

# Let us Love in Deed and in Truth



2015 CSA Campaign

## *Let us love in deed and in truth.*

The Catholics of the Diocese of Las Vegas provide financial support for ministries, programs, activities and services that play a vital role in the Church's mission. While parishes rely on the support of parishioners through weekly offertory collection, the ministry of the Diocese relies on those who participate in the Catholic Stewardship Appeal (CSA) to make possible the many services the church provides.

Mindful that not everyone has fully recovered from the economic downturn in our area, the Catholic Stewardship Appeal has not increased its funding in several years. Each parish, based on its size and income, has a share of the total CSA budget. All money received in this campaign in excess of the portion each parish is assigned is rebated back to that parish. Many parishes finance special projects with these rebates. But even as important as the rebates are, the main purpose of the CSA Campaign is to fund the ministry of the Catholic Church in southern Nevada.

### **Pastoral outreach funded by the CSA Campaign includes (\$840,261 or 38% of the total goal)**

- St. Therese Center which serves those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.
- Catholic Charities helping those legal refugees who have been relocated and resettled here to become a productive part of our society.
- Assists in supporting our retired priests as they age.
- Supporting the ethical and justice doctrines of our faith in our local society.

### **Communication Outreach funded by the CSA Campaign includes (\$176,000 or 8% of the total goal)**

- Our locally televised Sunday Masses so that shut-ins and sick members of our faith may hear the preaching and Sacramental life of our Church.
- Providing electronic communications including our Diocese of Las Vegas web site to help people find timely information.

### **Formation and Planning Assistance includes (\$1,188,000 or 54% of the total goal)**

- Training future priests and deacons and helping with their ongoing education and formation.
- Supporting the faith presence at helping UNLV students through the ministry of the Catholic Newman Center.
- Providing coordination and leadership to our Catholic elementary and high schools.
- Establishing an office of Stewardship and Mission Effectiveness to assist in planning for future needs and supporting the efforts in parishes to plan for their future needs.
- Helping to form and train Catechists, Youth Ministers, and other adult faith leaders in our parishes.
- Supporting families in their daily living of the Catholic faith.

In his Apostolic Exhortation, "*The Joy of the Gospel*", Pope Francis reminds us that we must be ready and willing to experience "a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ." (#3).

At their heart, this is central to all of the initiatives that CSA supports. This tradition of generosity and care in our local Church touches the lives of many people. Once again, Pope Francis reminds us, "For, if we have received the love which restores meaning to our lives, how can we fail to share that love with others?" Won't you join Catholics all over the Diocese of Las Vegas in sharing that love with others through your support of CSA?

May God continue to bless us and walk with us as we continue to serve the work of the Gospel in joy!



**Catholic Stewardship Appeal  
Diocese of Las Vegas**