

Annual Catholic Appeal Overview

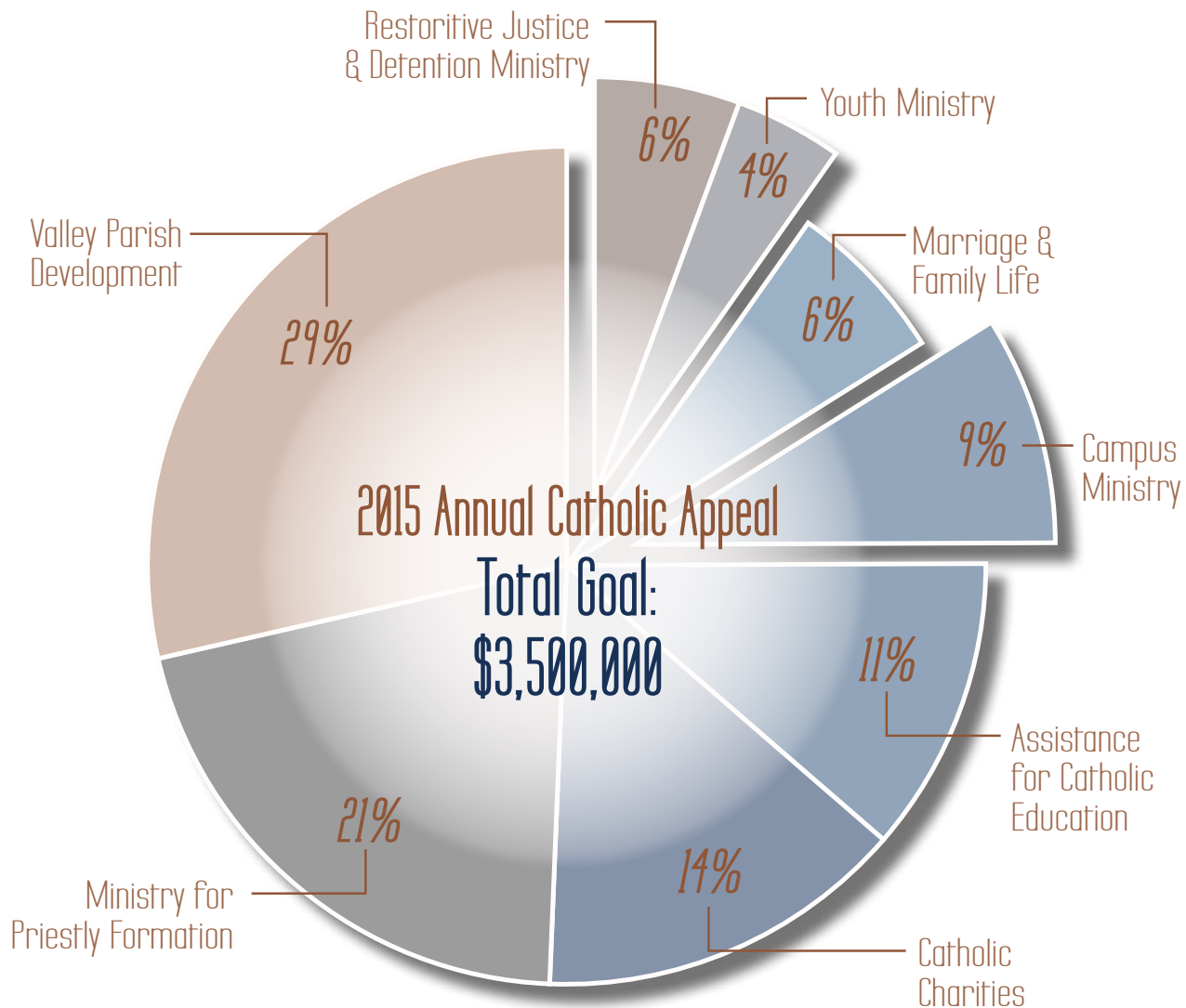
Called to be Merciful

The theme for the 2015 Annual Catholic Appeal is “**Called to be Merciful.**” This theme is one of compassion, hope, and love. As disciples we are called to trust in Jesus’ mercy, to trust in his patience, to seek refuge always in his love. Jesus invites us to recognize him in the poor, in those that suffer, and in those in need. We encounter God’s love when we express mercy and compassion, through stewardship, service, and sacrifice.

Our mission is to share Jesus with the whole world. We are called to know Christ and sent to make him known.

The Annual Catholic Appeal supports service to the poor and imprisoned, education for children in Catholic schools and training of catechists, formation of candidates for the priesthood, ministry to our youth and to young people on university campuses, preparation of couples for marriage, and support for parish development in Imperial Valley

Our goal for 2015 is \$3.5 million.



Restorative Justice and Detention Ministry \$197,000

Restorative Justice focuses on harms committed and making the offender accountable to the victim and the community, and to bring about transformation of all parties. There are many components including detention ministry. These are corporal works of mercy; ministries of presence, compassion, hope, and love.

Youth Ministry \$145,000

The Office for Youth Ministry serves parishes in our diocese so that they may cultivate the gifts and talents of young people, and empower them to be leaders in the Church and community.

Marriage and Family Life \$220,000

The Office for Marriage and Family Life helps organize and facilitate marriage preparation and ongoing marriage formation including marriage enrichment and parenting classes.

Campus Ministry \$310,000

Guided by the Gospels, Campus Ministry helps transform the lives of college students in the development and growth of a flourishing spiritual life. These young adults represent the future leaders of our Church. They are committed to bringing what they have experienced through Campus Ministry to our parish communities.

Assistance for Catholic Education \$400,000

The Annual Catholic Appeal currently provides some funding to 8 schools impacting the lives of over 1,700 students. These grants have been made to keep the vital mission of Catholic education both accessible and affordable for children of families in need.

Catholic Charities \$500,000

Catholic Charities is our primary diocesan social service agency. Through it, we assist almost 300,000 people each year by providing a network of important programs and services.

Ministry for Priestly Formation \$728,000

Our Office for Priestly Formation administers the diocesan program for both pre-seminarian and seminarian candidates, and is located at the St. Francis Center on the University of San Diego campus.

Valley Parish Development \$1,000,000

Ten parish communities serve over 13,000 Catholic families in Imperial Valley. Several of them need our help to expand their facilities so they can respond adequately to the needs of the people.

