

2024 - 2025  
IMPACT REPORT

# BUILDING ON BLESSINGS



OFFICE OF DEVELOPMENT  
ARCHDIOCESE OF LOS ANGELES

# Missions and Campaigns

This impact report features updates and highlights reflecting the reach, purpose, and promise of your generous support.

## 5-6 Called to Renew

Through fulfilled pledges, allows the Archdiocese and parishes to address urgent social ministry needs, invest in future generations, and complete essential facility improvements.

## 7 Adopt-a-School

Pairs committed donors with specific schools, guaranteeing resources for academic programs, facility upgrades, and student scholarships.

## 8 Office of Planned Giving

Encourages individuals to leave thoughtful and intentional legacies to the Church through their estate plans.

## 9-10 Catholic Education Foundation

Equips future leaders of the Church and society with transformative scholarships, opportunities, and support, enabling them to thrive academically and spiritually.

## 11 Family Assistance Program

Through dedicated funding, offers immediate, compassionate aid to families with urgent basic needs, helping them to regain stability and avoid crises.

## 12 Together in Mission

Unites the Archdiocese in a shared mission to boost underserved parishes, schools, and their extended communities.

## 13 Wildfire Victims Emergency Relief Fund

Distributes emergency aid to victims of catastrophic fires, from immediate necessities and temporary housing to long-term recovery efforts.

## 14 Donor Spotlight: The Belardi Family Legacy

Shows how one generous gift can forever support the essential work of our Catholic schools.

## 15 Priest Retirement Fund

Ensures dignified care and support for retired priests, who have devoted their lives to serving us and our Archdiocese.

## 16 St. John's Seminary

Provides men discerning the priesthood through seminary formation with essential financial support.

## 17 Ethical Leadership Lunch

Brings together business and community leaders annually for conversation and reflection on how to integrate faith into their professional lives.

## 18-19 Department of Catholic Schools

Provides leadership and operational support to the network of Catholic schools, ensuring mission-driven academic excellence.



United by a shared commitment to advance the mission of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Archdiocesan Development Office works to strengthen relationships, inspire generosity, and empower faithful giving. Together, our team is building a brighter future that is rooted in service and community. Not pictured: Judy Brooks, Karen Dunphy, and Stiven Luka.



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# A Community of Courage and Compassion

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I write to you with a heart full of gratitude and joy for all that God is doing in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles—and for your part in making it possible.

This has been a year of grace and renewal. We have witnessed a remarkable return to the Church, with a record number of people receiving the sacraments, joining our parishes, and discovering—or rediscovering—the beauty of our Catholic faith. **In a world so often marked by division and uncertainty, our community chooses hope, unity, and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.**

We have also experienced sorrow and challenges. The wildfires that swept through Southern California caused profound damage and heartache for many families and parishes. And yet, in that suffering, we saw love in action. Because of you, we were able to care for those affected—offering shelter, food, comfort, and other support to those in our community.

As a global Church, we grieve the passing of our beloved Pope Francis, whose humble witness and pastoral care touched hearts around the world. At the same time, we welcome Pope Leo XIV, praying that his leadership will guide us into a renewed era of mission, mercy, and unity.

None of the blessings captured in this year’s report would be possible without your prayers, sacrifices, and faith. On behalf of the entire Archdiocese, thank you for helping to bring the light of Christ to so many.

I entrust you all to the tender care of Our Lady of Guadalupe, our Mother. May she give us all new love for her son, Jesus Christ, and may she lead us to a continued awakening of the faith in our times.

+ José H. Gomez

Most Reverend José H. Gomez  
Archbishop of Los Angeles

# 2024-2025 Annual Impact Report Year

**Year in Review** Your gifts helped support the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and its mission.

## Sacraments



Through your support, we celebrated the milestones of faith and strengthened our clergy.

### 47,802 Baptisms

We welcomed thousands into the Catholic faith through the sacrament of Baptism.

### 30,250 First Communions

Thousands of children received the Body of Christ for the first time.

### 20,769 Confirmations

We celebrated as young adults affirmed their commitment to their faith.

### 4,434 Marriages

Couples began their lives together in the Sacrament of Matrimony.

### 12 Ordinations

We ordained new priests to serve the people of God.

### 319 Diocesan Priests

Our diocesan priests continue to serve communities across the Archdiocese.

### 412 Permanent Deacons

We are blessed with deacons who assist in our parishes and ministries.

## Formation & Education



Your contributions helped us educate future generations and strengthen our community.

### More than 15,000 Tuition Awards

The Catholic Education Foundation provided financial aid to students, ensuring access to quality education.

### 79 Schools & 62 Parishes

The Together in Mission annual appeal supported essential operations for underserved schools and parishes.

## Building & Legacy



Your gifts are building the future of our Archdiocese and leaving a lasting legacy.

### 50 Legacy Gifts

The Office of Planned Giving received bequests that will support our mission for years to come.

### 173 Completed Projects

The *Called to Renew* campaign successfully completed numerous projects to serve our communities.

### 119 Retired Priests

Your gifts help care for our retired priests who dedicated their lives to service.



# Called to Renew



## All Parishes Have Now Benefited From Deferred Maintenance Allocations

*Called to Renew* has hit an important milestone: Every parish in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has now received a deferred maintenance allocation from a fund established with fulfilled campaign gifts.

A cornerstone of this historic campaign was ensuring all **288 parishes** continued to be beacons of hope to the communities they serve. Before launching the **\$500 million capital campaign**, Archbishop José H. Gomez commissioned a thorough facilities assessment to better understand the extent of maintenance needs across every Archdiocesan building, including more than 200 schools.

This assessment found that over the years, parishes had deferred maintenance to prioritize more urgent needs—especially parishes in distressed communities. Recognizing that not all parishes would be able to raise enough funds to cover these costs during *Called to Renew*, the Archdiocese included the creation of a general investment fund for deferred maintenance.

To date, **273 deferred maintenance** projects, totaling **\$20.3 million** have been completed with campaign funds allocated to address these critical needs.

An additional **102 projects** are in progress, and when completed will bring the **total funding for deferred maintenance to \$25.4 million**.

*“Called to Renew* is truly renewing the Archdiocese of Los Angeles by strengthening our churches and schools, ensuring their vibrancy for the next generation,” said Catherine Fraser, Chief Development Officer at the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.



With *Called to Renew* funds, the interior of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Santa Barbara was completely renovated.



**Parishes with Completed Called to Renew Case Statement Project(s)**

Called to Renew case statement projects are distinct from deferred maintenance allocations. These projects were selected by parishes included in their parish case statements, and funded by the parish.

To date, **173 parish projects** have been completed, and an additional **236** are currently in progress.

Parish	City	Parish	City
American Martyrs	Manhattan Beach	St. Bridget of Sweden	Van Nuys
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Pasadena	St. Casimir	Los Angeles
Blessed Sacrament	Los Angeles	St. Cecilia	Los Angeles
Good Shepherd	Beverly Hills	St. Charles Borromeo	North Hollywood
Guardian Angel	Pacoima	St. Christopher	West Covina
Holy Angels	Arcadia	St. Clare of Assisi	Canyon Country
Holy Cross	Moorpark	St. Cyril of Jerusalem	Encino
Holy Family	S. Pasadena	St. Didacus	Sylmar
Holy Family	Artesia	St. Dominic Savio	Bellflower
Holy Redeemer	Montrose	St. Eugene	Los Angeles
Holy Spirit	Los Angeles	St. Euphrasia	Granada Hills
Holy Trinity	Los Angeles	St. Frances X. Cabrini	Los Angeles
Immaculate Heart of Mary	Los Angeles	St. Francis de Sales	Sherman Oaks
Mary Star of the Sea	Oxnard	St. Gregory Nazianzen	Los Angeles
Mary Star of the Sea	San Pedro	St. Helen	South Gate
Nativity	El Monte	St. Ignatius of Loyola	Los Angeles
Old Mission Santa Ines	Solvang	St. John of God	Norwalk
Our Lady Help of Christians	Los Angeles	St. Joseph	Carpentaria
Our Lady of Grace	Encino	St. Joseph	Long Beach
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Los Angeles	St. Joseph	Pomona
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Santa Barbara	St. Joseph Korean	Canoga Park
Our Lady of Guadalupe	Santa Paula	St. Jude the Apostle	Westlake Village
Our Lady of Loretto	Los Angeles	St. Kevin Catholic	Los Angeles
Our Lady of Lourdes	Northridge	St. Lawrence of Brindisi	Los Angeles
Our Lady of Perpetual Help	Los Nietos	St. Lorenzo Ruiz	Walnut
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary	Sun Valley	St. Luke the Evangelist	Temple City
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal	Montebello	St. Marcellinus	City of Commerce
Our Lady of the Valley	Canoga Park	St. Margaret Mary Alacoque	Lomita
Our Lady of Zapopan Mission	North Hollywood	St. Maria Goretti	Long Beach
Our Lady Queen of Angels "La Placita"	Los Angeles	St. Martha	La Puente
Our Mother of Good Counsel	Los Angeles	St. Mary Magdalen	Camarillo
Precious Blood	Los Angeles	St. Mary of the Assumption	Santa Maria
Sacred Heart	Altadena	St. Matthew Korean	Tujunga
Sacred Heart	Covina	St. Mel	Woodland Hills
Saints Peter and Paul	Wilmington	St. Monica	Santa Monica
Mission Basilica San Buenaventura	Ventura	St. Paschal Baylon	Thousand Oaks
San Gabriel Mission	San Gabriel	St. Paul Chung Ha Sang Korean	North Hills
San Roque	Santa Barbara	St. Paul the Apostle	Los Angeles
Santa Isabel	Los Angeles	St. Peter Chanel	Hawaiian Gardens
Santa Rosa de Lima	San Fernando	St. Peter Claver	Simi Valley
Santa Teresita	Los Angeles	St. Philip Neri	Lynwood
St. Agatha	Los Angeles	St. Philomena	Carson
St. Alphonsus	Los Angeles	St. Raphael Korean	Norwalk
St. Anastasia	Los Angeles	St. Stephen Martyr	Monterey Park
St. Anne	Santa Monica	St. Thomas More	Alhambra
St. Anthony	San Gabriel	St. Thomas the Apostle	Los Angeles
St. Barnabas	Long Beach	St. Vincent de Paul	Los Angeles
St. Bartholomew	Long Beach	The 103 Saints Korean	Torrance
St. Basil	Los Angeles		
St. Basil Korean Apostolate	Los Angeles		
St. Bernadette	Los Angeles		
St. Bernard	Los Angeles		
St. Brendan	Los Angeles		

\* List of parishes and Korean Centers with one or more completed project(s)



# Adopt-a-School Initiative

On June 2, 2025, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles launched our Adopt-A-School Initiative to generate meaningful support for Catholic schools beyond tuition and basic operational needs. Donors are invited to sponsor specific, high-impact projects, such as upgrading school bathrooms, enhancing curriculum, improving technology, investing in teacher training, or renovating learning environments. These tangible investments have a direct and lasting effect on students' daily experiences and long-term success.

**Nine schools have already been adopted, with over \$700,000 in support.**

With your partnership, our students will continue to learn passionately, serve faithfully, and grow into the leaders God calls them to be. To learn more or to adopt a school, please contact Lucy Macis, Executive Director of Parishes and Schools, at [lmacis@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:lmacis@la-archdiocese.org) or call (213) 637-7458.

Among the most urgent needs are capital improvements and curriculum enhancements in under-resourced schools. Many campuses still suffer from aging infrastructure—leaky roofs, failing plumbing, and outdated classrooms—which can hinder student learning and make it difficult to attract new families. Additionally, the Adopt-a-School funding supports the curriculum enhancements provided through the Solidarity Schools Initiative that aims to deliver high-quality instructional materials and close the opportunity gap for thousands of students.

These projects, ranging from **\$18,000 to \$100,000**, have been carefully reviewed and approved by the Department of Catholic Schools across all five regions.



# Planned Giving



Image of Tim and Elizabeth Lewis

## A Letter from Tim Lewis Planned Giving Society Member

My many years of working with planned giving programs in our Catholic community have given me a deep appreciation for the vital role these gifts play in ensuring the financial health and sustainability of our parishes.

Planned giving offers parishioners a way to leave a lasting legacy that supports the Church beyond their lifetime. By aligning their financial legacy with their beliefs, parishioners help parishes maintain ministries and invest in outreach efforts for the future.

Additionally, planned giving empowers churches to expand their impact and serve more people in need. With a reliable source

of funding, parishes can invest in community outreach, youth programs, charitable services, and other initiatives. By encouraging planned giving, churches can enhance their capacity to fulfill their mission and establish a lasting spiritual and social legacy.

In our own family, Elizabeth and I have come to understand the importance of this kind of charitable program, and we are grateful to have seen it in action. This inspired us to participate in the Legacy Societies at both our parish (Holy Redeemer) and the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. We are thankful for this unique opportunity to support the ministry of Jesus Christ and find joy in knowing that even after we are gone, our gift will continue to touch lives.



Leave a lasting legacy by including the Archdiocese of Los Angeles in your will or trust.



Dear Donors,

As Director of the Office of Planned Giving, I am honored to share our mission: to foster generosity and offer meaningful ways to support the Archdiocese through planned gifts.

Thanks to your incredible foresight and commitment, we received **50 legacy gifts, totaling \$5,740,000 in 2024-2025**. Your generosity truly enhances our parishes, schools, and ministries for generations.

With heartfelt gratitude,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Karen Dunphy".

Karen Dunphy  
Director  
Office of Planned Giving



# Catholic Education Foundation



## Expanding Access, Transforming Lives

Since its founding in 1987, the Catholic Education Foundation (CEF) of Los Angeles has remained committed to its mission: making a Catholic education accessible to students from the most financially challenged backgrounds.

For nearly four decades, CEF has provided tuition assistance that has allowed students to attend Catholic schools. In the **2024–2025 school year alone, CEF awarded over 15,000 tuition awards, including more than 6,000 to high school students**—a testament to our enduring dedication to student success. Recipients attended more than 200 Catholic schools across the Archdiocese, including over 30 Catholic high schools.

To date, CEF has issued more than 245,000 tuition awards, empowering generations of students to grow academically, spiritually, and personally within a faith-based environment. These milestones speak of our work’s profound and lasting impact within the community.

Our accomplishments would not be possible without the generosity of our donors and partners. Their steadfast support provides more than financial aid—it offers hope, opportunity, and a path to a brighter future. Together, we are shaping lives and building a stronger, more vibrant Catholic education community.



# Catholic Education Foundation

## Investing in Tuition and Enrichment

“Programs” at the CEF refer to our multiple tuition assistance initiatives tailored to meet the diverse financial needs of the families we serve:

- Tuition Awards Program (TAP)
- New Enrollment Initiative (NEI)
- Save Our Students (SOS)

In addition to tuition support, CEF also funds enrichment programs that enhance the educational experience, such as:

- Big Yellow Bus (field trip transportation)
- Porteous Sports (athletics)
- Art Trek (arts education)

## Strengthening Schools, Supporting Communities

The impact of CEF extends beyond students. Our support helps schools expand academic offerings, retain quality educators, and invest in campus resources that benefit the entire school community. The ripple effect of CEF’s investment is felt across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, reinforcing the vitality of Catholic education for generations to come.



CEF Serves Students Attending

180

Elementary Schools

30+

High Schools

210+

Total Catholic Schools



# Family Assistance Program

Recently, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles has launched a new Family Assistance Program to deliver hot meals, groceries, prescription medication, and other assistance to parishioners living in fear of deportation amid heightened immigration enforcement.

Funded entirely by donations, the program has already raised nearly **\$500,000 and builds on parish efforts developed during the COVID-19 pandemic** to serve the elderly and homebound. Archbishop Gomez emphasized

that those being targeted are “good, hard-working men and women” who contribute to the economy but are now too afraid to work or appear in public. Already, parishes like St. Patrick in South Los Angeles and St. Agatha in Los Angeles have expanded their food and medicine deliveries, with demand for groceries doubling almost overnight.

“The program is about offering not only material support but also hope and solidarity to immigrant families facing crisis,” said

Archbishop Gomez.

Donations are directed to parishes with vulnerable members, and every dollar goes directly to families in need. The initiative has drawn early support, including from businessman Rick Caruso, who pledged **\$50,000 and offered to match another \$50,000**, as well as the Catholic Association for Latino Leadership, Vallarta Supermarkets, and the Beverly Hills Teddy Bear Company.



# Together in Mission



## Our Mission

For more than 30 years, *Together in Mission* has allowed us to join together to lift up underserved communities across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. Our annual appeal supports struggling

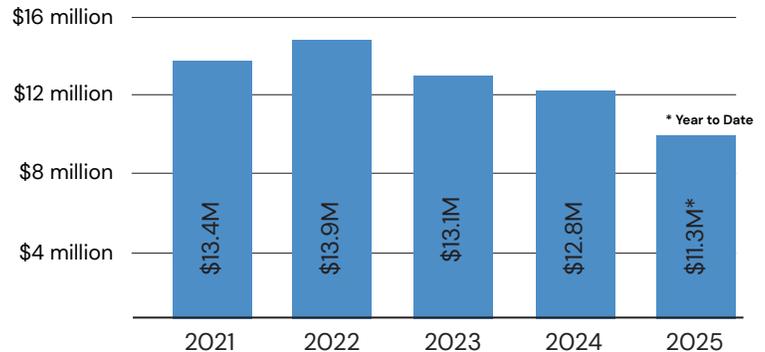
parishes and schools in five pastoral regions. Through the generosity of donors, essential ministries and services continue to be available in areas that need help most.



## Year-over-Year Impact

Thanks to the faith and generosity of donors, *Together in Mission* continues to support struggling parishes and schools in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Total Cash Gifts 2021-2025



## Funds Raised in 2024 Appeal Year by Region

Region	Goal	Total Pledged	Total Paid	Percentage Paid
Our Lady of the Angels	\$2,723,710	\$2,173,818.71	\$2,012,064.20	73.87%
San Fernando	\$3,523,072	\$2,705,331.54	\$2,564,893.24	72.80%
<b>San Gabriel</b>	<b>\$3,861,036</b>	<b>\$3,302,054.27</b>	<b>\$3,126,959.53</b>	<b>80.99%</b>
San Pedro	\$4,580,102	\$3,351,086.82	\$3,143,325.94	68.63%
Santa Barbara	\$2,247,786	\$1,821,306.88	\$1,734,736.10	77.18%
Unassigned Region	\$0	\$308,865.62	\$309,141.62	0%
<b>2024 Total</b>	<b>\$16,857,491.00</b>	<b>\$13,662,463.84</b>	<b>\$12,891,120.63</b>	<b>76.47%</b>

■ Highest Percentage of Goal Achieved



# Wildfire Victims Emergency Relief Fund



When the wildfires devastated Southern California in January 2025, thousands of families were left without homes, belongings, and stability. In response, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles established the **Wildfire Victims Emergency Relief Fund, which raised nearly \$6 million** in its first month through diocesan collections, parish fundraisers, and online giving.

Generosity poured in from dioceses across the country, including Bridgeport, Chicago, Fresno, Honolulu, Knoxville, Las Vegas, New York, Orange, Paterson, Rockford, San Diego, San Jose, and Washington D.C., as well as parishes throughout California, New Jersey, New York, Virginia, and Washington.

*“Please keep praying for all those suffering from the wildfires that swept through Southern California. My heart goes out to our neighbors who have lost their homes and livelihoods. Let’s pray for them and let’s pray for our firefighters and first responders. May God keep all of our brothers and sisters safe.”*

*– Archbishop Gomez*

## Emergency Support

Anyone affected by the fires, regardless of religious affiliation, could seek assistance from any parish in the Archdiocese. Thanks to this generosity, more than **4,000 individuals and families** received monetary assistance at over 40 parishes.

# Donor Spotlight: The Belardi Family Legacy



"This gift will help ensure that the most vulnerable students have access to a quality Catholic education in the Los Angeles area, positioning the next generation for success."

**Jim and Leslie Belardi**  
Archdiocese of Los Angeles Donors

The profound impact of a recent transformative donation made by Jim and Leslie Belardi will significantly bolster Catholic education within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Announced in May 2025, this donation is strategically aimed at providing vital support to Catholic school students in low-income areas across the Archdiocese. While the specific amount remains confidential, its impact is anything but

immeasurable, fueling essential programs that serve thousands of students.

This gift is projected to benefit:

- **8,000+ students**
- **50 Catholic high schools and elementary schools**

## Investing in Excellence and Access

The Belardi Family's profound commitment will empower the Department of Catholic Schools to:

- Provide essential tuition assistance, opening doors for deserving students who might otherwise be unable to afford a Catholic education.

- Fund critical instructional and professional development for teachers and administrators, ensuring our educators have the resources to deliver the highest quality learning experience.
- Drive the expansion of the Archdiocese's Solidarity Schools Initiative, a program

dedicated to improving school performance and outcomes in low-income communities.

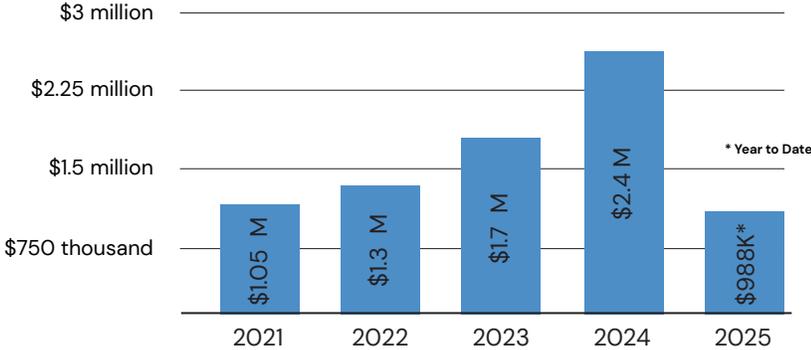
- Support vital reading, math, and literacy initiatives, laying a strong foundation for academic success.



# Priest Retirement Fund

The Priest Retirement Fund (PRF) provides for the dignity and well-being of our retired priests. These men dedicate their lives to serving our faith community but often face challenges in their senior years. With rising inflationary costs in eldercare, PRF is a supplemental source of assistance, providing for needs, such as medical, cognitive, and prescriptive care, and other living costs

Cumulative gifts for fiscal years from 2021 to 2025



PRF continues to grow year after year, with a progressive increase in PRF donations from 2021 to 2025. This support is truly a testament to your deep commitment to our retired priests.



Rev. Mike McCullough  
Retired ADLA Priest



Rev. Henry Hernando  
Retired ADLA Priest



Father Daniel O'Sullivan, a retired priest of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, continues to live his vocation with quiet devotion and tireless service. Retirement is "an extended retreat" that allows him to draw closer to Christ with days full of service.

**"What gets me out of bed each day," he said, "is the Passion of Christ — God's incredible love for each and every one of us."**

With faith and joy, Fr. O'Sullivan continues to bring Christ to others, living out his priesthood with love and compassion.

Watch Fr. O'Sullivan's Story



For any questions regarding the PRF, please contact the Development Office at [development@la-archdiocese.org](mailto:development@la-archdiocese.org) or (213) 637-7672.



# St. John's Seminary



St. John's Seminary is proud to celebrate 86 years of forming and educating future priests. Since its founding, the seminary has remained committed to its mission of preparing men for a life of faithful service to the Church.

At the heart of this mission is a strong foundation in theological education, spiritual growth, and pastoral formation. Seminarians are equipped with the knowledge, discipline, and compassion needed to serve the people of God in today's rapidly changing world.

Over the decades, St. John's Seminary has nurtured the vocations of thousands of men, many of whom now serve as priests in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, as well as in dioceses around the world. The legacy of the seminary continues to grow, shaping leaders rooted in faith and dedicated to the Gospel.



## 2024-2025 at a Glance

12

Men Ordained Priests

9

Men Ordained Transitional Deacon

1,443

Men Ordained Since 1939

32

Men Ordained Bishops since 1939



# Ethical Leadership Lunch

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles' second annual Ethical Leadership Lunch was held January 29, 2025, during National Catholic Schools Week and raised \$311,890.

More than 400 attendees, some of whom had been directly affected by the Los Angeles fires, gathered at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels. The focus often shifted from the planned theme of ethics in sports and entertainment to the urgent needs of wildfire victims.

Former Disney executive Anne Sweeney emphasized that moments like these are not about blame but about action—finding ways to help and restore

faith. Superintendent Paul Escala reported that 915 students across 76 schools were displaced, creating a need of more than \$7 million in tuition relief. To help, the Catholic Education Foundation launched the "Wildfire Catholic School Tuition Relief Fund," which raised over \$31,000 in its first days.

The panel discussion, moderated by former CNN anchor Carol Costello, centered on questions of faith, community, and moral responsibility in uncertain times. The panelists, including Dodgers announcer Joe Davis, LA84 Foundation president Renata Simril, and Hallow Prayer App co-founder Alessandro

DiSanto, reflected on the many ways tragedy can strengthen community bonds. Anne Sweeney and Joe Davis shared how parish and neighborhood networks quickly mobilized to support victims, while Renata Simril noted the deep-rooted traditions of affected communities like Pacific Palisades and Altadena. Alessandro DiSanto reminded the audience of the Beatitudes, stressing that life and all we have are gifts from God, calling for humility and dependence on Him in the face of loss.



**ETHICAL  
LEADERSHIP  
LUNCH**

## Save the Date 2026 Ethical Leadership Lunch

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, the 2026 Ethical Leadership Lunch will be held on Wednesday, January 28, 2026.

### Confirmed Panelist

- Father Greg Boyle, Homeboy Industries
- Fabian Debora, Homeboy Industries
- Brian Grazer, Co-Founder, Imagine Entertainment
- Veronica Grazer, Founder, REEL Genius
- Chris Pratt, Actor
- Katherine Schwarzenegger, Author and Global Ambassador for Special Olympics

### Emcee

Alessandro DiSanto, Hallow Prayer App

### Time

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

### Location

Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels  
555 W. Temple St.  
Los Angeles, CA 90012



# Department of Catholic Schools



## Our Mission

Inspired by the Holy Spirit, the Archdiocese of Los Angeles' **Department of Catholic Schools** accompanies all school communities in their **commitment to evangelization**, effective governance, academic excellence, and operational vitality, using a regional structure that reflects the diversity of Southern California and helps every student become a disciple of Jesus Christ.



We are excited to share the first-ever Impact Report for the Department of Catholic Schools. This represents real change, real people, and real progress toward our shared goals. Scan our QR Code to view our impact report.

## At a Glance

251

Schools

128

Years of Catholic education

72%

Of students are Catholic

65,000

Students enrolled



## Featured Partner

Through the extraordinary generosity of the John H. and Cynthia Lee Smet Foundation, we have further enhanced our mission to provide an exceptional Catholic education to students across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

The Smet Foundation's partnership with the Department of Catholic Schools has given birth to the **Onward Scholars Program**. This comprehensive suite of interconnected programs supports teachers, principals, and staff, as well as students throughout their educational journey.





### Onward Scholars

The flagship Onward Scholars Program identifies exceptional students and walks with them through their entire high school journey. A competitive scholarship and enrichment program, it covers 75% of tuition and provides each scholar with a \$2,000 stipend to explore their passions and career interests.

But the support goes far beyond financial aid. With dedicated program directors at six partner schools—Cathedral High School, Sacred Heart High School, Salesian High School, St. Anthony High School, St. Mary’s Academy, and St. Pius X–St. Matthias Academy—students receive one-on-one mentoring, college access support, and leadership development opportunities.



### Onward Leaders

Recognizing that great schools need great leaders, the Onward Leaders Program invests in the next generation of Catholic school principals. This intensive one-year residency program pairs aspiring principals with master mentors, developing their skills across the Archdiocesan pillars of

faith, excellence, and stewardship. Through professional development and collaborative cohorts, Onward Leaders ensure vibrant Catholic schools for generations to come. Today, 70% of Onward Leaders continue to serve within the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.



### Onward 4 Excellence

Onward 4 Excellence (O4E) extends robust instructional practices across all content areas. O4E supports student learning by fostering the learning of leaders and teachers through collaborative, professional growth in

curriculum and instruction, instructional leadership, and data assessment. The work within O4E is seen through the Solidarity School’s academic program supporting 32 elementary schools and six high schools.



### Onward 2 High School

The transition from middle school to high school is critical. Onward 2 High School (O2HS) meets students at this pivotal moment with year-long Algebra 1 Honors courses, dedicated math teacher coaching, college

readiness presentations, and engaging summer institutes filled with hands-on learning and field trips. Rising seventh and eighth graders build the strong academic and social foundation they need to thrive in high school and beyond.

## A Heartfelt Thank You

The Development Team offers its most sincere gratitude to our dedicated donors. Your profound generosity transforms this "Year in Review" into a testament of faith in action. You are the driving force behind every milestone—from Baptisms and ordinations to student scholarships and community projects across the Archdiocese. Thank you for joining our mission and building a lasting legacy for the four million Catholics we serve.

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