

2025 - 2026
IMPACT REPORT

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL



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of LOS ANGELES

Easter Vigil , Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels

Dear Friends in Christ,

As we reflect on this past fiscal year across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, we do so with profound gratitude for the countless ways God's love has been made visible through our parishes, schools, ministries, and faithful communities. Every day throughout Los Angeles, Ventura, and Santa Barbara counties, lives are transformed through the mission of the Church—and this year has been a remarkable testament to what is possible when faith is put into action.

Across our nearly 300 parishes and Catholic centers, people encountered Christ in transformative ways. Our parish communities welcomed thousands of new Catholics through OCIA and renewed evangelization efforts, while families facing hardship found dignified support and accompaniment through parish-based ministries and charitable programs. In moments of opportunity and challenge, the Church remained steady in its service of others.

Our Catholic schools continued to shape the next generation of leaders, saints, and servant-hearted citizens thanks to the generosity of donors to CEF, Adopt-a-School, and solidarity schools. Students received expanded academic support in reading and mathematics, teachers benefited from enhanced formation and retention efforts, and campuses were strengthened through improvements to learning spaces, technology, and facilities. Our Catholic schools continued to distinguish themselves academically, demonstrating measurable gains in student achievement at a time when test scores across the nation have declined.

Our ministries continued to feed the hungry, shelter the vulnerable, accompany the sick and elderly, support expectant mothers, form young adults in faith, and create spaces where every person can encounter the love of Christ.

None of this work would be possible without the faithful generosity of our donors, volunteers, clergy, religious women and men, educators, parish leaders, and ministry partners, whose support has enabled the Church in Los Angeles to continue serving millions of people with compassion, excellence, and hope. This Impact Report is a celebration of what great works God is accomplishing through the people of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. It is also an invitation to continue carrying the light of the Gospel together.

Thank you for being part of this mission.

With gratitude and prayers,

+ José H. Gomez

Most Reverend José H. Gomez
Archbishop of Los Angeles



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Ensures dignified care and a monthly stipend for the 126 retired priests who devoted their lives to serving our Archdiocese.



The Archdiocesan Development Office is united by a shared commitment to advancing the mission of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. With passion and purpose, our team works to strengthen relationships, inspire generosity, and empower faithful giving that makes a lasting difference. Together, we are building a brighter future rooted in service and community.

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Provides the Archdiocese and parishes with the necessary resources to complete essential facility improvements, invest in future generations, and address social needs.

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Accompanies men discerning the priesthood by preparing them to serve and lead our diverse communities.

2025-2026 Year in Review

Dedicated Leadership

Church leadership and volunteers continue bringing people into a deeper relationship with Christ. Thanks to you, 841 priests, 1,088 religious sisters, 51 religious brothers, 438 permanent deacons, and many others can serve communities throughout the Archdiocese every day.

This year, many ministries grew dramatically. Adult baptisms, for example, grew by almost 54 percent. Many of these men and women are being formed in parishes that rely on donations, making your generosity an essential part of their journey to Christ. In this year alone, the work included:

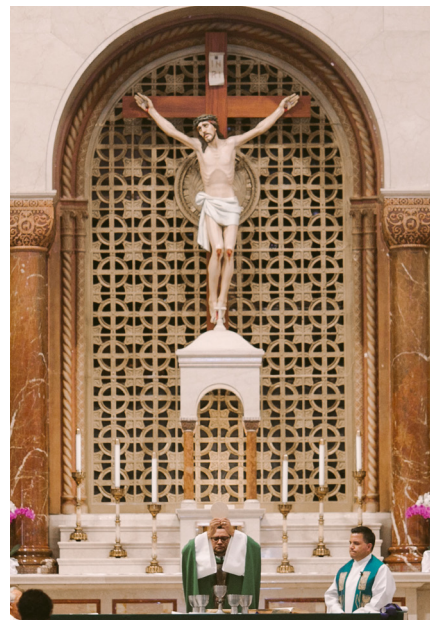
41,033 Baptisms

4,869 Marriages

27,352 First Communions

13 Priestly Ordinations

20,231 Confirmations



Catholic Schools

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

63,820 students enrolled

71% of students are Catholic

250 schools

16,000+ tuition awards



Development Highlights

56 Legacy Gifts

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

126 Retired Priests

The Priest Retirement Fund successfully provided comfort and care for our retired priests who have lived their lives in service.

193 Completed Projects

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

62 Parishes and 79 Schools

The Together in Mission Annual Appeal helped underserved schools and parishes carry out essential operations.



Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) and the Return to Mass

Both the Pew Research Center's most recent Religious Landscape Study and the 2023 Millennial Zeitgeist Survey speak to an incredible uptick in religiosity among young people in our country, which is now referred to as "the Re-Enchantment of American Culture." ADLA data supports these findings as well.

A Cause for Rejoicing and Gratitude

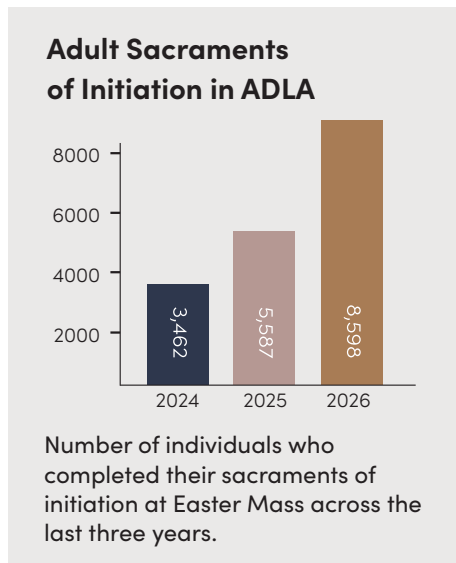
The increased religiosity of young people today has Church leadership asking questions like, "Why now?" and "How do we meet the spiritual needs of these young people?"

"As a Church, we need to be prepared to respond to that desire with authentic relationships and meaningful accompaniment," Leticia Perez, ADLA's Coordinator of Christian Initiation said.

Not only are Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) ministers undergoing new training, many are also undergoing more professional development opportunities. In addition, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) recently released its updated *Handbook on the Catechetical Accompaniment Process*.

"Our Church is energized to meet this moment and continue learning best practices to both educate and accompany young people in faith," she said.

According to Fr. Jamie Baca, C.S.P, chaplain of the UCLA Catholic Center, OCIA is especially



important at this time. "If the Catholic Church treats this invitation like a passing trend, we will miss the moment," he said. "College students and young adults are curious, not automatically committed, so how OCIA is offered makes a huge difference. What draws people in is being known—having a sponsor who checks in, small-group discussion, space to talk honestly. If it feels like school, people drift. If it feels like a guided journey with real people, they stay."

For young people challenged by coming into adulthood in an unpredictable world wrought



with media overload, economic pressure, and global uncertainty, OCIA offers something grounded.

As a Catholic community of faith, we love welcoming new members into the church and have immense gratitude for the OCIA coordinators, sponsors, and role models, who have been guiding the way for these young people.

Together in Mission



Our Mission

With a legacy spanning more than 30 years, Together in Mission remains the lifeline for struggling parishes and schools across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. The 2026 appeal reminded us that “this is the hour for love” and our donors answered this call with immense generosity. Because of you, critical ministries and educational resources continue to serve parishes in all pastoral regions where help is most needed.



Funds Raised in 2025 Appeal Year by Region

Region	Goal	Total Pledged	Total Paid	Percentage Paid
Our Lady of the Angels	\$2,871,128	\$2,186,266.15	\$2,249,484.1	78.35%
San Fernando	\$3,679,712	\$2,786,393.78	\$2,645,360.9	71.89%
San Gabriel	\$4,049,648	\$3,232,900.26	\$3,063,670.19	75.65%
San Pedro	\$4,807,216	\$3,525,237.24	\$3,319,306.16	69.05%
Santa Barbara	\$2,425,125	\$1,881,186.41	\$1,810,936.76	74.67%
Unassigned Region	-	\$362,251.96	\$108,711.96	-
2025 Total	\$17,832,829	\$13,974,235.80	\$13,197,470.07	74%

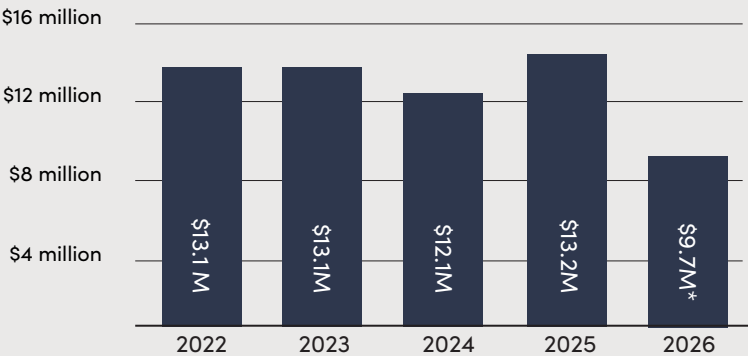
■ Highest Percentage of Goal Achieved

Year-over-Year Impact

Through the faith and vital support of our Catholic community, the Together in Mission appeal proved that compassion is not confined to an hour, but into every day of the year.

Total Cash Gifts for 2022-2026 (Calendar Years)

*as of 8/15/26



Adopt-a-School Initiative



Under-resourced schools often face significant challenges in providing inspiring learning environments due to deferred maintenance and limited funding for improvements. Leaky roofs, outdated plumbing, and aging classrooms are more than cosmetic issues; they directly impact student learning outcomes.

Capital improvements are essential to ensuring that every child in our school system, regardless of ZIP code, has access to facilities that inspire dignity, focus, and academic achievement. Investing in these improvements helps level the playing field, encourage enrollment, boosts student and educator morale, and reinforces our belief that all children deserve to learn in spaces that reflect their worth and potential.



Adopt-a-School is an initiative addressing this challenge. It is geared towards generating meaningful support for Catholic schools beyond tuition and basic operational needs.

As a part of this exciting initiative, we invite donors to support specific programs and projects that have been identified by principals of ADLA's schools in most need as high priority. Donors are invited to sponsor specific, high-impact projects that have a direct and lasting effect both on students' daily experiences and long-term success. In 2025, the campaign raised \$518,725.

To learn more or to adopt a school, please contact Julianne Holmquist, Director of Parishes and Schools, at jholmquist@la-archdiocese.org or (213) 637-7458.



Donor Spotlight: Edward and Mary White

"Nothing is more practical than finding God, than falling in love in a quite absolute, final way. What you are in love with, what seizes your imagination, will affect everything. It will decide what will get you out of bed in the morning, what you do with your evenings, how you spend your weekends, what you read, whom you know, what breaks your heart, and what amazes you with joy and gratitude. Fall in love, stay in love, and it will decide everything."

—Fr. Pedro Arrupe Prayer

Ed and Mary White have shown these powerful words to be true. What started in 2020 with a simple desire to help children led to a life-changing experience when the White family adopted St. John Chrysostom School in Inglewood. Ed and Mary have fallen in love with this project, the school, and the students they have been able to help through the Adopt-a-School program.

To date, Ed and Mary have made a transformative impact at St. John Chrysostom School through their support of curriculum enhancements, classroom improvement, tuition assistance, gymnasium renovations, restroom modernization, and other critical campus upgrades such as flooring, roofing, windows, and blinds. Their generosity has gone far beyond physical improvements—it has strengthened the school's ability to fulfill its mission. Principal

Miguel Arizmendi shared that the Whites' support has eased many of the financial pressures that compete for his attention, allowing him to create an environment where teaching and learning can truly flourish.

While Ed and Mary have had a profound impact on the Catholic Schools community, they often speak of how much the experience has positively influenced their own lives. "That kind of deeply meaningful and rewarding experience can only happen when you adopt a school. If you do, it will enrich your life far beyond what you could imagine."

Their partnership stands as a powerful example of how philanthropy not only transforms schools but also creates lasting connections between donors and the communities they serve. Their personal experience adopting a school led to the Adopt-a-School Initiative. In partnership with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, the Whites inspire and encourage donors, identify schools in need of support and connect schools with supporters. The Whites hope this program will build meaningful connections with donors and schools. Encouraging people to visit campuses, meet dedicated educators and students, and witness the impact of their generosity firsthand.



Scan to watch a video about the Whites and their Adopt-a-School journey.



Department of Catholic Schools

2025-2026 At a Glance

250

Schools

129

Years of Catholic
education

71%

Of students
are Catholic

63,820

Students
enrolled



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 leadership and 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.



Vision 2030

To become the highest performing system of Catholic schools in the nation for EVERY student we serve.

Solidarity Schools Initiative Progress Report

The Solidarity Schools Initiative continues to demonstrate meaningful academic growth for students in the Archdiocese. Now in its third academic year, the initiative brings together elementary and high schools around a common curriculum, shared intervention structures, and cohort-based professional development—all aimed at building lasting cultures of literacy and mathematical excellence.

Sustained Growth

38 schools in our network

7,089 students served

In Fall 2026, **Cohort 3** will launch with **13** more schools.

Encouraging 25-26 Academic Results

- The percentage of students reading at or above benchmark rose across all cohorts: **+9%** in elementary schools and a striking **+17%** in high schools.
- In math, an **18%** increase in high school students at or above benchmarks.
- The number of students requiring urgent intervention declined across all cohorts in both math and reading.

- Kinder and first grade students in **Cohort 1** schools performing at or above benchmark climbed from **42% to 57%** and those in urgent intervention fell from **14% to 7%**. This work gives children a great foundation.
- In the Success for All (SFA) Reading Assessment, first through fifth-grade students at or above grade level **doubled**—from **30%** at the initiative's baseline to **60% in year three**.

Beyond academics, attendance across Solidarity Schools averaged above **91%** for both **Cohort 1** and **Cohort 2**, reflecting strong school community engagement!



Featured Donor: The Smet Foundation

The Onward Family of Programs

The Smet Foundation is a private operating foundation that designs and leads its own initiatives to advance Catholic education. The \$8 million budget supports Onward programs; students, educators, and school leaders across the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, creating pathways to academic excellence, leadership development, and long-term success.

\$8
Million
Budgeted
Annually



“We have always believed that sharing our blessings with others is both a responsibility and a joy.” Inspired by the generosity of their parents and the teachings of the Catholic Church, John and Cindy Smet established The Smet Foundation in 1992 with a commitment to creating lasting opportunities for others.

When they traveled with their young children, Cindy would gather the family and call out, “Onward!” It was their way of

embracing the next challenge with energy and optimism. Today, that same spirit drives the foundation’s work, encouraging students, educators, and school leaders to dream boldly, pursue excellence, and move confidently toward the future.

2013

The Victorian Scholarship (2009) evolves into the **Onward Scholars Program** providing students with scholarship, mentorship, and college access.

2016

Onward Readers begins and helps students reach or surpass grade-level reading proficiency.

Onward Leaders trains its first cohort of select resident principals to develop knowledge and skills to lead Catholic schools.

2017

Onward 4 Excellence begins supporting educator development, including the **Excellence Institute** and **Educator Professional Development funds**.

Onward Leaders Program

70 +

Schools impacted across 5 pastoral regions

7,500 +

Students served by 57 onward leaders principals

90%

Alumni Leaders continue to serve in education

Onward Scholars Program

75%

Tuition scholarship for every student

250 +

Onward Scholars alumni in 2026

288

Onward Scholars in the 2026-2027 school year

Onward 2 High School

18

Partner elementary and high schools

500 +

Onward 2 High School Summer Institute students in 2026

300+

Onward 2 High School Honors Algebra I students from 2021-2026

Onward 4 Excellence

7,000 + students

Served by the team in the Solidarity Schools Initiative in 2025

12

Onward 4 Excellence team members funded

\$2 Million

Support towards Solidarity Schools Initiative



Visit our website and follow all Onward programs on social media



Looking Onward

The foundation recently welcomed Nancy Portillo as the new Executive Director of Onward 2 High School and Onward Scholars to continue advancing its mission of equipping students and educators for success.

2019

Onward 4 Educators Tuition Assistance provides tuition assistance for Catholic school educators whose children attend Catholic schools in selected deaneries and schools.

2021

Onward 2 High School begins offering Honors Algebra I instruction to 8th grade students and a STEAM-focused Summer Institute for grades 7 and 8.

2023

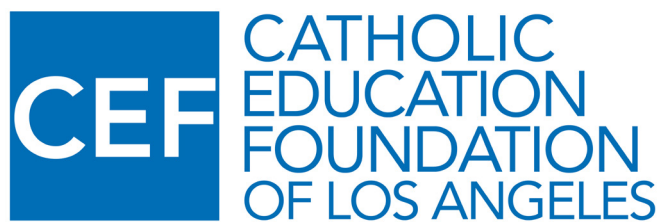
Onward Scholars expands to its sixth high school: St. Pius X - St. Matthias, St. Mary's, Cathedral, Bishop Mora Salesian, Sacred Heart, and St. Anthony.

2025

Onward 2 High School extends to its six partner high schools and 12 elementary schools for the Summer Institute, providing educators to accelerate learning through mathematics.

Catholic Education Foundation

CEF believes that every child deserves to learn, grow, and thrive in a faith-filled environment, and invests in students whose potential is greater than their circumstances. For over 39 years, CEF has provided more than 261,000 tuition awards, totaling about 26 million. Each tuition award represents a student whose life has been strengthened by Catholic education and supported by a community that believes in their future. This is made possible through the generosity of our donors, whose commitment gives families hope, students opportunity, and our Church a stronger future.



CEF Core Programs

- **Tuition Awards Program (TAP):** CEF's largest tuition assistance program, providing need-based grants that help thousands of students attend Catholic elementary and high schools each year.
- **Save Our Students (SOS):** Provides enhanced tuition assistance for students facing extraordinary financial hardship, allowing them to remain where they are known, supported and encouraged to succeed.

Enrichment Programs

- **Big Yellow Bus:** Makes educational field trips possible by providing transportation to museums, cultural institutions and other enriching destinations.
- **Porteous Sports Program:** Provides grants for sports equipment and related needs.
- **Art Trek:** Expands access to arts education by supporting creative learning opportunities that inspire imagination, self-expression, and confidence.

Strengthening Schools, Supporting Communities

CEF's impact reaches far beyond the students who receive tuition assistance. By helping families afford a Catholic education, CEF's support stabilizes school enrollment, expands academic opportunities, retains dedicated educators, and invests in students' experiences.

This investment creates a lasting effect throughout the Archdiocese. Strong Catholic schools build stronger parishes, stronger families and stronger communities, ensuring that future generations continue to benefit from an education rooted in academic excellence, faith, and service.



Priest Retirement Fund



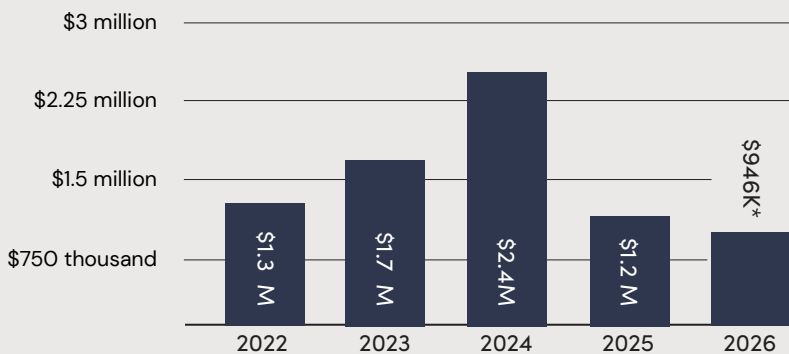
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The Priest Retirement Fund (PRF) was created to sustain the dignity, health, and well-being of our retired priests—men who have dedicated their entire lives to serving our faith community. If

you saw our campaign videos or posters this year, you likely recognized the warm smile of Msgr. Clem Connolly. He graciously agreed to serve as the face of our 2026 appeal, representing all retiring or retired diocesan priests, some of our most cherished leaders.

Cumulative gifts for 2022-2026 (Calendar Year)

*as of 8/13/26



The Mission

The mission of the Priest Retirement Fund is to safeguard the health, dignity, and well-being of our retired priests. For decades, these men have served as our spiritual anchors, celebrating the sacraments and building up our parish communities. Today, our appeal stands as a collective promise to care for them just as they have faithfully shepherded us.

"Your gift to the Priest Retirement Fund is a statement—it's a statement of gratitude; it's a statement of appreciation for the times a priest has been a part of your life."

—Msgr. Clem Connolly

"My husband and I are so grateful for the love and guidance Fr. Dave has given our family throughout the years. Making a gift to the Priest Retirement Fund is one way of honoring him and his true legacy."

—Kris Ericksen, Donor, Santa Maria

**Scan to watch
Msgr. Clem's,
story**



Called to Renew

At a Glance

\$500,000,000

Goal

\$552,816,500

Pledged

\$416,046,262

Collected

Before launching this \$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. This assessment confirmed that parishes and schools had deferred a great deal of site maintenance in order to prioritize more urgent needs, such as monthly bills, payroll, and other concerns. *Called to Renew* invites us to address the needs of our spiritual homes with urgency, renewing these sacred spaces for millions of parishioners.

As Christians, we are called to meet the spiritual and temporal needs of others. An additional component

of *Called to Renew* provided us with an extraordinary capacity to meet these needs by expanding and enhancing our ministerial support.

We are proud to report that *Called to Renew* pledges exceeded our goal and that we have collected \$416 million in pledge payments so far. Thank you to those who donated and continue to fulfill their pledges. Today, every parish has received funding for maintenance projects, and in 2026, 19 parishes have completed all *Called to Renew* case statement projects.

Parishes with all Case Statements Completed in 2025-2026	
Parish	All Case Statements Completed
American Martyrs, Manhattan Beach	✓
Nativity, El Monte	✓
Our Lady of Guadalupe, Santa Paula	✓
Our Lady Queen of Angels "La Placita", Los Angeles	✓
Precious Blood, Los Angeles	✓
Queen of Angels, Lompoc	✓
Sacred Heart, Ventura	✓
Santa Teresita, Los Angeles	✓
St. Basil Korean Apostolate Catholic Center, Los Angeles	✓
St. Cecilia, Los Angeles	✓
St. Columban, Los Angeles	✓
St. Joseph, Los Angeles	✓
St. Kevin, Los Angeles	✓
St. Paul Chung Ha Sang Korean Catholic Center, North Hills	✓
St. Raphael Korean Catholic Center, Norwalk	✓
St. Rita, Sierra Madre	✓
St. Thomas More, Alhambra	✓
St. Victor, West Hollywood	✓
Ventura Korean Catholic Apostolate, Oxnard	✓

Called to Renew: Beyond the Parishes

Every gift to *Called to Renew* represents far more than a contribution to a campaign—it is an investment in the future of the Church in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles. While the campaign is strengthening parishes by addressing critical local needs, it is also transforming countless Archdiocesan ministries and programs that serve people of every age and stage of life.

Significant support has been directed to the Cardinal Timothy Manning House of Prayer for Priests, ensuring that our priests have a place for spiritual renewal, rest, and ongoing formation. Support has also strengthened St. John's Seminary, helping prepare the next generation of priests through exceptional human, spiritual, intellectual, and pastoral formation. In addition, millions of dollars have been invested in the Catholic Education Foundation, ensuring that the gift of faith-filled learning remains accessible for generations to come.

The campaign has also expanded the reach of the St. Camillus Center for Spiritual Care's Chaplaincy Program, bringing Christ's compassionate presence

to those who are sick and dying, and their families, during life's most difficult moments. Across the Archdiocese, *Called to Renew* has also strengthened campus ministry programs to accompany young adults during some of the most formative years of their lives. The programs are dedicated to helping students deepen their faith, build authentic community, discern their vocations, and discover Christ's presence.

Beyond this, *Called to Renew* grants have provided funding for more than 50 ministry initiatives, supporting evangelization, faith formation, youth and young adult outreach, social services, parish leadership, and countless efforts that strengthen our communities.

Taken individually, each of these ministries tells a powerful story. Together, they reveal something even greater. The ripple effect of this generosity extends far beyond any one program, touching students, families, parishioners, neighbors, and future generations who will experience Christ through the Church's enduring mission.



Office of Planned Giving



A Message from Fr. Tom Elewaut

God does LOVE a cheerful giver. God also lifts the burdens of others by working through his disciples. St. Teresa of Avila reminds us: “Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours, yours are the eyes with which he looks with compassion on this world.”

Your generosity in giving during this life on earth and your generosity through your estate plan have a far-reaching effect—more than you will ever know. I know this personally, which is why I have chosen to support our schools and parishes in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles with my trust-estate.

The December of my first year as a Catholic high school principal, we barely made payroll before

going on Christmas break. With a lean staff of 45 and a healthy enrollment of 600 students, we only had around \$5,000 in our bank account. On December 23, an elderly couple came to see me. With no children of their own, they wanted to make a gift for our schoolchildren—with a \$5,000 check! Tears came to my eyes with profound gratitude for this answer to our prayers.

I hope no parent, teacher, or principal ever finds themselves in that situation. But I also know the realities we face and the ways that benefactors can be the hands, feet, eyes, and heart of Jesus by making gifts that keep on giving.

Giving should always be a personal decision. When we give willingly, it reflects a heart of thankfulness rather than a checked box. St. Paul reminds us: “Whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:6-7).

May God abundantly bless the cheerful givers supporting our schools, parishes, and institutions in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles.

Shalom,
Fr. Tom Elewaut



Leave a lasting legacy by including the Archdiocese in your will or trust, and look out for a seminar near you for more information.

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, this past year, we have received 22 legacy gifts totaling \$2,694,000. Your generosity truly unlocks possibilities of what our parishes, schools, and ministries are able to accomplish.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Karen Dunphy
Director

Family Assistance Program

In his encyclical *Fratelli Tutti* [On Fraternity and Social Friendship], Pope Francis urged us to consider our responsibility toward our neighbors. “It is my desire that, in this our time, by acknowledging the dignity of each human person, we can contribute to the rebirth of a universal aspiration to fraternity. Brotherhood between all men and women.”

Our call to act as brothers and sisters is clear in the midst of the immigration crisis at home. The Catholic Church continues to care for migrants by providing support that makes a real difference in the lives of those affected. As immigration enforcement activity has maintained its intensity across the region, many families remain hesitant to leave their homes for work, school, medical appointments, or even worship services, resulting in lost wages, food insecurity, and difficulty accessing essential medications and necessities.

Thanks to the generosity of many, The Family Assistance Program has raised \$407,000. Allocations ranging from \$3,000 to \$15,000 were directed toward parishes vulnerable to heightened

immigration enforcement to help people obtain immigration documentation and passports, and to deliver hot meals, groceries, prescription medications, and other assistance to parishioners. These make the daily tasks many of us take for granted possible for our brothers and sisters.

Supporting the Family Assistance Program allows the Church to play a more active role in people’s lives. It gives us the power to respond to immediate needs and build a trustworthy parish-based infrastructure that delivers aid quickly and compassionately with respect to the dignity of all.

We are so grateful to all those who have supported the Family Assistance Program and hope to see this program grow in effectiveness and impact.

“How did you receive the foreigner? Did you receive him and welcome him, or not? I think there is a deep reflection that needs to be made about what is happening.”—Pope Leo IV



Scan to
make a
gift today!



Checks with the memo line
“Family Assistance Program” can be
delivered to your parish office or sent to:
Sister Ann Carla Costello, SND,
Archdiocese of Los Angeles,
4311 Wilshire Blvd.,
Los Angeles, CA 90010.



ARCHBISHOP'S AWARDS DINNER

Save the Date: 2027 Archbishop's Awards Dinner

Join us on Saturday, April 10, 2027,
for the Archbishop's Awards Dinner
as we honor the faith, leadership,
and service that transform our
Archdiocese.

Time

5 p.m. — Cocktails

6 p.m. — Dinner

Location

The Beverly Hilton

The International Ballroom

9876 Wilshire Blvd.

Beverly Hills, CA 90210

For event updates, please visit
www.archbishopsawardsdinner.org.

Archbishop's Awards Dinner

The 2026 Archbishop's Awards Dinner took place on April 11 at the Beverly Hills Hotel. A cherished tradition, since 1990, this event recognizes and celebrates faithful individuals who have made an exceptional impact on the Catholic community in our Archdiocese and beyond.

The event had 630 guests in attendance to honor Karla Ahmanson, David A. Fuhrman, Bob Graziano and Wendy Wachtell, Kevin Shannon, and Joseph "Pep" Valdes.

These honorees each embody service to the Church and the LA Community in distinct ways encompassing liturgy, education, healthcare, youth formation, evangelization, arts, literacy, business, philanthropy,

vocations and more. This event which recognizes outstanding contributions is a powerful catalyst to foster relationships and deepen connections with fellow Catholics, as well as inspire unity and remind us of our shared mission to serve our neighbors as Christ did.

Thanks to the attendees and generous event sponsors, we raised \$876,000! Proceeds went directly to three very deserving Catholic schools: St. Odilia and St. Malachy Schools in Los Angeles, and Notre Dame School in Santa Barbara.

Scan to see
photos from this
year's event.



Image left to right: David A. Fuhrman, Kevin Shannon, Joseph "Pep" Valdes, Archbishop José H. Gomez, Karla Ahmanson, Bob Graziano and Wendy Wachtell.

Ethical Leadership Lunch

The Archdiocese of Los Angeles' third annual Ethical Leadership Lunch (ELL), held January 29, 2026, was a resounding success, raising a remarkable \$311,890. Nearly 500 supporters gathered at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels during Catholic Schools Week to champion the vital mission of Catholic education.

The funds raised directly supported the Department of Catholic Schools' ongoing operations as well as the Catholic Education Foundation's mission to bridge a critical \$7 million gap in tuition relief. These crucial resources ensure that vulnerable students across our 76 Archdiocesan schools can remain securely enrolled and thrive in a faith-filled environment.

Moderated by Alessandro DiSanto, the 2026 ELL panel featured Brian and Veronica Grazer, Chris Pratt, Katherine Schwarzenegger-Pratt, and Homeboy Industries' Shirley Torres and Fabian Debora. The speakers emphasized that leadership relies on humility, parish mobilization, and a unified commitment to lifting up individuals and families in need.

Ultimately, the true success of the 2026 luncheon was its celebration of what happens when we work together as a unified community. By blending faith, leadership, and shared purpose, its collective efforts can overcome financial barriers and build a stronger, more supportive network.



Save the Date 2027 Ethical Leadership Lunch

In celebration of Catholic Schools Week, the 2027 Ethical Leadership Lunch will be held on Friday, January 29, 2027.

Confirmed Panelist

Fr. Greg Boyle,
Homeboy Industries

Time

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location

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

Image left to right: Shirley Torres, Brian Grazer, Veronica Grazer, Alessandro DiSanto, Chris Pratt, Katherine Schwarzenegger-Pratt, and Fabian Debora.

St. John's Seminary

2025-2026 at a Glance

21

Propaedeutics
(first years)

76

Total
seminarians

8

Ordained
transitional
deacon

7

Ordained
priests

32

Ordained
bishops since
1939

1,397

Ordained
priests
since 1939



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now serve as priests in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, as well as in dioceses around the world. Our legacy continues to grow, shaping leaders who are rooted in faith and dedicated to living out the Gospel.



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.

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