

# YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

A key element of the Rooted in Faith Campaign is the Young Adult Ministry Program Endowment, designed to attract and engage young adults in the life and leadership of the Church. With a recent \$18,000 grant from the Catholic Foundation, a separate Office of Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese was recently established.

Young adulthood—the years between 18 and 39—is one of the most challenging periods of life. With so many transitions in education, careers, and relationships, and the moves that often go along with these changes, it can be difficult for young adults to put down religious roots. That's what makes this age group the least connected to the Church.

One of the major goals of Young Adult Ministry is to help parishes create a welcoming environment for young adults and begin to experience what a wonderful resource they can be within the parish community. RIF Campaign funds will provide for training and workshops as well as special hospitality services.

According to Bob Mallon, Director of Young Adult Ministry for the Diocese, "We always emphasize the incredible energy and enormous potential of young adults. In fact, I just met with a dynamic group at a parish, and I could tell that any one of them could lead a program there."

An important aspect of this ministry will be a vigil mass at the Cathedral Basilica on Saturday afternoons, designed specifically for young adults. Bob will also support Deacon Steve Herrera by publicizing his summer immersion trips, and is planning to revitalize a Theology on Tap program.

Bob has extensive experience in Campus Ministry, and with the funding from RIF, he will provide Campus Ministry programming and presence at San José State University. Bob will also be the link between the Diocese and established Campus Ministry centers at Stanford and Santa Clara University.

In 15 years of working with young adults, Bob has experienced a deepening of his own faith through helping them in their spiritual journeys. "Young

adults are consumed with the question, 'What should I do with my life? What does God want from me?' The more that others see this question being raised, and the more they get involved in helping to answer it, the more their own faith will be strengthened."



Bob Mallon from the Diocese's Young Adult Ministry and Saul Trujillo from Washington United Youth Center were among the volunteers on March 14 who bagged 300 pounds of food into 125 care packages for needy families whose children participate in Catholic Charities' CORAL afterschool program.



Dear Friends,

You are well aware that we live in times of economic uncertainty, times in which each of us is being challenged in small and large ways.

Because of this, I am keenly aware of, and grateful to you for, your sacrifices that make possible your continued support of our Capital Campaign, Rooted in Faith ~ Embracing Our Future. Your gifts toward the pledges that you have made are a true sharing with others, so that the work of Christ and his Church in Santa Clara County can continue for many years in the future.

In light of recent news reports of financial institutions' failures to be wise stewards of the resources entrusted to them, I would like to take this opportunity to assure you that **The Catholic Foundation of Santa Clara County is sparing no effort to preserve and protect your precious financial gifts. As watchful stewards of those gifts,** The Catholic Foundation continues to be dedicated to strengthening the many good works of the Church in our Diocese.

As I wrote to you at Christmas, in difficult times, people look to the Church for support and reassurance. Please allow me to thank you for the many ways that you are making possible a compassionate outreach to our suffering sisters and brothers in the name of Christ. I pray that God's blessings may be upon you, your families and your loved ones for all the good that you do and especially for your support of our Rooted in Faith Campaign.

With every best wish and kind regard,

**Patrick J. McGrath**  
BISHOP OF SAN JOSÉ

**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**  
**Total Disbursements/Collections To Date:**  
Funds Collected: \$43 million  
Funds Granted: \$15.3 million

# CATHOLIC GREEN INITIATIVE

Parishes are an important focus of the Rooted in Faith Campaign. According to Linda Batton, Director of Social Ministries, a sense of energy and excitement permeates the newly formed Office for Parish Services. "All of us are intensively working on expanding services to the parishes and looking for new ways to collaborate. The 2008 grant of \$18,000 from the RIF Campaign will make a difference in the kinds of projects we can fully develop," said Linda. **Several Catholic parishes, Santa Clara University, and the Presentation Center are engaged in "green" projects such as installing solar panels, improving building energy efficiency, and promoting sustainable living practices.** This new initiative will provide education and resources for green strategies to the entire Catholic community.

Linda said that funds from RIF will help support the official diocesan wide launch of the initiative on World Environment Day, June 5th, along with other Social Ministries activities. Her office is planning outreach strategies and activities for the event, as well as encouraging and promoting awareness of other green efforts such as the "Catholic Climate Covenant", developed by the Catholic Coalition on Climate Change. Although Catholic institutions will benefit over the long term from conserving energy and reducing waste, Linda pointed out that the greatest motivation comes from Catholic Social Teaching, which calls on us to live in harmony with God's creation.

## TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Recently \$120,000 was granted for Catholic Tuition Reimbursement from The Catholic Foundation to provide scholarships for the 2009-2010 school year, with funds to be distributed in October of 2009. "With new funds from the Foundation, we can increase the grant levels for tuition assistance to qualified families, and offer assistance to additional families," said Marian Stuckey, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of San José.

Catholic schools in Santa Clara County educate 16,500 students in 31 elementary schools and 6 secondary schools. The mission of these schools is "To teach as

Jesus did," preparing those students who will take the word of God and the values of the Gospel to a world hungering for justice, respect, prayer, and spirituality.

Operating costs for the schools have increased significantly in recent years, and this has necessitated tuition increases. As a result, many families are finding it harder to afford a Catholic education for their children.

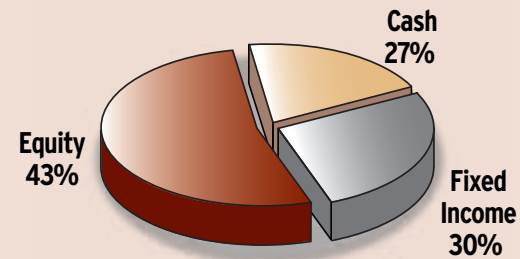
During the 2008-2009 school year, 1,921 Catholic school students applied for tuition assistance; 887 were from the elementary schools, and 1034 from the secondary schools. Twenty eight percent of the families that applied received financial assistance.

Marian said that she expects the number of applications to grow in the coming years. "More families are applying for tuition assistance for the first time due to the loss of jobs or other events that have reduced their income," she explained.

"Catholic schools are a unique treasure in Santa Clara County, and a force for good in today's society," Marian said. "We're grateful to the donors of the Rooted in Faith Campaign for helping us to prepare more Catholic leaders for the Church and more educated, compassionate citizens for our community and our nation."

# CATHOLIC FOUNDATION'S PORTFOLIO PERFORMANCE

**\$18,845,053 MARKET VALUE**  
AS OF MARCH 17, 2009



The Catholic Foundation was designed to support the work of our Church in Santa Clara County in perpetuity through carefully planned investment, spending, and development strategies.

The Foundation has established a legacy fund where donations which are not disbursed as grants are invested with the goal of providing interest income and appreciation.

The Foundation's investments are managed by Enterprise Trust & Investment Company. According to Troy Jones, Executive VP and Senior Portfolio Manager, "Even in this down market, the Foundation continues to be able to fund the programs it was designed to support. We are very confident that contributions will be prudently protected, with the focus of supporting the Foundation's mission for many years." As a result of this conservative approach in 2008, the Foundation's portfolio was impacted to a much lesser extent than the general market.

The Foundation's spending practices and investment policies are consistent with the Principles and Practices of Stewardship as outlined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

**If you would like to make your pledge payment online, or have questions or comments, please contact us at 408-995-5219, or visit our web site at [www.cfoscc.org](http://www.cfoscc.org). Online payments are more convenient and reduces paper waste which helps protect our environment.**



Funds granted for Catholic Tuition Reimbursement from the Catholic Foundation will allow diocesan schools to offer higher levels of tuition assistance for the 2009-2010 school year.

# YOUR CAMPAIGN DOLLARS AT WORK

Since the publication of our November 2008 newsletter, The Catholic Foundation has granted an additional \$1.48 million of RIF Campaign funds for the following:

Clergy Retirement:	\$859,000
Parish Share:	\$168,000
Catholic Charities:	\$139,000
Catholic Education:	\$120,000
Seminarian Training:	\$60,000
Debt Reduction:	\$48,000
ILM Lay Leadership:	\$23,000
Youth Ministry:	\$18,000
Young Adult Ministry:	\$18,000
Social Justice:	\$18,000
Diaconate Training:	\$9,000

As of the end of March 2009, nearly \$43 million had been collected for the Rooted in Faith Campaign; which represents 43% of the Campaign's original goal. This includes

\$6 million in pledges collected since November 2008. Considering the current economic downturn, the collections to date are commendable. However, collection rates began to slow after the holidays and the number of cancellations now totals \$5.3 million. Pledges that have never been paid against total \$12.5 million, and pledges that are greater than three months behind schedule total \$7 million.

Donor outreach materials were recently introduced to keep pledge payments on track. According to Carter Wells, Executive Director of The Catholic Foundation, "We continue developing processes that help RIF donors make pledge payments, and as collections continue, we've begun to disburse funds to case elements, while improving our communications and operations."



Dear Friends,

We at The Catholic Foundation are pleased with how your pledge dollars are already making a difference in our Catholic community.

Our grants are beginning to fund new initiatives and helping to revitalize longstanding programs.

In this newsletter, you'll read about how your donations are at work in our schools, in the newly formed Young Adult Ministry, supporting "green" programs that demonstrate our stewardship of the earth, and in the seminaries that train future priests. With each newsletter issue, we'll bring you more news about how your contributions are building a stronger Catholic community.

The Foundation has multiple constituencies: our donors, parishes and their pastors, students and educators in our Catholic schools, the Diocesan offices, seminarians and their instructors, and the social justice arm of the Diocese, Catholic Charities. Because the Foundation is still in its "start-up" phase, we are working with each group to better understand their mission and financial needs, and to assess our ability to meet those needs.

**Good stewardship is our primary goal. We do our best to ensure that the needs of each group are met equitably and fairly in keeping with the original intent of our donors and the RIF Campaign.**

These groups in turn are committed to remaining faithful to your intent as they manage the funds they receive. We feel a strong sense of satisfaction when we see the fruits of their labor.

Indeed, all of us are blessed to have such dedicated people serving us and our beloved Church in Santa Clara County. Thank you again for making this possible.

Yours in Faith,

**Lon Normandin**

PRESIDENT AND CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY



The seminarians pictured here are among the largest ordination class in the history of the Diocese of San Jose. (R-L) Rev. Mr. Justin Le, Rev. Mr. Andrew V. Nguyen, Rev. Mr. Roberto C. Gomez, Rev. Mr. Ernesto Orci, Rev. Mr. Allen Navarro, and Rev. Mr. Tan Nguyen.

## SEMINARIAN TRAINING

In January 2009, The Catholic Foundation granted \$60,000 for Seminarian Training to the Diocesan Vocations Office as an initial grant from the Rooted in Faith Campaign. Tuition, room and board for our seminarians is more

than \$400,000 for the current academic year, which equates to approximately \$35,000 per seminarian per year. The Foundation's grant is a wonderful help toward meeting the necessary cost of preparing priests for decades to come.

As members of a sacramental Church, Catholics depend upon priests to minister to us, most especially in the celebration of the Eucharist, but also in the other important times of our lives. As the priests who have served us faithfully for more than 40 years retire from parish ministry, the Catholic community looks to young men to serve them as the priests of the 21st Century.

The Catholic Church in Santa Clara County is blessed to have 22 seminarians that are currently preparing to become priests. Twenty of these men are studying at Saint Patrick's Seminary in Menlo Park. In the next eighteen months, ten are scheduled to be ordained as priests, seven of them on May 23. This will be the largest ordination class in the history of the Diocese of San José.

While our seminarians are endowed with many spiritual and academic gifts, none of them would ever be able to absorb the cost of five to seven years of theological education. Your generous gifts to the RIF Campaign directly enable them to continue their studies and prepare for their future ministry. Indeed, the Catholic community's support of the Seminarian Endowment will ensure a continued investment in our priestly leadership. Thanks to every donor to the Campaign for helping our Church to "embrace our future."



## WHAT OTHER LANGUAGES ARE OFFERED?

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# COMPARING ROOTED IN FAITH WITH THE ADA

The Rooted in Faith Capital Campaign (RIF) and the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA) run concurrently through April. As a result, many of our donors have asked for an explanation of how the RIF Campaign differs from the ADA.

RIF is a capital campaign that began in 2006. **The initial goal was to raise \$100 million to fund many endowments that would insure capital appreciation for the long-term financial health of the Catholic Church in Santa Clara County.** The RIF Campaign was originally designed to last five years, with most pledges being paid during this time.

The ability to fund programs and services not directly connected with daily parish life is essential. These programs include supplemental funding for "Case Elements" of the Campaign such as Catholic Charities, Catholic Education Tuition Assistance, Clergy Retirement, Seminarian Training, ILM Lay Leadership, Social Justice, Youth Ministry, Young Adult Ministry, Diaconate Training, and Parish Share, among others.

In contrast, the ADA is an annual invitation for Catholics to participate in their faith community beyond the boundaries of their local parish.

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The ADA raises money for the day-to-day operations of the Diocese. In fact, it provides more than 60 percent of the funds necessary to keep the Diocese running. House holds pledge to the ADA over a ten-month period.

One of the goals of RIF is to provide grants for selected Diocesan offices and parish programs that would normally rely solely

on ADA funding. Grants from the Foundation may be able to reduce the financial requirements of the ADA, including offsetting future cost increases that naturally occur over time.

Both campaigns are critical to the health and well-being of the Catholic Church in Santa Clara County. We thank you for your continued generous support of *both* the RIF and the ADA campaigns.