

Why Catholic Extension...



Meet Catholic Extension

Seminarian **Jesús Mariscal** of the **Diocese of Yakima, Washington**, works in the apple orchards during the summers alongside migrant workers to understand their challenges. Catholic Extension funds his seminarian education.

Javier Cervantes, director of Hispanic ministry in the **Diocese of Colorado Springs, Colorado**, helps to strengthen families and faith life among the 16,000 Hispanics in the diocese. His salary is funded by Catholic Extension.

Benedictine **Sister Kathleen Atkinson** of the **Diocese of Bismarck, North Dakota**, founded Ministry on the Margins to help those who fall through the cracks during times of transition –including former prisoners. Catholic Extension supports her outreach ministry.

Jim O'Brien from East Aurora, New York, in the **Diocese of Buffalo** was an Extension Lay Volunteer in Raton, New Mexico, in 1962-1963, where he served poor Catholic communities. He continues to support Catholic Extension.

Judy Barrett of the **Diocese of Santa Rosa, California**, has supported Catholic Extension since 1989. She says, “The example of our life is one of the best ways we can be a witness to our faith.”

Madeline Lyon is principal of St. Francis of Assisi in Lumberton, New Mexico – the only Catholic school in this remote and impoverished area of the **Diocese of Gallup**. About 100 Native American students attend the grade school, staffed by volunteer teachers. Catholic Extension funds the school and the parish, adjoining St. Francis of Assisi.

Dominican **Sister Yelitza Ayala** from Puerto Rico serves Hispanic communities in the **Diocese of Tyler, Texas**. She is part of Catholic Extension’s U.S.-Latin American Sisters Exchange Programs, which brings sisters to poor U.S. parishes for a five-year commitment. Catholic Extension funds the sisters’ salaries and provides them with leadership training and education.

Students at Murray State University in the **Diocese of Owensboro, Kentucky**, are engaged with their faith through the Catholic campus ministry at the Newman Center. Catholic Extension invests in this ministry.

Bishop Paul Bradley says Mass for migrant farmers at a camp in the **Diocese of Kalamazoo, Michigan**. From March to November, about 20,000 migrants arrive to work and live in one of the diocese’s 300 camps. Catholic Extension funds the migrant ministry to help migrants practice their faith during their travels.

Father Fredy Angel, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua in Ray City, in the **Diocese of Savannah, Georgia**, has brought together three growing multicultural parishes and built a church to unite all of them. Catholic Extension helps fund the parish.

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Building Faith | Inspiring Hope | Igniting Change

Catholic Extension is building up faith communities by providing funding and resources to poor dioceses — places we call “mission dioceses” — to unleash the transformative power of faith.

Since 1905, Catholic Extension has awarded **\$1.2 billion** (in today’s dollars) to expand and strengthen the Catholic Church in the poorest regions of America.

In 1910, Catholic Extension became a **papal society** under the guidance of the pope, who appoints the president of Catholic Extension.



In 1918, Catholic Extension helped to build Our Lady of Victory, located just outside of Standing Rock Reservation in the Diocese of Rapid City, South Dakota, and also funded repairs to the church in 1953.



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Dear friends,

Thank you for your interest in Catholic Extension.

We hope you will consider joining our movement and making a powerful difference for good in the United States.

The word “extension” expresses the call we have as Catholics to extend ourselves to serve others.

In strategic ways, Catholic Extension reaches out to American dioceses that lack many resources—places where Christ is present but where churches are struggling and asking for our help.

Our work is to build and strengthen Catholic faith communities and to help them to proclaim the risen Christ. We help them to participate in God’s life-giving love by incarnating that love to one another.

We help them become vibrant places of compassion and care and encourage and enable them to build a better future for themselves, their families, their communities and our whole country.

These communities are the future of our Church. These are the places where our Church is at its most inspiring.

It is our responsibility, as fellow Catholics, to nurture these places of hope.

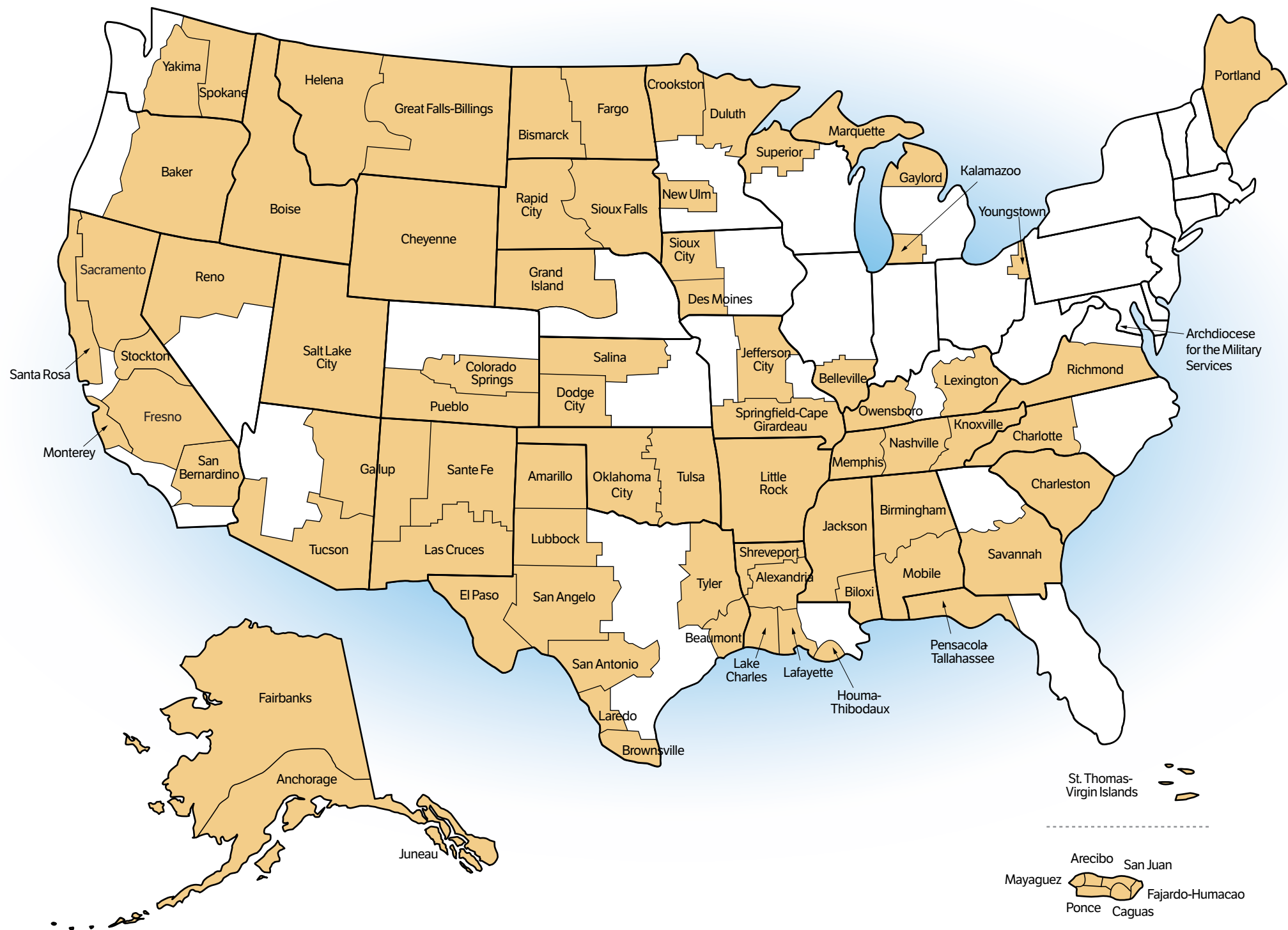
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Welcome to Catholic Extension.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Fr. Jack Wall".

Father Jack Wall
President, Catholic Extension

**Mission dioceses
supported by Catholic Extension**



To extend the reach of the Church in the early 1920s, Father Kelley used railcars to build up the Catholic faith in frontier America.

Our Story

Catholic Extension was founded in 1905 by Father Francis Clement Kelley, who recognized that Catholics in remote areas of the country did not have access to church buildings, the regular presence of priests or Catholic ministries. Lacking these fundamental resources, they struggled to keep their faith alive and growing. Father Kelley’s vision was to raise money to help bring the Catholic Church to these isolated faith communities.

Today Catholic Extension serves more than 90 “mission dioceses,” home to more than 15 million Catholics, in places where faith is thriving but resources are scarce. Responding to requests from mission bishops for assistance, Catholic Extension funds roughly 1,500 projects annually throughout the U.S. and its territories.

We are building faith...

Catholic Extension has extended more than

12,000

grants for construction and repair of churches and church facilities.

More than

600

deacons each year receive Catholic Extension funding for formation or ongoing support.

More than

175

grants are given annually by Catholic Extension for campus ministries and Newman Centers at universities across America.

We are giving faith communities the tools and the fuel to grow. We are reaching out, investing in them and witnessing the miracles that happen.

We support:

PEOPLE – seminarian education; diaconate formation; lay leadership training; salary subsidies for priests, women religious and lay leaders.

MINISTRIES – faith formation and religious education; Catholic schools; social outreach for the poor and forgotten; Catholic media; campus ministries; youth and young adult ministries.

INFRASTRUCTURE – church repairs, expansions and new construction projects; software and technology upgrades for parish and diocesan offices; and professional development and assistance to help dioceses become self-sustaining.



We are building churches:

Immaculate Conception Church in **Lopezville, Texas**, received assistance from Catholic Extension to repair and expand the growing church which has standing-room only Masses. This church is located in the booming **Diocese of Brownsville** — the nation's most densely Catholic diocese.



We are supporting campus ministries:

We support **St. Philip Neri Newman Center** at the University of Tulsa in the **Diocese of Tulsa, Oklahoma** — serving hundreds of students annually. Campus ministries provide faith formation and support at a critical juncture in the lives of young people.

We are educating seminarians:

Nick Adam, of the **Diocese of Jackson, Mississippi**,

whose formation is funded by Catholic Extension, is stepping up to answer the call to the priesthood. Vocations to the priesthood have been growing in mission dioceses, but for financially struggling dioceses that good news provides a great challenge.



We are subsidizing sisters' salaries:

Serving in the **Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa**, **Sister Blanca Contreras** of the Catechist Missionaries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Mary, is one of 35 sisters participating in the U.S.-Latin American Sisters Exchange Program to help minister to immigrant communities in parishes across the United States.



We are forming deacons:

Deacon Gerald Norris serves the community of **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** in **Gulfport, Mississippi, Diocese of Biloxi**. Catholic Extension funded his formation. Deacons play a crucial role in mission dioceses that often face extreme shortages of priests.



We are inspiring hope...

Catholic Extension is bursting with inspiring stories of hope from mission dioceses throughout the country. These stories show how faith can enrich and change lives and societies.

Empowering leaders from within the Native American community

Since 2003 Jesuit **Father John Hatcher** has served as the head of St. Francis Mission, a Jesuit ministry among the 20,000 Lakota (Sioux) people on the Rosebud Reservation in the **Diocese of Rapid City, South Dakota**. He has revitalized six parishes and developed four religious education centers, urging people to participate in parish life.

Father Hatcher guides his ministry toward one goal: for the Lakota people to be both fully Catholic and fully Native American. He opens the doors of the Catholic Church to the beautiful traditions and customs of the Lakota Indians.

The people on the reservation struggle with many challenges, including poverty, unemployment, alcohol and drug problems, depression and suicide.

To address these and to help create more pride among the residents, Father Hatcher has launched healing ministries such



Father John Hatcher, S.J., director of St. Francis Mission on Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, brings together Catholic and Native American traditions to uplift the Lakota people he serves.

as two recovery centers, a suicide hotline and a dental clinic as well as a radio station and a museum.

All these programs are headed by native people. “We are giving tools to the people so that they become independent leaders,” he said. “The Church is the catalyst for this transformation.”

Texas residents become a community

A few years ago, Pueblo de Palmas in the **Diocese of Brownsville, Texas**, seemed hopeless. The community of immigrants, located near the U.S.-Mexico border, was deeply impoverished. Then, after a tornado ripped through the area, it looked beyond repair. But when the **Missionary Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary** showed up, they saw a place of possibilities and said, “This is where we are needed the most.”

Right in the middle of town, the sisters created an outreach center that is a hub of activity

with tutoring, summer camps, English and sewing classes, a computer lab, medical and dental services and a community garden. They also built St. Anne’s, a beautiful mission-style church, where residents who once kept to themselves now gather each Sunday for Mass.

Sisters Fatima Santiago, Carolyn Kosub, and Emily Jocson turned Pueblo de Palmas into a thriving community. They received the Lumen Christi Award, Catholic Extension’s highest national honor.



Sisters Fatima Santiago, Carolyn Kosub and Emily Jocson visit an immigrant family in Pueblo de Palmas, a poor town near the U.S.-Mexico border.



Brenda Noriega, Hispanic ministry coordinator in the Diocese of Fresno, California, serves immigrants in many parishes, including Holy Family in Kingsburg.

Missionary discipleship in California

For **Brenda Noriega** being missionary is not a choice. “There’s no other way to live as a Christian,” she said. “We cannot stay in our house or within the four walls of our parish. We have to go out. It’s our Catholic identity.”

Noriega coordinates the Hispanic ministry program in her large **Diocese of Fresno, California**, which covers 35,000 square miles, comprises 1.2 million Catholics and includes 89 parishes. She works with youth and young adults, families and migrants. “We cannot stay static. We have to take the good news to the people — that Jesus Christ is risen, that He is a person in our lives and that God is merciful,” she said.

Nearly
40
mission dioceses annually receive priest salary subsidies to ensure a Catholic presence in parishes that cannot afford a priest.

We extend more than
\$1 million
annually to support Native Americans in 20 Catholic dioceses.

More than
\$2.4 million
is extended annually for Hispanic ministry in mission dioceses.

We are igniting change...

By helping people take ownership of their faith, individuals and communities are being transformed. We are creating the future of the Church in America.

More than
200,000
children and adults benefit annually from Catholic Extension's funding for religious education classes.

We offer
\$2.4 million
annually to subsidize the salaries of sisters.

We are funding more than
550
seminarians from 50 dioceses, totaling more than \$18 million over the past five years.



David McHugh leads a youth group at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Dodge City, Kansas. Catholic Extension has funded youth ministry in the **Diocese of Dodge City** since 1988. "Faith groups make real what you experience at Mass," said McHugh.



Sister María Lourdes of the Mexican congregation Eucharistic Evangelizers for the Poor serves immigrant communities in the **Diocese of San Bernardino, California**, as part of Catholic Extension's U.S.-Latin American Sisters Exchange Program.



Bishop Joseph Tyson distributes Communion at a migrant camp in the **Diocese of Yakima, Washington**. Migrant ministries allow migrants to continue practicing their faith — often bringing Mass to the camps and fields to accommodate their work schedules.



Seminarian Jonathan Howell of the **Diocese of Birmingham, Alabama**, is supported by Catholic Extension and is studying at the Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio. "I am so grateful for Catholic Extension support as we together spread the peace and joy of the Gospel," he said.



Father Eddie Fronske celebrates Mass with Native Americans at the White Mountain Apache Indian Reservation in the **Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico**.

Why Catholic Extension?

- Because fellow Catholics need our help
- Because as Catholics we are called to build community, especially among the poor
- Because building Catholic Church communities is one of the best ways to make a difference in poor areas
- Because together we can build the future of a strong Catholic Church in the United States.

Come join us!

We need you. Catholics throughout the United States need you.

Catholic Extension offers many opportunities to get involved.

To learn more or to donate,

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or HYPERLINK “<http://www.catholicextension.org>”

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“My fervent belief is that every Catholic in the United States is called to be involved in Catholic Extension. We have to be in this together. It is the glory of the Church that we are never better than when we see the face of Christ in the poor.”

—FATHER JACK WALL
President, Catholic Extension



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“All of us who are baptized
are missionary disciples.
We are called to become
a living Gospel in the world.”

— POPE FRANCIS



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