


CATHOLIC  EXTENSION

2014

ANNUAL REPORT



CATHOLIC EXTENSION IS A PAPAL SOCIETY

2014 Highlights

Make Noise!

Extension Day

Catholic Extension created Extension Day after Pope Francis called for young people to “make some noise.” Thousands of America’s youth from 47 mission dioceses responded with bold and meaningful acts of service.

More than **80**

seminarians funded by Catholic Extension were ordained, signaling a wonderful infusion of faith in the mission dioceses.



A tire shop transformed:

Weather-worn and dilapidated Holy Spirit Church in Hamburg, Arkansas, received \$150,000 from Catholic Extension to renovate an abandoned tire shop into a sparkling new church for the Diocese of Little Rock.

A groundbreaking U.S.-Latin American Sisters Exchange Program was launched by Catholic Extension, with lead funding from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation, to help serve the growing Hispanic population.



Catholic Extension’s inspiring stories of hope and faith were featured on Eternal World Television Network (EWTN) in a first-ever series titled

“The Church Universal.”



Your gifts impacted more than **13 million Catholics**,

whose faith sustains and transforms their lives, despite the fact that they live in some of the most challenging and under-resourced areas of our country.

\$32 million

was provided to mission dioceses, the largest amount of support ever generated by Catholic Extension.

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

2014 was another momentous year for Catholics everywhere. We were inspired and energized into action by Pope Francis, who called each of us “to go to the margins” and to embrace our brothers and sisters in their hopes and in their needs. For donors like you, this message resonated.

Because of your compassion and generosity, Catholic Extension had a phenomenal year. We were able to make a profound impact on the mission dioceses we serve. In total, we made 1,221 grant payments and provided funding of \$32 million to 94 under-resourced mission dioceses across the country. Each of these grants supported a priest, seminarian, woman religious, lay minister or vital renovation.

In 2014, we also launched the U.S.-Latin American Sisters Exchange. This groundbreaking initiative gives women religious from Latin America the opportunity to learn and grow here in the United States; in turn, they provide a critical link to vast numbers of Hispanic Catholics. This is just one of our 18 far-reaching strategic partnerships that are bearing fruit. We believe they are the best way to extend the impact of your gifts.

This also was the year in which Pope Francis sent us a new leader, naming Bishop Blase J. Cupich as the new archbishop of Chicago and, therefore, the new chancellor of Catholic Extension. Having served on our Board of Governors and as a mission bishop, Archbishop Cupich knows Catholic Extension, and he has offered his firsthand experience and vision to help us fulfill our commitment to the 13 million Catholics we serve.

This is truly a remarkable and exciting time for Catholic Extension, and it’s all because of you, our donors. Thank you for your steadfast support. We are truly privileged to have you by our side as we do this holy work.

Yours in Christ,



Reverend
John J. Wall
President,
Catholic Extension



In rural Alabama, where churches are spread far and wide, parishioners gather in converted garages to celebrate our faith.

A new, long-awaited, larger church home accommodates a growing number of parishioners in Hamburg, Arkansas.

Our faith is growing. The Diocese of Nashville ordained nine new priests in 2014, one of its largest classes ever.

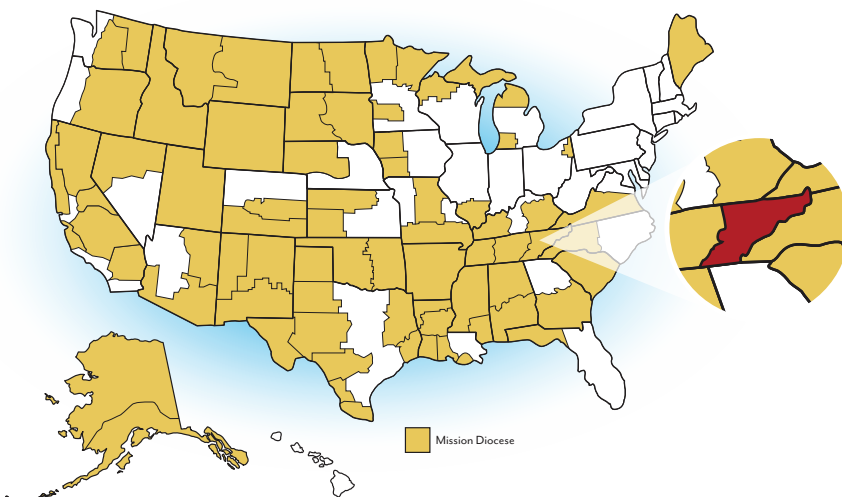
Building Faith Coast to Coast

The Catholic Church's presence in more than 90 "mission dioceses" throughout the United States would not be what it is today without Catholic Extension and its generous donors. Your gifts have provided essential support for buildings, seminarian education, salaries and ministries.

In a wonderful exchange in the Gospel of John, Philip tells his friend, Nathanael, that he has found the Messiah. Nathanael asks where the Messiah is from, and Philip replies, "He's from Nazareth in Galilee." Nathanael then asks, "What good can ever come out of Nazareth?" And, Philip responds, "Come and see."

In the very same way, we ask you to "come and see" some amazing people, whom Catholic Extension is privileged to support today.

The Diocese of Knoxville is just one of many dioceses that is growing and flourishing because Catholic Extension is by its side. Founded in 1988, the Diocese of Knoxville is young, strong and expanding. Although its Catholic population is small (67,000), it is growing at a rapid rate, fueled by the diocese's strong outreach efforts and an influx of Hispanic immigrants. Catholics may be less than three percent of the entire population, but their faith is a sight to behold. And with support from Catholic Extension, the Diocese of Knoxville is ensuring that everyone is welcome and has access to full participation in the Church.



The Diocese of Knoxville— Young and Growing

A Seminarian Who Heals God's Children

This summer, the diocese will welcome home a newly ordained priest who is as passionate about his vocation as he is about ministering to young people. As a pre-theology student from South Pittsburg, Tennessee, Scott Russell received a Catholic Extension scholarship to St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary near Chicago. Scott previously worked as a child protective services case manager for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services, where he advocated for hundreds of abused and neglected children.

During that time, Scott felt his calling, especially when he turned to priests for emotional and spiritual support after stress-filled days. He knew he wanted to heal children and offer them "faith, love and a relationship with God that they would have for all eternity."

Scott is ready for his ministry – for several summers he has run the diocese's successful Totus Tuus program, designed to help youth grow in faith while having fun.

He is inspired that his diocese has 13 seminarians, four being ordained this year. "We are small but growing rapidly," he said. He is moved by Catholic Extension's supportive donors: "I am awestruck at their generosity. It keeps me motivated."



**Scott
Russell**

Seminarian Student
Serving Knoxville



\$3.75 million

Campers celebrate the Eucharist and grow stronger in faith. These experiences inspire vocations to the priesthood. Funding for seminarian education totaled \$3.75 million in 2014.

Building Leadership for Knoxville's Strong Catholic Schools

Providing the diocese's children with an excellent education and a strong Catholic identity is the primary focus of Sister Mary Marta Abbott, R.S.M., superintendent of Catholic schools in the Diocese of Knoxville. Sister Mary Marta has developed nationally recognized schools, but she knows that the key to continued success is building leadership from within.

Without resources or a program in the diocese that would meet her needs, Sister Mary Marta turned to Catholic Extension when she learned about its Catholic Schools Leadership Development Initiative through Loyola Marymount University (LMU). Sister Mary Marta selected three "rising stars" from her staff to participate. They recently completed the yearlong course, bringing new skills, thinking and technologies to the diocese. She is hoping to enroll another team soon.

"I knew we needed to grow our own leaders," Sister Mary Marta said. "This program benefited our whole diocese."

"The program is unique in that it is funded through a grant from Catholic Extension," said participant Andy Zengel. "Our fall coursework on mission-focused leadership came in especially handy when I was named interim principal at my school. I have had numerous opportunities to apply what I have learned through the gift of Catholic Extension."

In 2014, \$436,000 in grants supported Catholic schools in some of the poorest areas of the country.

\$436,000





two sisters

The work of two religious sisters, Sister Celia Sanchez (left) and Sister Imelda Quechol (right), ultimately touched the lives of an estimated 82,000 Catholics.

The Gift of Two Sisters

Another “gift” Catholic Extension donors have given the diocese is that of two religious sisters from Mexico, who live in Chattanooga and minister to the growing Hispanic population, including an indigenous Guatemalan community. Working with five parishes, Sister Celia Sanchez, MAG, and Sister Imelda Quechol, MAG, provide catechesis, sacramental preparation, marriage preparation, and couples and family counseling.

Perhaps most important is their presence. “I love it that when people have a problem; they come to me for help,” said Sister Celia. Because of the sisters’ outreach and focus on personal relationships, Mass attendance is growing and so is the religious education program, requiring more trained catechists. The sisters also lead Bible study groups, including some for those at the lowest literacy levels.

When Sister Celia first moved to Knoxville, she missed the hustle and bustle of Mexico City streets. But now she has grown to love Tennessee. “I must like it here. I’ve been here 21 years.”



85 leaders

Eddie Cabrera, third from left, is an important presence as the diocese's coordinator of youth ministry. He trained with 85 Hispanic leaders who will facilitate Bible studies in parishes.

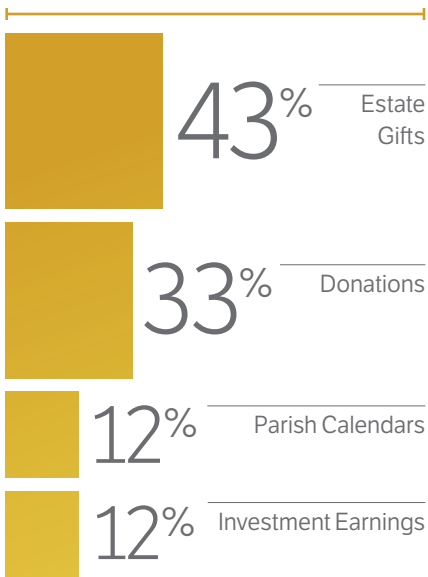
Partnership with University of Dallas Spreads the Faith Among Hispanics

Finally, Catholic Extension is also partnering with the Diocese of Knoxville on a ministry program that is giving Hispanic leaders the confidence, training and education they need to lead Bible studies. The program enables 85 leaders from parishes throughout the diocese to participate in a University of Dallas School of Ministry program. “The program is bearing fruit,” said the diocese’s Paul Simoneau in describing how the trained leaders are growing and fostering strong small group faith-sharing communities. “It has increased by 30-, 60-, 100-fold and is aiding in evangelization.” Today, more than 800 parishioners in the diocese are active in groups. Said Bishop Richard F. Stika, “Of the many initiatives we have benefited from, I believe this one to be the best and most far-reaching for the Catholic faithful, and particularly for that of our Hispanic community.”

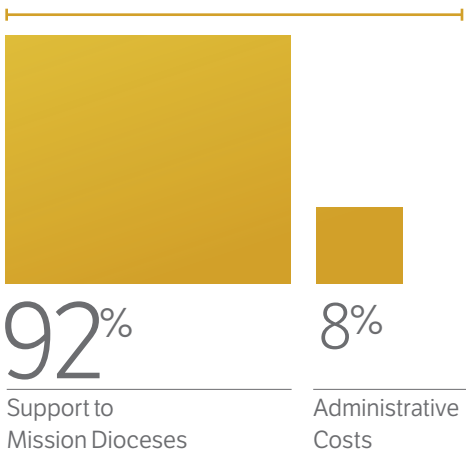
Eddie Cabrera, a youth minister for the Diocese of Knoxville, whose salary is funded through Catholic Extension’s Hispanic Lay Leadership Initiative, is one young leader who was trained through the program. It helps him with the youth he is trying to reach, and with all those he serves. “Catholic Extension makes it possible for Hispanic people to feel welcome, to feel that they have so many gifts and talents to offer the Church,” he said.

Financials

SOURCES of FUNDS



USES of FUNDS



STATEMENT of FINANCIAL POSITION

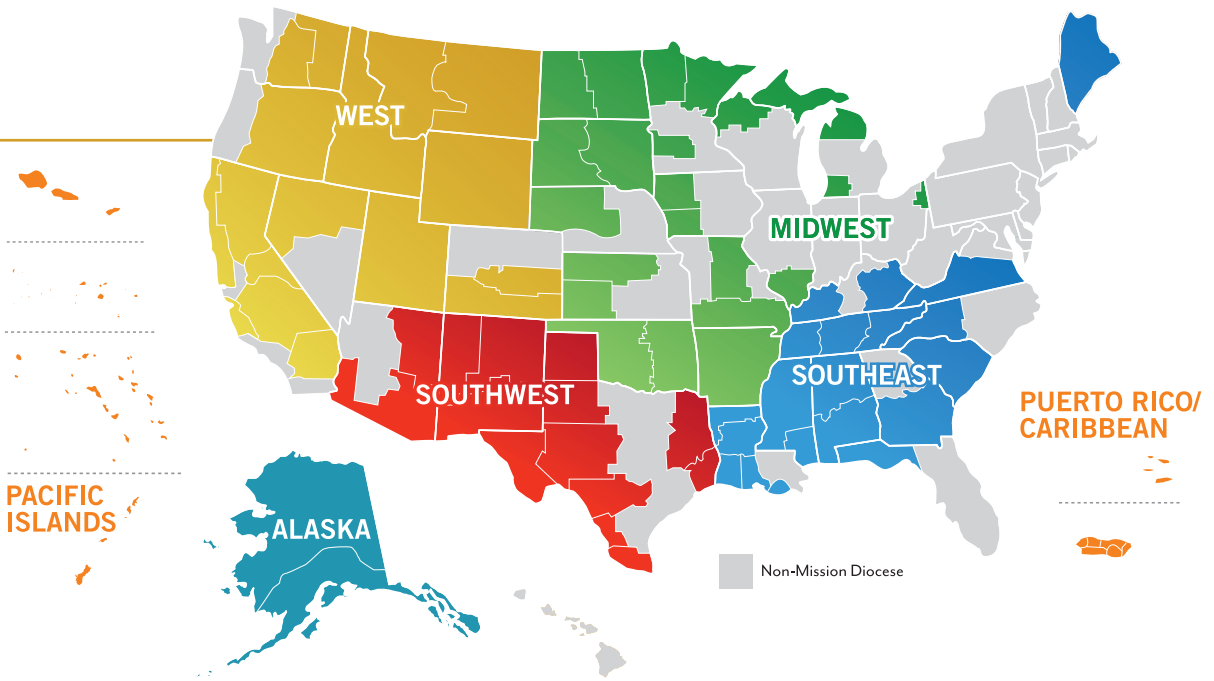
ASSETS		IN MILLIONS
General Investments		\$122.1
Charitable Gift Annuities		45.4
All Other Assets		28.4
Total Assets		195.9

LIABILITIES and NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES	
Charitable Gift Annuities	\$37.5
All Other Liabilities	10.4
Total Liabilities	47.9

NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	\$90.7
Temporarily Restricted	23.6
Permanently Restricted	33.7
Total Net Assets	148.0

TOTAL LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	195.9
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REGION	SUPPORT
Midwest	7.3
West	7.2
Southeast	6.0
Southwest	5.9
Multi-Regional	2.7
Puerto Rico/Caribbean	1.3
Alaska	1.1
Pacific Islands	0.5

GROWTH of SUPPORT IN MILLIONS

\$32.0*

2014

\$28.8

2013

GRAND TOTAL
IN MILLIONS

\$32.0

*Largest amount of support ever generated by Catholic Extension

A growing number of baptisms are a sign of hope for the people of White River, Arizona.

More than 75 campus ministries received funding, helping to keep young adults connected and engaged in the faith.

Small groups convene in churches throughout America, transforming hearts and building and strengthening Catholic faith communities.



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