

CATHOLIC  EXTENSION

INSPIRING
HOPE



2011 ANNUAL REPORT



“I just can’t explain the feeling. It was like I wanted to jump. When I came out of school I told my mom, ‘Mom, we got new computers!’ I was so excited.” – Lianys (left), after her school received a designated gift from a generous Catholic Extension donor.



Reverend John J. Wall

Dear Friends,

Have you ever met someone so filled with hope that it seemed to simply overflow?

During my time with Catholic Extension, I've had the honor to encounter many people just like this. They come from poor mission dioceses, often struggling to meet their most basic needs. Yet they celebrate their faith richly, confident in Christ's promise of abundant life. As part of the Catholic Extension family, you have been with them on their journey and helped fulfill their hopes during the past year.

Along with hope comes trust, not only for those we serve, but for you, our donors. Catholic Extension understands and holds it sacred that you entrust your gifts to us, so that together we can support and strengthen the Catholic Church throughout the United States. Through your generous gifts in 2011, Catholic Extension was able to provide \$21.9 million – the largest amount ever given in any year – to meet the funding requests of 86 mission dioceses. We thank you for trusting us to be good stewards of your many gifts.

In the following pages, you will learn how your contributions helped build churches, educate seminarians and provide social outreach to the most vulnerable members of society. But these stories represent just a portion of what was accomplished. As we have throughout our history, Catholic Extension is continually finding new ways to respond to the most urgent needs of the Church today, by supporting the people, ministries, and building projects that extend our faith and share God's love with every community.

When hope is fulfilled, joy abounds. Thanks to your generosity of heart, people living in poor mission dioceses across America can better experience the fullness of our shared Catholic faith.

Yours in Christ,

Reverend John J. Wall

President, Catholic Extension

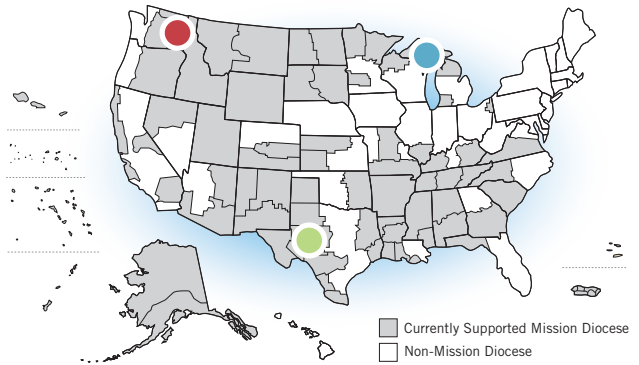
COVER: *Sister Rosaline Charoentavit, SPC, brings hope and smiles to the people of Gwinn, Michigan*

LEFT: *School children at Santiago Apostol School in Fajardo, Puerto Rico*

TOP: *2011 Lumen Christi Award Recipient Sister Gabriella Williams, OP, of San Bernardino, California*

THREE STORIES OF HOPE

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Catholic Extension uniquely contributes to the growth and vibrancy of the Church in the U.S. by strategically investing in poor mission dioceses to unleash the power of faith that transforms hearts, lives, and society.



Building Faith | Inspiring Hope | Igniting Change

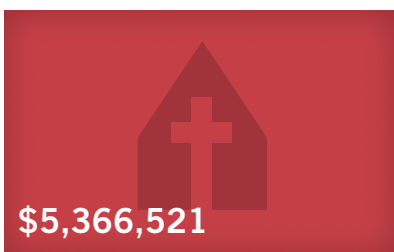
We invest in people.

Through Catholic Extension, you support the future leaders of our Church – the lay, religious, and ordained whose service enhances vibrant communities of faith.



We invest in ministries.

Through Catholic Extension, you support ministries that are enhancing faith formation, religious education, and outreach in Catholic communities.

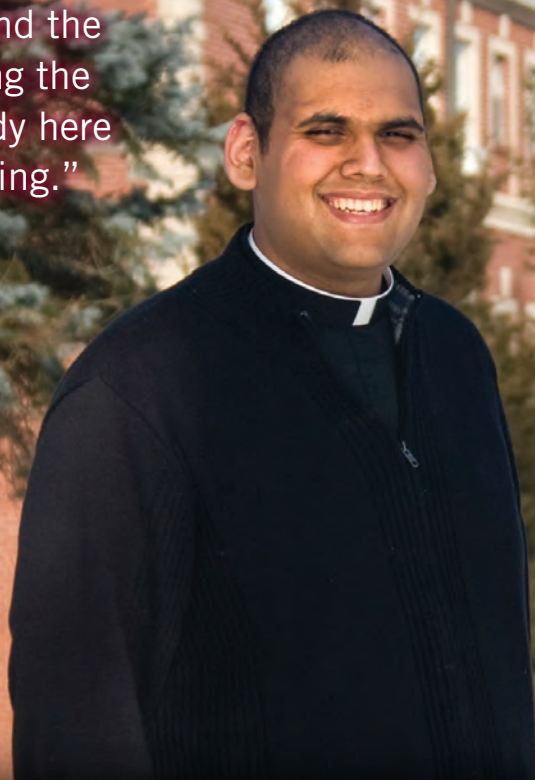


We invest in infrastructure.

Through Catholic Extension, you support the construction and renovation of churches and their facilities so they can serve as centers of prayer, the sacraments, spiritual growth, and community life.

“Words can’t express the love that I feel in the presence of God and the community. Having the opportunity to study here has been outstanding.”

- RYAN ROJO



595

SEMINARIANS YOU HELPED
SUPPORT IN 2011



Hope in Leaders

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, INCREASING NUMBERS OF SEMINARIANS ARE ABLE TO SERVE THEIR DIOCESES.

There is good news for the future of the Church in our country's mission dioceses. Increasing numbers of young men are answering God's call and pursuing vocations to the priesthood. While these seminarians are a gift for their brothers and sisters in Christ, the cost of their education creates significant financial challenges for the dioceses that must support them. In 2011, your gifts helped educate 595 seminarians, ensuring that there were no financial barriers preventing them from serving the Church in places that need it most.

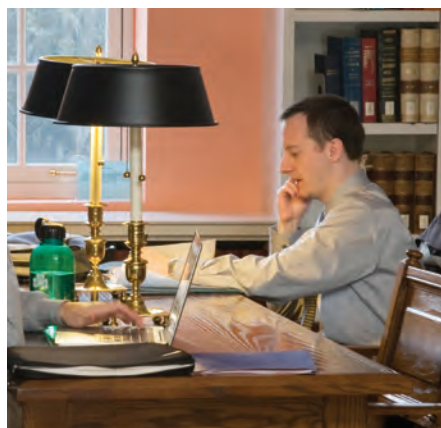
In addition to this generous support, Catholic Extension has launched a new initiative that maximizes your gift and lessens the cost of seminarian education for mission dioceses. Through this initiative, the participating seminary, the mission diocese, and you, our generous donors, share the cost of scholarships that will help seminarians pursue advanced theological degrees.

Ryan Rojo is one such seminarian to benefit from this initiative, and is currently enrolled at the University of St. Mary of the Lake/Mundelein Seminary. Upon ordination, he will return to serve the Diocese of San Angelo, Texas, which currently has one priest for every 2,000 Catholics. "I think a lot of times we do things, and we never see the fruits of our labor," said Rojo. **"I just want to encourage donors out there to look at me and say, 'This is the fruit.' I am the fruit of their labor."**

LEFT: Ryan Rojo is pursuing an advanced theological degree and will be ordained for his home diocese of San Angelo, Texas.

TOP RIGHT: Ryan Rojo will serve faithful Catholics in West Texas.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Seminarian studying at Mundelein's Feehan Memorial Library.



INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

AS MEMBERS of Socius Circle, Catholic Extension's annual leadership giving society, Michael and Kay O'Halleran have long been proponents of our mission. Last year, however, they went even further, beginning a multi-year commitment in support of seminarian scholarships.

"As a former seminarian, I believe investing in the seminarian education scholarship program will foster the development of new priests who aspire to teach, preach and live by the principles of Catholicism," said Mr. O'Halleran. "This investment is timely and critical to ensure the Catholic Church develops the next generation of leaders."



“Without Catholic Extension’s support,
this ministry would have discontinued.”

– SISTER ROSALINE CHAROENCHANTAVIT, SPC

2,700

LIVES YOU’VE TOUCHED
WITH A RENEWED SENSE
OF HOPE

Hope in Outreach



THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, A MINISTRY CONTINUES EXTENDING A HAND TO A STRUGGLING COMMUNITY.

Our Lady Help of Christians Center (OLHC) was established in 2008 to provide outreach to the 2,700 people suffering from poverty and unemployment in and around Gwinn, Michigan. With the help of parishioners from Saint Anthony Parish and several Sisters of St. Paul of Chartres, the ministry offered food and social services, but could not further expand its reach. “We sat in meetings wondering where next month’s money and budget would come from,” said the Center’s Spiritual Director, Deacon Jack Leadbetter.

Last year, **Catholic Extension donors supported Our Lady Help of Christians with \$50,000.** Your gifts have helped the Center cover basic operational expenses so that volunteers can focus on their mission to serve the community’s spiritual needs. In addition to providing basic social services, they are now personally inviting people to Bible studies, CCD classes and religious celebrations. **“All the parishioners are involved,” said Deacon Leadbetter. “We’re getting Catholics excited about their faith again.”**

The infusion of faith is helping the community renew their sense of self worth—something that Deacon Leadbetter believes will help them rise above their struggles. And without the support of Catholic Extension donors, it would not have been possible. “The grant has given us purpose,” he said, “I think we’re going to have a great impact.”

LEFT: Sister Rosaline is a cheerful, familiar presence for youth in Gwinn, Michigan and the surrounding area.

TOP RIGHT: The community streets, once thriving, are now deserted.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The Center has plans for a religious education program to reach new generations of Catholics.



GENERATIONS OF SUPPORT

MARY PERSYN is a third-generation Catholic Extension donor. When her parents retired, they moved to a small, southern Indiana town and joined a parish where the church had been built with a gift from Extension donors.

Before her death in 1996, Mary’s mother, Geraldine, encouraged her to continue the family’s tradition of supporting Extension. Since then, she honors this request by her yearly giving, joining more than 9,000 Mission Partner supporters who sustain the mission of Catholic Extension.

“I’m not aware of anyone who didn’t just walk into this church and feel like it was meant for us.” – GEORGE BACON, PARISHIONER



5,366,521

DOLLARS GRANTED FOR
BUILDING PROJECTS



Hope in Community

THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT, A GROWING PARISH COMMUNITY IN DEER PARK, WASHINGTON, HAS A NEW HOME.

In 2004, parishioners of St. Mary Presentation Parish began a campaign to raise money for a new church and parish facilities—a plan that was decades in the making. Their church, originally built with the help of Catholic Extension funding, could no longer accommodate the growing Catholic community or its ministries. On Sundays, religious education classes were held in a nearby garage. “We were stretched to the limit,” said George Bacon, a parishioner for eight years.

Responding to their need, Catholic Extension donors brought St. Mary’s fundraising efforts to completion with a generous gift: the final \$50,000 needed to break ground on a new church. The impact was instant. “People were cheering and crying and just shocked that anybody would think of little old St. Mary’s,” explained parishioner Donna Gyllenhammer.

Your investment in “little old St. Mary’s” was an answer to a prayer for parishioners who had saved diligently for so many years. Your gifts are a wonderful demonstration that we, as Catholics, are all united in faith no matter where God plants us. Said Father Al Grashar, Pastor: “The importance of this for us was to see, as parishioners, that there are others that are interested in helping us to build our dreams, to build our new church.”

LEFT: A new church is the answer to years of fundraising for parishioners at St. Mary Presentation Parish in Deer Park, Washington.

TOP RIGHT: For many years, the size of the church stifled parish ministries.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The parish has experienced a renewed sense of community.



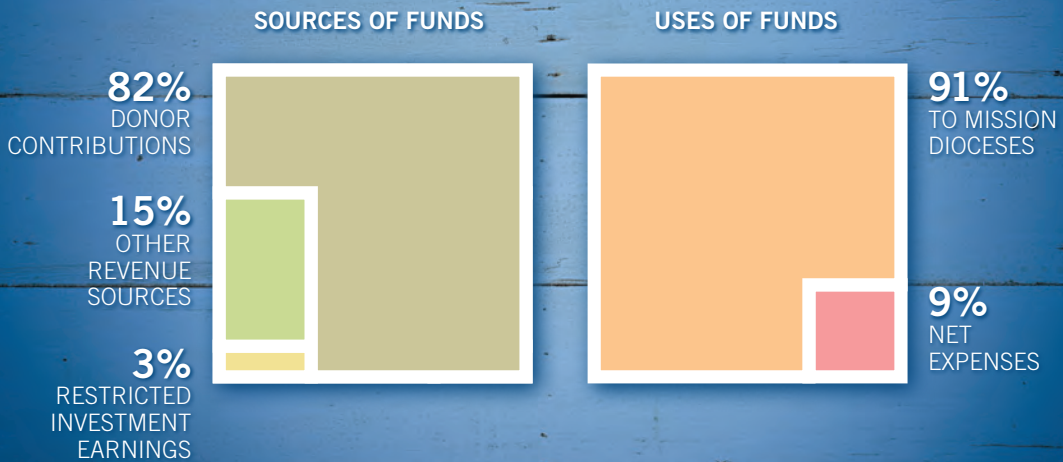
LEAVING A LEGACY

A PRIEST for over forty years, Monsignor Joseph Curley knows the importance of building vibrant faith communities. While leading his own parish in Centereach, New York, Msgr. Curley began supporting Catholic Extension so that he could help other, struggling Catholics across America.

Recently, he decided to extend his years of support by making a provision for Catholic Extension in his will. In doing so, Msgr. Curley joins the many other members of our Legacy Club who will ignite lasting change for generations to come.

FINANCIALS

TOTAL REVENUE & SUPPORT = \$25.1 MILLION

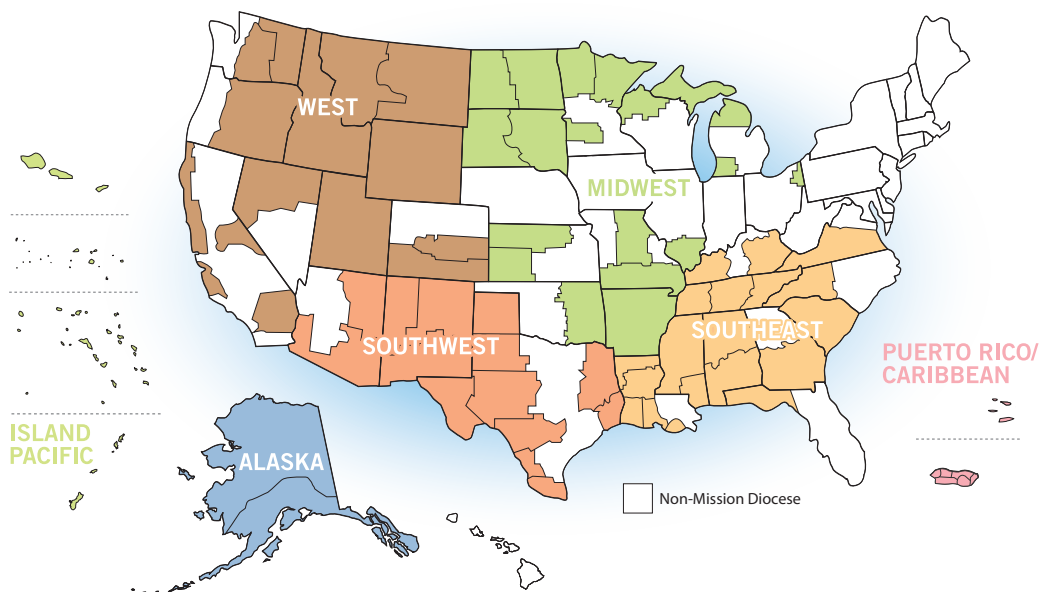


STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

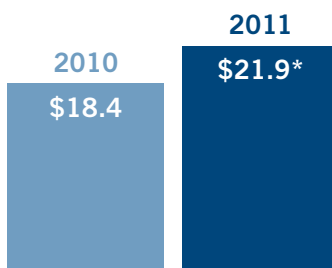
ASSETS	IN MILLIONS
General Investments	115.5
Charitable Gift Annuities	56.1
All Other Assets	28.7
Total Assets	\$ 200.3

LIABILITIES & NET ASSETS	IN MILLIONS
LIABILITIES	
Charitable Gift Annuities	47.6
All Other Liabilities	17.2
Total Liabilities	\$ 64.8

NET ASSETS	
Unrestricted	92.5
Temporarily Restricted	11.8
Permanently Restricted	31.2
Total Net Assets	\$ 135.5
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	\$ 200.3



REGION	SUPPORT (MILLIONS)	REGION	SUPPORT (MILLIONS)
Alaska	\$0.9	Southeast	\$4.5
Island Pacific	\$0.3	Southwest	\$3.8
Midwest	\$4.2	West	\$3.9
Puerto Rico/Caribbean	\$1.7	National	\$2.6
		GRAND TOTAL	\$21.9



GROWTH IN SUPPORT (MILLIONS)

**Largest annual amount ever given to mission dioceses by Catholic Extension*

Hope for the Future

In addition to our traditional areas of support, Catholic Extension last year launched a series of Strategic Initiatives designed to proactively address many of the shared challenges facing America's mission dioceses. These initiatives give mission dioceses access to programs that are beyond their financial reach.

By partnering with you, with leading Catholic organizations, and with the mission dioceses, we are creating a true collaboration between Catholics in our country that will propel the Church into a vibrant, sustainable future. Read on to discover how some of these initiatives are already inspiring hope across the United States.

Fostering Long-Term Growth — **Mission Diocese Fund, LLC**

In 2011, Catholic Extension formed the Mission Diocese Fund, LLC, a pooled-investment fund designed to provide mission dioceses with access to world-class fund managers that are typically unavailable to small endowments. Its benefits are twofold: 1) Diocesan assets are invested professionally to seek competitive returns with reduced risk, and 2) Diocesan staff can focus more time on fundraising and stewardship.

With increased endowments and ample returns, dioceses participating in the Fund can build up their financial resources and work toward fruitful, self-sustaining futures.

Developing Young Leaders — **Campus Ministry Leadership**

In 2011, Catholic Extension partnered with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) Office of Education to make its annual Campus Ministry Leadership Institute (CMLI) more accessible for campus ministers across the country. Through this partnership, Extension offered scholarships to campus ministers from mission dioceses who otherwise would not have been able to attend.


The campus ministry team at the University of Colorado at Colorado Springs was one of the first to benefit. While at CMLI, these young leaders created a plan for increasing the Catholic presence at their university and reaching out to other Catholic students. They are experiencing great success and igniting faith at their university.

Advancing Church Leaders — **Parish Faith Renewal**

In 2011, Catholic Extension joined forces with RENEW International to help offer religious education and evangelization programs to mission dioceses.

Thanks to your gifts, more than 3,000 Catholics in the Diocese of Amarillo, Texas, are renewing their faith through the study of Catholic Church teachings. This renewal is deepening the experience of excellent Church life for all its parishioners, and modeling faith for future generations of Catholics.

RIGHT: *Parishioners attending Mass at St. Peter's Church in Mertzon, Texas.*

A photograph of a man in a dark, textured suit jacket holding a young child in a crowd. The child is wearing a dark blue shirt with white and yellow stripes on the sleeves. The background is a blurred indoor setting with many people and bright lights.

At Catholic Extension, we can never thank you enough for your generosity. We offer our heartfelt thanks to all our donors, past and present, who have walked with us in our mission to support and strengthen the Catholic Church in America.

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