Lives Changed Through Faith
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Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

For Catholics everywhere, 2013 will long be remembered as a remarkable year. From the moment Pope Francis was elected, the Church has experienced a dynamic reawakening.

Catholic Extension had a remarkable year as well. As a papal society, we are uniquely positioned to carry out the pope’s deepest wish to create a Church in America that is there “for the poor.” Because of this, in 2013, we found ourselves at the forefront of a renewed missionary spirit in America. Catholics from coast to coast looked forward to getting more deeply involved in their faith and sought ways to make a difference in the lives of others.

This generosity and commitment helped Catholic Extension make a profound impact in 2013. We provided 1,456 grant payments, totaling more than $20 million, to the 91 mission dioceses we serve. In addition, we estimate that the mission dioceses were able to realize an additional $9 million in revenue through matching grants, strategic partnerships and other programs that multiply the dollars we provide.

I am particularly energized to see the impact we are making as we work ever more closely with the dioceses and faith communities we serve. Everywhere I go, across this great country of ours, I see hearts transformed by the priests, women religious, seminarians, young adult leaders, Hispanic lay leaders and others who are supported by Catholic Extension. I see lives changed, families united and whole communities made new by the ministries you so generously endow.

Thank you for walking hand in hand with our Holy Father, with Catholic Extension and with all those on the margins whom we support. We are honored to be your stewards and partners.

Yours in Christ,

Reverend John J. Wall
President, Catholic Extension
Spotlight on the Diocese of Boise

The rural, rugged Diocese of Boise, Idaho, spans the entire state—83,000 square miles. Although Boise is only one of the 91 mission dioceses that Catholic Extension supports, we invite you to “come and see” this diocese because it exemplifies what is happening in mission dioceses across the country. The Diocese of Boise is forging strategic partnerships with Catholic Extension to build faith and make the Church accessible to all.

Meet some of the dedicated people in the Diocese of Boise whose work and vibrant ministries are supported by Catholic Extension and generous donors like you. These are just a few of many there who are heeding the pope’s call to serve those on the periphery. They are unleashing the power of faith, inspiring hope where it is greatly needed and transforming the communities they serve.

“Catholic Extension has been and continues to be a major funder of numerous parish and diocesan ministries throughout Idaho. Without your generous financial support, we would not be able to provide many of our services or minister as effectively to the people of God in Idaho.”

—Most Reverend Michael P. Driscoll, MSW, DD; Bishop of Boise
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An Energetic Youth Minister Supported by Catholic Extension’s Young Adult Leadership Initiative

Katie Stroschein

Katie Stroschein, 34, is a youth minister and director of religious education who works with hundreds of children in the small, fast-growing towns of southern Idaho. An energetic mother of four, Katie says her goal is to take the hands of children and put them in the hand of Jesus. She is moved to tears when she talks about the importance of Catholic Extension’s Young Adult Leadership Initiative in helping her achieve this goal.

“I feel very blessed. There’s no way it would be possible for me to be educated at this spot in my life without this program,” she says. “This is a gift that can be given only by people empowered by God. This is how I know God is at work in your organization.”

Through the Young Adult Leadership Initiative, Katie spent last summer at the University of Notre Dame, immersed in learning and forging relationships with other young Catholics serving in mission dioceses. She was awed by the experience, which widened her horizons and gave her concrete tools she could “plug in” to her ministry right away, such as ideas for increasing parental involvement.

Because of Catholic Extension’s investment in her, Katie finds herself even more dedicated to building faith. “This is something that will pay forward a hundred-fold,” she says. “I can educate kids here and they can pass it on to their families. I don’t think we’ll see all the benefits in our lifetime. They are much greater than what we can see.”

Catholic Extension provided more than $400,000 nationwide in support of its Young Adult Leadership Initiative in 2013, impacting more than 80,000 people.

THE BRADYS SUPPORT YOUNG LEADERS LIKE KATIE

“We elected to support the Young Adult Leadership Initiative not only because it is cost effective but, more importantly, because it is a critically important mission. Bringing the ministry of our Catholic faith to those who otherwise would not have access is essential.”

—Jeannelle & Brian Brady, donors since 2009
A Dynamic Visionary Backed by Catholic Extension’s Hispanic Lay Leader Initiative

Jaime Gil

When asked about Jaime Gil’s contributions to St. Jerome’s Catholic Church in Jerome, the staff there references a 10-page report about how Jaime has built leadership and bridged cultural gaps between the Hispanic and Anglo communities since he arrived in 2012.

“I’m really excited because Catholic Extension is refreshing the Church.”
Thirty-one-year-old Jaime, whose position is funded through Catholic Extension’s Hispanic Lay Leadership Initiative, is passionate about his work and about growing a comprehensive ministry for the Hispanic community. Jaime says his job is to provide the means and space for people to have an encounter with Jesus Christ, and he does this by reaching out to youth, young adults and others, encouraging them to take ownership of various ministries and events. He extends beyond Sunday Mass to offer classes, mentoring programs and social events, such as the Feast of St. Jerome, which is a daylong, cross-cultural festival that attracts 2,000 people. He even launched an elegant Valentine’s Day dinner dance, complete with babysitting, to foster love in marriage, family and community.

By giving people extra opportunities to belong, Jaime is growing the Church and igniting change in a vulnerable community. “I was invited to work here to be a bridge builder between English speakers and Spanish speakers, between first- and second-generation immigrants, between all groups,” he explains.

Jaime is grateful that Catholic Extension is a champion of lay leaders. “What Catholic Extension is doing is in line with what Pope Francis is doing,” he says. “I’m really excited because Catholic Extension is refreshing the Church.”
Geoff marvels at the opportunities ahead and he’s deeply thankful to Catholic Extension donors.
A Committed Seminarian Whose Education is Funded by Catholic Extension

Geoff Daigh

Geoff Daigh, 27, is a son of Idaho (he was raised in Coeur D’Alene) who is currently studying for the priesthood at the University of Saint Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary, outside of Chicago. Geoff is on track to be ordained in 2017, and with Catholic Extension’s help, he will study for an additional year to receive his Licentiate of Sacred Theology (S.T.L.).

The S.T.L. degree is critical in areas like the Diocese of Boise where the priest shortage is acute and will only worsen as more and more priests will be eligible for retirement in the next few years. “We have more parishes than priests in Idaho, so we’re looking to expand lay leadership and lay formation,” says Geoff. Among other things, the S.T.L. will equip Geoff to teach deacon candidates and lay pastoral ministers when he returns to serve in the diocese.

Geoff marvels at the opportunities ahead and he’s deeply thankful to Catholic Extension donors. “In the Diocese of Boise, we just don’t have the infrastructure and financial resources,” he says. “Catholic Extension really enhances what we can do.”

In 2013, Catholic Extension supported more than 500 seminarians providing $3.5 million for seminarian education in the U.S.

THE O’MEARAS SUPPORT SEMINARIAN EDUCATION

“Catholic Extension’s seminarian education program helps pay the tuition and related costs of educating and training the seminarians who will become the priests and leaders of the mission dioceses. What could be more important?”

—Mary Kay & Bob O’Meara, donors since 2007
Financials

**SOURCES of FUNDS**
- 36% Donations
- 31% Estate Gifts
- 17% Parish Calendars
- 16% Investment Earnings

**USES of FUNDS**
- 90% Support to Mission Dioceses
- 10% Administrative Costs

**STATEMENT of FINANCIAL POSITION**

**ASSETS** (in millions)
- General Investments: $126.5
- Charitable Gift Annuities: 48.8
- All Other Assets: 26.3

**Total Assets**: 201.6

**LIABILITIES**
- Charitable Gift Annuities: $36.6
- All Other Liabilities: 8.6

**Total Liabilities**: 45.2

**NET ASSETS**
- Unrestricted: $107.4
- Temporarily Restricted: 17.4
- Permanently Restricted: 31.6

**Total Net Assets**: 156.4

**TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS**: 201.6
REGION  SUPPORT
Midwest  $7.9
Southeast  5.3
West  5.0
Southwest  4.2
Multi-Regional  4.1
Puerto Rico/Caribbean  1.1
Alaska  0.8
Island Pacific  0.4

GROWTH of SUPPORT IN MILLIONS

2013  $28.8
2012  $28.0

GRAND TOTAL IN MILLIONS

$28.8

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Katie Stroschein, shown here with the children she serves, is a passionate, faith-filled young leader.
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