

## SACRED HEART BUILDS COMMUNITY

In the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish, parents attend the Catechetical Ministries Program along with their children. Each session begins with joint prayer, then parents meet for adult formation while the children attend Catechism. At the end, everyone comes back together for closing prayers.

The adult formation portion focuses on refreshing what parents learned themselves as children and instructing those who did not have this education. It also helps them engage their children in discussions about faith in the home.

Most sessions are bilingual, taught in English and Spanish, but prayers and songs are in whichever language is spoken during the liturgy the family attends together. As Elsa Michel, Sacred Heart's Director of Catechetical Ministries, explained, "When families can use the language in which they actually pray and celebrate mass to connect with one another, it makes a difference in their spiritual experience."

The catechists of Sacred Heart help parents and children understand that they are on a life-long journey of faith formation. One of their greatest joys—and responsibilities—is modeling a deepening relationship with God. To encourage them in this process, Sacred Heart applied for a grant from the Catholic Foundation for a Basic Catechist Formation and Spiritual Renewal Program.



The eight-week Formation Program will help catechists refresh their basic skills and have an opportunity for mentoring. The Spiritual Renewal Program will include two bilingual retreats to help catechists connect their faith experience and their ministry experience together in a prayerful and spirit-filled way.

The Foundation grant provides money for materials, trained speakers to make presentations in English and Spanish, and retreat facilities. The funds are especially critical because of the recent growth of the program

and for many new volunteers. The program depends on family contributions, but those barely cover basic needs. There is nothing left over for training and spiritual formation of the catechists.

As Elsa explained, "With these new funds, our parish can better serve families by having catechists that are well-prepared to share their faith and who also understand and respect the cultural traditions of our community."

PSALM 63  
**You indeed  
are my help,  
and in the shadow  
of your wings  
I shout for joy.**



Dear Friends,

Parishes are the center of our Catholic community. We are pleased that our recent grants support programs that form the foundation of parish life: outreach, stewardship, pastoral ministry, and stewardship of our facilities.

For this issue of the newsletter, we learned how Sacred Heart will use Foundation funds to provide families with more opportunities for spiritual growth and renewal. We talked to parishioners at St. Elizabeth and St. Lucy about their faith formation and fellowship programs for young adults. We heard how Foundation funds are helping the Cathedral's free clinic for the poor and homeless.

We also compiled a list of projects that parishes have started in order to repair and refurbish their buildings. And we talked with Fr. Jon Pedigo about how the Foundation has supported the social justice ministry at St. Julie.

Also in this issue, we introduce you to board member Gerry Ferrari, whose strong background in finance has been invaluable. And we bring you an update from our new Executive Director, Mary Aumack. We are blessed to have her helping to move us forward.

Throughout the Rooted in Faith Campaign, parishes and pastors have been faithful partners to us. We're grateful to have your support and we're honored to return your generosity.

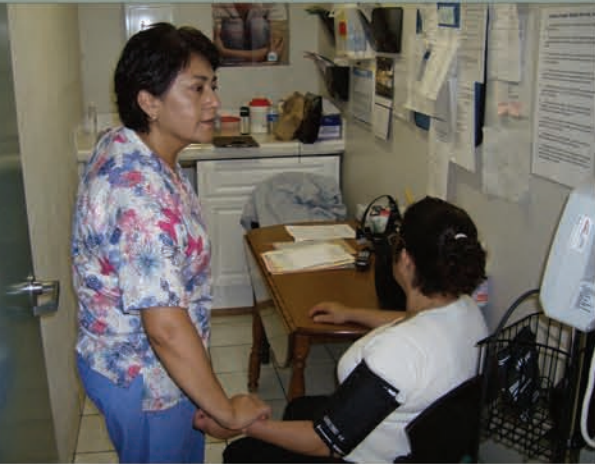
Yours in Faith,

**Lon Normandin,**  
President and Chairman of the Board of Directors  
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY

**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION**  
TOTAL COLLECTIONS  
AND DISBURSEMENTS

**Total Funds Collected: \$57M**  
**Total Funds Granted: \$24.5M**

## CATHEDRAL MEDICAL CLINIC



The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Joseph is an important symbol of our faith and a gathering place for the Catholic community. But as Monsignor Pat Browne, pastor of the Cathedral, explained, "Our building is far more than an attractive church. It's the center of the largest homeless outreach program in downtown."

A key part of the Cathedral's social justice ministry is a free medical clinic run by Gardner Family Health,

which primarily serves homeless residents of downtown. The central location allows Gardner to reach a population they wouldn't normally be able to serve, and helps keep scores of people out of hospital emergency rooms each year.

Gardner receives a grant from The Health Trust to cover clinic expenses, but parish collections have paid for the salary of a Coordinator to help connect people to services, and for electricity, janitorial, and telephones. Despite the continued generosity of parishioners, the Cathedral needed additional funds to cover these expenses last year. They applied for and received a grant from the Catholic Foundation that closed the gap.

"This clinic is an important way we live out our mission to minister to the poor and homeless," said Monsignor Browne. "The funds from the Foundation are a major help."

## PARISH BUILDING PROJECTS UNDERWAY

One of the ways we demonstrate good stewardship of resources is through the care and upkeep of our facilities. We are pleased to announce that the following parish repair and refurbishment projects were funded by the Foundation during 2010.

All of the applications were reviewed and approved by the Diocesan Building Committee on behalf of the Catholic Foundation.

**Church of the Transfiguration**  
Sidewalk repair

**Holy Family**  
Parking lot resealing

**Most Holy Trinity**  
Parking lot resurfacing and repair of church doorways

**St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish**  
Rectory heating repair

**St. Catherine of Alexandria School**  
Door replacement required by code

**St. Lawrence the Martyr**  
Cracked driveway repair

**St. Mary School, Gilroy**  
Drinking fountain installation

**St. Thomas of Canterbury**  
Hazardous material removal from farmhouse

**St. Victor**  
Torn carpet replacement

## PARISHES START YOUNG ADULT MINISTRIES

With funds from the Catholic Foundation, St. Lucy and St. Elizabeth are starting new ministries for young adults that focus on faith formation and fellowship.

At St. Elizabeth's, Tram Nguyen said that young adults now meet monthly to look at life from a theological point of view. "We grew up in the faith of our parents but now that we're in the 'driver's seat,' we're exploring how to use what we learned in church in our adult lives."

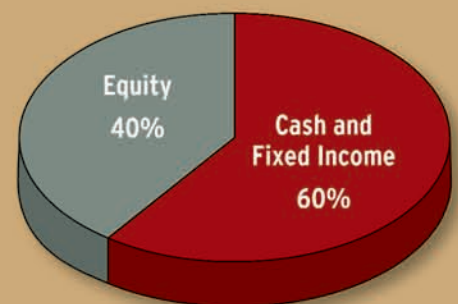
"Our monthly meetings allow us to share common experiences and interests as young adults and as people of faith." Tram says they are also planning retreats to explore spiritual topics on an even deeper level.

**ANNE FRANK**  
**How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.**

Brian Brennan reported that St. Lucy hosted its first young adult gathering at a restaurant, featuring a short talk by Fr. Kevin Joyce followed by discussion and socializing. It was so successful that gatherings are being planned for once a quarter, and smaller faith sharing groups are also being formed.

Both Brian and Tram are enthusiastic about the potential of the young people in their parishes. "As our connections get stronger, young adults will begin to have a bigger impact on our parish and on the Catholic community as a whole," said Brian.

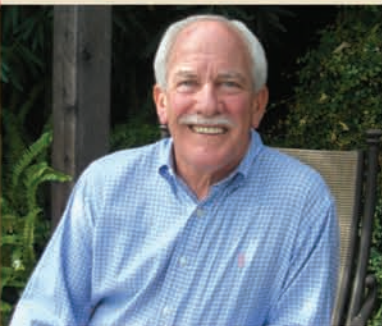
## CATHOLIC FOUNDATION'S INVESTMENT MIX



A portion of the "Rooted in Faith" donations have been set aside to provide financial support for both current and future Catholic programs in our community. These assets are conservatively managed and diversified in high quality assets to minimize risk while providing a relatively stable investment return over time. Despite the uncertain investment environment over the past twelve months, the portfolio has had a total return of 6.25%.

**Troy Jones**  
Enterprise Trust and Investment Company

## INTERVIEW WITH BOARD MEMBER GERRY FERRARI



When Gerry Ferrari was asked to join the Board of the Catholic Foundation, he was glad to lend his support. Based on his long experience in business and on other nonprofit boards, he says the Board is a very well-balanced group with not only the right skills to direct the Foundation, but good hearts as well.

Gerry Ferrari worked in the accounting field for nearly 35 years. He appreciates that the Board takes its stewardship role very seriously. Along with the

Foundation's staff, they have worked hard to implement systems and policies to ensure financial controls and successful audit results.

However, Gerry said that the distribution of the funds is their most satisfying task. "Everyone is very excited about where the money is going. That's why we wanted to be here." Gerry appreciates the wide range of the recent set of Foundation grants. "I'm impressed with the number of different areas that we've supported in the parishes and the Diocese. There are so many good causes and it's satisfying to know that we're helping them."

Gerry is also a long-time member of the Board of Fellows of Santa Clara University and serves on the Board of Martha's Kitchen, where he also regularly helps unload food deliveries and serve meals to those in need.

## INTERVIEW WITH FATHER JON PEDIGO



Fr. Jon Pedigo, pastor of St. Julie, spoke with us about the principles of social ministries and social justice in our parishes, and how the Foundation helps to support this work.

"Charity, social justice, and social action are closely related, and they're most effective when they belong to an entire congregation," he said. "For example, we have a food pantry program at St. Julie

and we have an equally strong ministry that addresses why people in our society suffer the indignity of hunger in the first place." At its food pantry, the parish strives to serve the needy cheerfully and with respect, not pity, while also committing itself to ending hunger.

A recent grant from the Foundation allowed St. Julie to install better storage systems at the food pantry to improve the inventory process and deliver the freshest food possible, to enhance the waiting room, and to purchase a special computer program that connects families to a county-wide listing of other important services they need.

"This grant represents strong support from the larger church," said Fr. Jon. He believes that through programs like the food pantry, Catholics in our community are learning that "social action binds those who suffer with those who care for the suffering in a loving relationship that transforms both of them."

## YOUR CAMPAIGN DOLLARS AT WORK

**Total Funds Granted:**  
**\$24.5M**

(as of 9/30/2010)

Catholic Charities	\$6.9M
Parish Share	\$6.1M
2007 ADA	\$5.3M
Debt Reduction	\$3.4M
Clergy Retirement	\$1.7M
<b>Other Grants</b>	<b>\$1.1M</b>



**Other Grants \$1.1M**

Catholic Education	\$301K
Seminarian	\$137K
Cathedral Basilica	\$87K
Pastoral Ministry	\$86K
Parish Outreach	\$86K
ILM Lay Leadership	\$76K
Parish Stewardship	\$72K
Youth Ministry	\$57K
Young Adult Ministry	\$57K
Parish Repair & Refurb.	\$52K
Social Justice	\$51K
Diaconate Training	\$28K

Due to differing grant cycles, some case elements show the same totals as in our Spring newsletter.

**Total Funds Collected:**  
**\$57M**

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## FUNDING MORE GOOD WORKS

It's an honor to serve you as the new Executive Director of The Catholic Foundation. I'm especially grateful to our excellent staff for their support and hard work.

While serving on the Board's Grant Committee this spring, I helped with our second grant cycle. Every applicant that applied in the appropriate category of Pastoral Ministry Training, Parish Outreach, or Parish Stewardship was awarded funding. A total of \$137,500 was disbursed for 22 programs that support these ministries.

Our purpose is not only to fund projects, but show how your pledges benefit a wide variety of people and programs you may not have known about before. Through this newsletter and other communications, we'll continue to bring you more good news.

To continue our financial support of these good works, we must continue our efforts to collect pledges. To date, we have collected a majority

1 SAMUEL 26:23

**The Lord  
will reward  
each man for  
his justice and  
faithfulness.**

of the funds pledged, and we expect to be in the active collection phase through calendar year 2012.

You can help us become better stewards of our resources by paying your pledge online, which reduces paper waste and saves money. We also hope to utilize more electronic communication in the future. If you would like to receive news via email, please contact us at [info@cfoscc.org](mailto:info@cfoscc.org). Your information will not be shared with anyone; it will only be used to help us communicate more efficiently and cost-effectively.

Again, we thank you for your faithfulness and generosity. None of this would be possible without you.

**Mary Quilici Aumack, Executive Director**  
CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF SANTA CLARA COUNTY