

CATHOLIC  EXTENSION



2015

ANNUAL REPORT

Letter from the President

Dear Friends,

I feel so grateful for the many blessings that your donations in 2015 made possible for the 94 mission dioceses we serve. Together we were able to build and strengthen Catholic faith communities who are answering God's call to go forth to "love and serve the Lord" and to transform the world around us.

These inspiring communities continue to teach us that we cannot be Catholic Christians without being missionary, and that we cannot be Catholic parishes without being mission-centered and mission-driven.

Pope Francis' 2015 visit to the United States helped to energize the Catholic Church in this country and made us at Catholic Extension redouble our efforts to build faith, inspire hope and ignite change. I was fortunate to attend

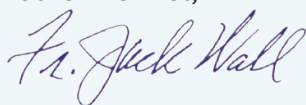


the canonization Mass of St. Junípero Serra in Washington, and this new saint of mission urges all of us, in the words of his motto, to “always keep moving forward.”

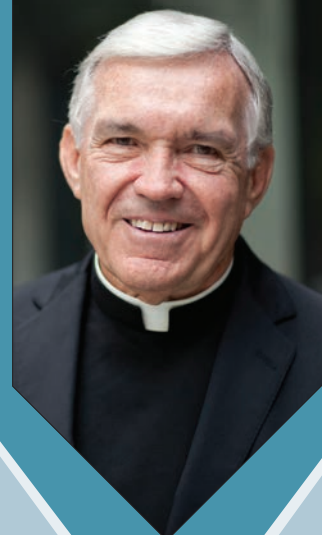
In 2015 your generosity allowed us to provide \$28.5 million to America’s under-resourced mission dioceses. With your support you helped build and repair churches, rectories and schools. You helped educate America’s priests, sisters, deacons and lay leaders and provided crucial resources for parishes and ministries that would otherwise not exist. You helped make strategic investments in the Church’s future and set financially struggling dioceses on a path toward sustainability.

Thank you for joining us in this crucial mission. We are honored to work and partner with you.

Yours in Christ,



Reverend John J. Wall
President, Catholic Extension



Background cover photo and back cover: Construction of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Ray City, Georgia

Left cover photo: Father Fredy reviews plans of the construction of St. Anthony’s

Middle cover photo: Youth ministry at Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana

Right cover photo and this page: Madeline Lyon, lower right, leads St. Francis of Assisi School in the Diocese of Gallup, New Mexico, with an all-volunteer teaching staff who serves a Native American population



2015 HIGHLIGHTS

WE INVEST IN PEOPLE.

More than 50 seminarians funded by Catholic Extension were ordained, signaling a wonderful infusion of faith in the mission dioceses.

Read more on page 6 about how you supported the education of the future leaders of our Church.



Flat Francis made his way across the United States thanks to thousands of Catholics who shared photos on social media.

The U.S.-Latin American Sisters Exchange Program celebrated its second year with Sr. Rosemarie Nassif, who is pictured here, from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation and 33 women religious. The program helps serve the growing Hispanic population.

WE INVEST IN MINISTRY.

The first cohort of Catholics Extension's Hispanic Lay Leadership Initiative graduated in 2015 and is now serving Catholics across the country.

Read more on page 8 about how you supported ministries that are enhancing faith formation, religious education and outreach in Catholic communities.

The Diocese of Portland became a new mission diocese in 2015 to address a great need for Hispanic Ministry staff at St. Michael's Church in Cherryfield, Maine.



Pope Francis kisses the personal cross of St. Junípero Serra, presented to him by Catholic Extension's Chancellor Archbishop Blase Cupich. The canonization Mass of this new saint of mission took place in Washington.

WE INVEST IN BUILDINGS.

During Catholic Extension's 110th anniversary year, 44 churches received building and renovation funding. Since 1905 Extension has funded more than 12,000 building and renovation grants.

Read more on page 10 about how you supported the construction and renovation of churches and their facilities.

WE INVEST IN PEOPLE



Lyon, a former teacher, leads children in daily prayer in the gymnasium and helps in the classroom.



PROVIDING A CATHOLIC EDUCATION THAT TRANSFORMS LIVES

Educating children is never a simple process — educating students who face unusual challenges can become a mission.

Madeline Lyon, principal of St. Francis of Assisi School in Lumberton, New Mexico, is on such a mission. She believes that a Catholic community offers the right structure for the guidance of Native American children in her area.

“Many of our children experience trauma at home because of poverty, divorce and substance abuse. We make them feel safe, welcomed and valued here,” she said. “Faith lets you know that you are not alone.”

To empower Lyon to lead, Catholic Extension has extended \$10,000 for her continued education in the Catholic Schools Leadership Development Initiative through Loyola Marymount University. This program trains and mentors school administrators to strategically transform their educational environments in a Catholic setting. “Connection to God is our greatest hope,” she said.

St. Francis School is located high in the northern mountains of the state. It is the only Catholic school within an 87-mile radius. Eighty-five percent of its students are from the nearby Jicarilla Apache Nation in the town of Dulce.

About half are registered Catholic, but there is a full Catholic presence throughout the school — twice-daily, all-school gatherings to pray, weekly Masses and family faith nights.

For her service, Lyon was recognized as a finalist for Catholic Extension’s 2015 — 2016 Lumen Christi Award and received a \$10,000 grant.

“The work here is difficult,” she said. **“I could not do it without God’s help. It’s all in His name. It’s our joint mission.”**



Father Benjamin Onwumelu, pastor of the adjacent St. Francis of Assisi Church, pictured top, is grateful for what Lyon has accomplished. “The school is a model for the social and religious life of our community — it’s a feeder for the church,” he said.

WE INVEST IN MINISTRY

Legendary Lodge, often referred to as “the jewel of the diocese,” provides a setting for young Catholics to deepen their faith during a weeklong summer camp and inspires them to continue this journey throughout the year.



GROWING IN CHRIST

The Diocese of Helena, Montana, understands the importance of helping youth and young adults navigate through the early years — after all, the future of the Catholic Church rests in their hands.

For more than 15 years, through the generosity of donors like you, Catholic Extension has strengthened several youth and young adult ministries in the diocese.

Legendary Lodge, nestled in the Rocky Mountains on the edge of Salmon Lake, is a diocesan youth camp supported by Catholic Extension. From June to August, the camp bustles with nearly 900 children from grades 5 to 12. Focused on faith formation, the camp provides a week of prayer, fellowship, adventure and joy. And the impacts are long-lasting; parishes are seeing these campers continue their Church involvement year-round.

Another group who frequents the lodge are college students. Of Montana's five campus ministries, who together serve 670 students, Catholic Extension funds four.

Dan Thies, associate director of campus ministry at Carroll College, a local diocesan college, was the first student sponsored by Catholic Extension's Young Adult Leadership Initiative. He earned a master's degree in theology from Boston College in 2012.

“My job is reaching out to young people at a time when they are making huge decisions about who they want to be, what is important to them, how they want to live their life and what their purpose or vocation is,” he said.

He must be doing something right. Of the 15 seminarians currently in the diocese, nine have Carroll roots.

Building the Church of tomorrow begins with developing young leaders today. **With your generous support, Catholic Extension was able to extend \$78,000 in 2015 to the Diocese of Helena to light the fire within young people and to keep it lit for a lifetime.**



“We encounter Christ when we worship, serve and evangelize. In Montana many of these encounters happen in particularly beautiful places,” said Dan Thies, campus minister at Carroll College (top).

WE INVEST IN BUILDINGS



Father Fredy Angel, pastor of St. Anthony of Padua Parish in Ray City, Georgia, reviews building plans at the construction site for the new church.

ONE BIG CHURCH FOR ALL

Nine years ago, when Father Fredy Angel arrived as pastor of Queen of Peace in Lakeland in the Diocese of Savannah, Georgia, the parish had three missions in an area spanning four counties: St. Margaret Mary in Adel, St. Mary in Nashville and a Spanish-language mission, San José, in Twin Lakes. All of the communities had been struggling, and the church buildings were run down.

As the energetic Colombian-born missionary priest began to grow and unite the area's dispersed and diverse Catholic community — African-Americans, whites, Latinos and Asian-Americans — maintaining the four sites proved increasingly unsustainable.

In 2015, with the generous support of Catholic Extension donors like you, the parish launched an ambitious construction project for a large, new, centrally located church in Ray City and chose a new name for itself: St. Anthony of Padua. Even before the scheduled dedication in the spring of 2016, the building of this impressive new church — much of it with volunteer labor by parishioners — has signaled a more prominent presence of Catholicism in an area where Catholics are a small minority.

Catholic Extension has supported Father Angel's ministry from the time he was a seminarian by subsidizing his tuition costs. Donors, like you, have helped pay for his salary. **And in 2015 Catholic Extension approved a \$50,000 1-to-1 matching challenge for the construction of the new church.** As the recipient of Catholic Extension's 2015 — 2016 Lumen Christi Award, Father Angel and the Savannah diocese received another \$50,000, which was also added to St. Anthony's construction funds.

“What you see happening in this parish,” retired Savannah Bishop J. Kevin Boland said, **“that's kind of a miracle in the South.** The reason why the Church there is able to accomplish this — with the help of Catholic Extension — is the vibrancy of the faith of the Catholic people.”

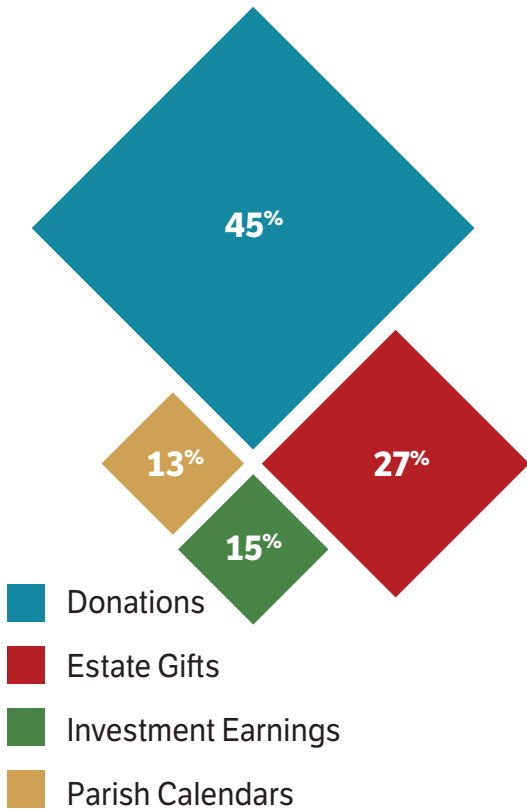
*Opposite page:
The interior and exterior
of the church during
construction. The
dedication is scheduled
for spring 2016.*

*St. Anthony of Padua
Church is bringing
together a diverse Catholic
community from three
predecessor churches:
St. Mary Margaret in Adel
(top), Queen of Peace in
Lakeland (center) and
St. Mary in Nashville
(bottom).*



FINANCIALS

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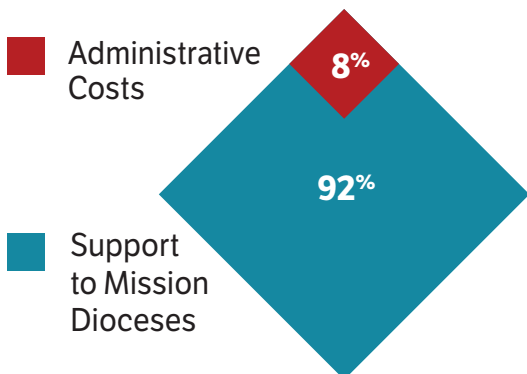
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS	IN MILLIONS
General Investments	\$106.5
Charitable Gift Annuities	\$38.8
All Other Assets	\$27.3
Total Assets	\$172.6

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

LIABILITIES	
Charitable Gift Annuities	\$33.3
All Other Liabilities	\$11.1
Total Liabilities	\$44.4

USES OF FUNDS

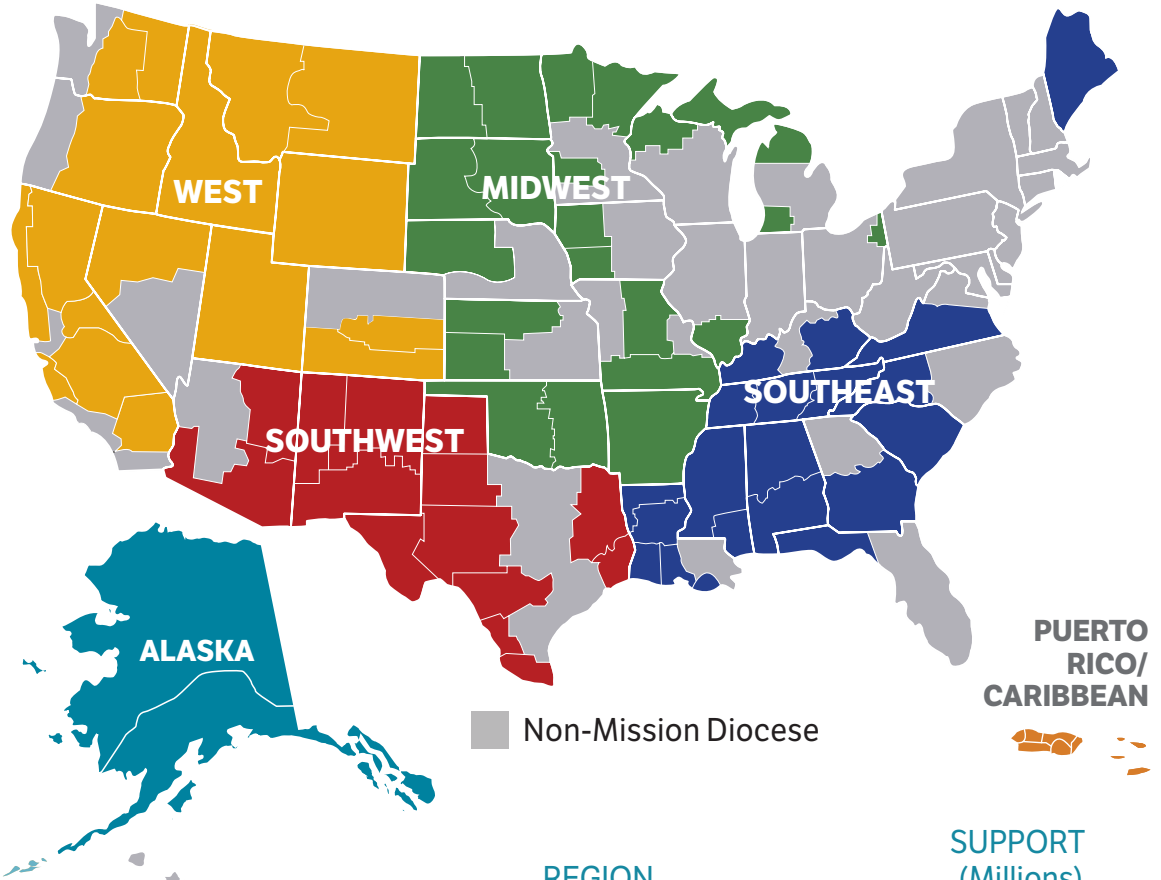


NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$77.6
Temporarily Restricted	\$17.2
Permanently Restricted	\$33.4
Total Net Assets	\$128.2

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS \$172.6

SUPPORT BY REGION



Non-Mission Diocese

PUERTO RICO/ CARIBBEAN



HAWAII

PACIFIC ISLANDS



REGION

SUPPORT (Millions)

West	\$6.6
Southeast	\$5.6
Multi-Regional	\$5.1
Midwest	\$4.4
Southwest	\$4.4
Puerto Rico/Caribbean	\$1.3
Alaska	\$0.8
Pacific Islands	\$0.3

GRAND TOTAL

\$28.5

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Cardinal Francis George

January 16, 1937 – April 17, 2015

Catholic Extension dedicates this Annual Report to Cardinal Francis George, who passed away on April 17.

We are deeply grateful for his transformative leadership as chancellor of Catholic Extension from 1997 to 2014.

May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.



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