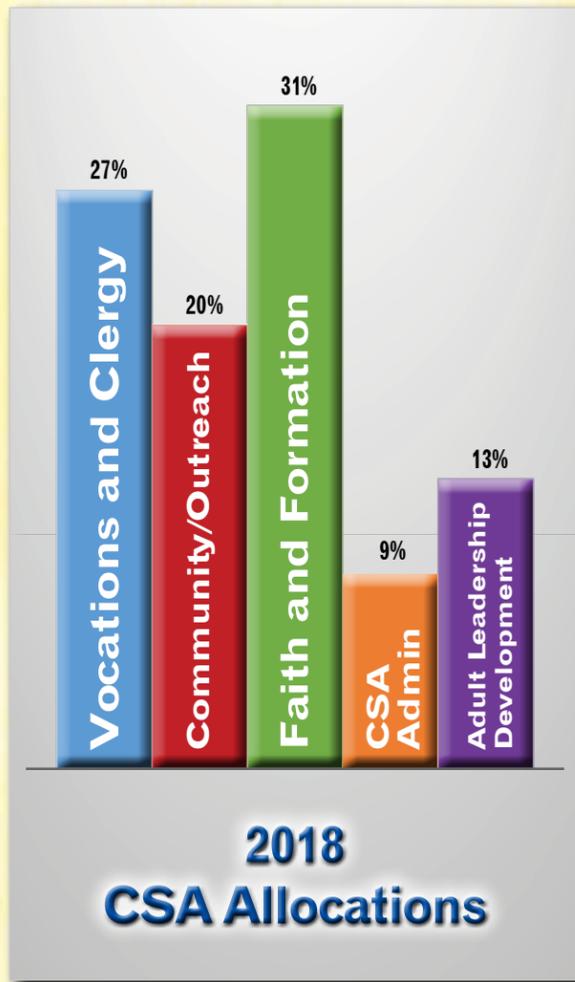
## Shared Blessings

### CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL 2018

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## Blessings In Action



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## INSPIRING VOCATIONS AND CLERGY

Providing priests and clergy throughout the diocese is the first, and most important task of the bishop. CSA provides critical funding for our ordained clergy through a number of programs.

### Priests' Assistance and Supplemental Pension Funds

This fund provides additional monies to purchase long-term care insurance for our priests and augments the existing priests' pension plan. It also enables the bishop to assist clergy in an emergency to help cover ongoing health care and other expenses in extraordinary circumstances. CSA funds ongoing clergy formation and helps with administrative issues arising from immigration matters for our priests from other countries.

### Office of Vocations

The Office of Vocations provides resources and discernment programs to promote vocations to the ordained and consecrated life, with a special emphasis on vocations to the diocesan priesthood. Vocations directors work with interested men at monthly Vocations Discernment Nights and through individual meetings with the vocations director.

### Seminarian Education

Over the past 12 months, two new priests have been ordained in our diocese, and we anticipate one more seminarian will be ordained to the priesthood in 2018. Currently, we have five men in the seminary who are in the process of discernment and formation. CSA funding works side-by-side with the **Thomas S. Dolan Endowment for Seminarists** and other restricted funds to support our growing vocations program.

### Permanent Diaconate

Permanent deacons are ordained clergy who participate in the Church's ministry of the Word and of service. The Permanent Diaconate has its own distinct academic and formation path directed through the Office of the Permanent Diaconate.



### Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As we enter this New Year and I reflect on the year past, I consider myself and the diocese very blessed to be the recipients of your generosity. Many of you made pledges to the *Today Tomorrow Together* capital campaign and, at the same time, supported the CSA 2017. You shared your blessings.

*"And taking the five loaves and the two fish, Jesus looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke them and gave them to the disciples to set before the crowd. And all ate and were filled. What was left over was gathered up, twelve baskets of broken pieces" Luke 9:16-17.*

Sometimes when I feel how limited are our resources in the diocese, this passage from the Gospel of Luke reminds me of how God provides for us. Five loaves and two fish could hardly feed the thousands who followed Jesus, but this scarcity became abundance through faith as the crowd broke bread and shared what he blessed. When we share the blessings we have received, we can do so much more to carry out the work Christ has entrusted to us as the Church in northern Nevada.

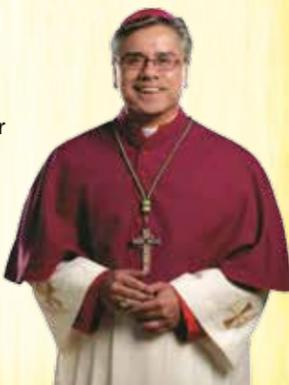
The *Today Tomorrow Together* capital campaign aims primarily at providing resources to sustain our work for the future—*Tomorrow*. But there's much that needs to be done *Today*, so that's why we have the CSA. And both are about being a Church—*Together*. As Catholics, our parishes are not independent, self-sufficient congregations. We need one another because one parish does not have the resources to do all that Christ asks of us. Through the CSA, the ministries of the diocese support and coordinate the efforts of parishes and also allow us to offer the Sunday TV Mass, reaching out to the homebound; to publish the *High Desert Catholic*; to provide outreach to the hospitalized and imprisoned; to support the formation of our future deacons and priests; to assist needy parishes; and much more.

I ask you once again to support the CSA by sharing your blessings. There is an abundance of grace that comes when we work together for Christ.

With gratitude, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Randolph R. Calvo  
Bishop of Reno



# INVIGORATING FAMILY AND FAITH FORMATION

Family and faith working together create a strong foundation. CSA provides funding for numerous programs that build faith and families.



## Youth and Young Adult Ministry

The *Office of Youth and Young Adult Ministries* promotes discipleship and evangelization among adolescents and young adults by accompanying, empowering, and engaging our youth and parish youth ministers. This office develops diocese-wide approaches to these ministries through programs, such as:

- Positively Dangerous leadership retreat
- Deanery Service Days
- Middle school youth rally
- Annual minister formation day
- FOCUSED high school student and parent events
- OnFire Norcal Jam
- Diocesan Youth Council
- Youth on a Mission
- Youth and young adult diocesan conference tracks



## Adult Faith Formation, Religious Education and RCIA

The *Office of Faith Formation and Catechesis* supports and engages parish religious education coordinators and volunteers in their ministry of teaching the faith to people of all ages through:

- Ongoing training and resources to implement sacramental preparation programs
- Workshops, retreats and resources for religious education and adult faith formation leaders
- Networking among parishes to share programming successes
- Regular on-site visits to all parishes for training and problem-solving



## Ethnic Ministries

The *Office of Ethnic Ministries* provides an essential connection to the varying cultures within our diocese. This office supports pastors and parishes in developing ministry for our Hispanic, Filipino, American Samoan and other ethnic communities and connects them to the larger diocese through special cultural celebrations, such as the Tongan Missa Kosilio and the Filipino Simbang Gabi. Ethnic Ministries also works with the *Office of Lay Ministry Formation and Leadership* to implement a parallel program in leadership development for those who speak Spanish.

*Hispanic Youth and Young Adult Ministries* seek to integrate Hispanic young adults into the Catholic faith community and create opportunities, such as Pastoral Juvenil, to bring this community together for faith formation and spiritual growth and development.

## Department of Catholic Education

The Department of Catholic Education provides administrative support and guidance to our five Catholic schools by assisting in accreditation, forging collaboration, and delivering ongoing continuing education and formation for teachers and staff. This department also developed, and manages, the *Diocese of Reno Scholarship (D.O.R.S.)* fund that provides needs-based financial assistance for qualifying students throughout their education in our diocesan schools.

This department administers the *Safe Environment Program (Protecting God's Children)* for the diocese.



The safety of our children and vulnerable adults remains a high priority in our diocese. This responsibility includes providing all materials, training, and ongoing documentation and verification of employees, volunteers and parents who work with children in the diocese.

## DEVELOPING ADULT LEADERSHIP

The *Office of Lay Ministry Formation and Leadership* forms adult lay leaders in the diocese who desire greater knowledge, confidence and leadership in their ministry. Nine all-day training sessions cover topics such as theology, liturgy, scripture, ministry and Christ-centered leadership. Adult lay leaders from Elko, Winnemucca, Fallon, Carson City and Fernley as well as parishes from Reno and Sparks are currently enrolled in the program. During the harsh winter, technology will connect students from the eastern side of the diocese into the program.

The *Adult Faith Formation Office* helps develop the skills and knowledge of religious education leaders through:

- Catechetical Days in the Diocese
- Deanery formation gatherings
- Monthly parish catechetical leader trainings
- RCIA directors' and team formation gatherings



## BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH OUTREACH

By building community, we remember that we are ONE diocese working together for the good of all. CSA fosters community by bringing God's love to people throughout the diocese. Here is how.

The **Annual Diocesan Conference**, a two-day, enrichment conference, celebrates our faith and connects people throughout the diocese. Organized through the *Office of Faith Formation*, the Diocesan Conference features nationally known speakers and musicians who lead workshops on a variety of catechetical topics. It also includes a free opening night speaker and concert.

The **High Desert Catholic**, our bi-monthly diocesan magazine, reaches nearly 20,000 Catholic households and helps bond our community through stories of faith illustrating how Nevada Catholics are living out Gospel values.



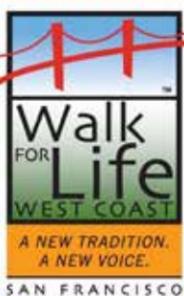
**Newman Center Support** - CSA funds directly support the Newman Center at Our Lady of Wisdom Parish. This center connects our Church with University of Nevada students seeking the Catholic faith. Through retreats, weekly student-led Mass, service projects, and more, the Newman Center provides a place to find Christ in the turbulence of college life.

**Parish Subsidies** - Parishes throughout the diocese, even in the heart of Reno, struggle to make ends meet as they serve their Catholic communities. Many of our parishes operate with one paid staff member — the priest. Others operate with an extremely limited staff. CSA parish subsidies bridge the gap to help maintain these parishes.

**TV Mass** - CSA dollars are critical to the continued broadcasting of Television Mass every Sunday morning on KOLO Channel 8. TV Mass brings the joy of the Gospel to the ill and elderly as well as to those who are unable to attend their parish church regularly.

**Prison and Hospital Ministries** - CSA funds hospital chaplains to minister to the needs of the sick and dying, while our Prison Ministry brings the Word of God inside prisons through Mass, bible studies and sacramental preparation.

CSA funding also supports the **Nevada Catholic Conference**, which lobbies for Catholic values in legislation being considered in the Nevada State Legislature.



**Respect Life Commission.** This commission works to increase the awareness of the dignity of human life by:

- Sponsoring busses to the West Coast Walk for Life
- Directing and managing Project Rachel, a confidential, non-judgmental post-abortive healing ministry for anyone affected by the trauma of abortion
- Funding pro-life speakers at the annual Diocesan Conference
- Organizing the annual Pro-Life Mass and poster contest
- Distributing of pro-life materials to churches throughout the diocese

**The Natural Family Planning** program provides experts and client materials for the Creighton Model of Natural Family Planning. It also teaches clients about NaProTechnology, a new science that addresses women's reproductive issues using medical and surgical techniques that follow Catholic teaching.