



**Rejoicing in God's Mercy,
Together in Christ**

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The theme of our 2016 Annual Diocesan Appeal, **Rejoicing in God's Mercy, Together in Christ**, reflects the call of Pope Francis for an Extraordinary Jubilee to celebrate God's great and wonderful gift of mercy. The Holy Year of Mercy began on last month's Feast of the Immaculate Conception and extends to the Solemnity of Christ the King, November 20.

In announcing this Jubilee Year, the Holy Father proclaimed that "the Church is the house that welcomes all and refuses no one." This indeed is a mark of the Diocese of San Jose, of its 54 missions and parishes and of each of you. Together we form a local Church rooted in justice, mercy, love and peace.

Mindful of the call to be merciful just as our heavenly Father is merciful (*cf. Matthew 6:36*), I ask again for your support of our Annual Diocesan Appeal. Your gift to the ADA provides for the continuing work of the Church to show the loving face of God especially to those who are most in need. We do this through our catechetical, liturgical, educational and social justice ministries. We do this because you make all of these good works possible. We will continue to do this because of your support of this year's ADA.

I thank you, in advance, for your prayerful consideration of this year's Appeal and I pledge to you, your families and loved ones remembrance in my daily prayers.

With every best wish and kind regard, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

Patrick J. McGrath
Bishop of San Jose



ADA in Action: Fr. Joe Kim

Diocesan Director of Vocations and Evangelization

Fr. Joe Kim works full time as the Director of Vocations as well as the Director of Evangelization for the Diocese of San Jose. When asked about Evangelization and Pope Francis' Year of Mercy, Fr. Joe quotes St. Paul, "God is rich in mercy."

The Year of Mercy is about receiving God and how God's love touches our misery. Fr. Joe states, "It is about sharing the story of how God's love touches our lives in a very positive way."

"The Diocese is growing and as a local church we must focus on the mission of how we form disciples" says Fr. Joe. The Annual Diocesan Appeal helps by offering financial support to the Office of Evangelization.

Once again, Fr. Joe is candid, "Evangelization is the original commission from Jesus Christ himself. One day, when we stand before our Lord we are going to want to say that we funded his commission and that we were agents of mercy by following His example and sharing our compassion."



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ADA in Action: Terry Jelley

Catholic Network to End Human Trafficking

Terry Jelley is working in the Diocese of San Jose on the global problem of human trafficking, she believes it was meant to be.

Starting as a flight attendant and then moving into management at American Airlines, Jelley moved to San Jose in 1986 and found her way to Saint Lawrence the Martyr Church, where she played the piano at Mass. Her involvement in her church led to graduating from the Institute of Leadership in Ministry (ILM) and eventually a Masters degree in Spirituality from Santa Clara University. "Living my faith was my purpose in life. I found my faith working in social ministry," Jelley said.

With her background in the airlines Jelley worked to create awareness about human trafficking among airport workers and airline personnel. Attendees were taught to both recognize instances of human trafficking and how to report suspected instances. This awareness campaign is conducted at both San Francisco and San Jose airports.

The fact that this all fell into place: a parish where she could meet the people that would help her grow in her faith and especially a Bishop that supported the mission to combat human trafficking and was vocal about his support...all leads Terry Jelley to believe that she is where she is meant to be.



ADA in Action: Msgr. Joseph Milani

Retired Priest

Msgr. Joseph Milani speaks with a clear, strong voice which masks his 90 years. Milani was ordained in 1950 and retired in 1995.

He is candid about how fortunate he is to have the excellent retirement benefits which he credits to Bishop DuMaine as well as Msgr. Tim O'Brien, Msgr. John Sandersfeld and Msgr. Michael Mitchell; all whom he credits for establishing the plan in the formative years of the Diocese of San Jose. He understands it could have been very different.

Beyond the standard medical benefits and supplemental plans for Medicare, the retirement benefits also include a personal care giver.

Donna Bell, a registered nurse, has been on board to help retired priests for the past 10 years. Bell acts as a nurse, a case manager, a sounding board and a friend to many of our retired priests, including Msgr. Milani.

ADA funds support our retired priests and after all they have given it is the least we can do. As for Msgr. Milani, though retired for 20 years, he still says Mass on a monthly basis and helps out where he can.

How your gift makes a difference

When you participate in the Annual Diocesan Appeal, your gifts help your parish meet its ADA assessment goal and the **overall \$5,943,885 goal** for our diocese. Your contributions are distributed to these programs. Your generosity makes a difference!



14.72% Office of the Bishop
Cathedral Basilica, Vatican support,
USCCB/CCC

15.42% Office for Parish Services
Evangelization, Catechetical Ministry,
Institute for Leadership in Ministry,
Social Ministry, Youth and Young
Adults, Hispanic Apostolate, Worship

**3.29% Office for Protection of
Children and Vulnerable Adults**

15.34% Clergy
Priests, Retired Priests, Deacons,
Seminarians, Vocations

5.85% Tribunal

30.04% Operational Services
Finance, Info Systems, Facilities,
Human Resources, Chancellor
and Archives

15.34%
Stewardship & Development;
Communications Services

Opportunities to Give

Full credit of your gift to the 2016 Annual Diocesan Appeal will be given to your parish and applied to your parish's goal. Your parish will receive 100% of all gifts over its goal.

Online Giving - Save paper. Save time. And make your gifts work harder than ever for our ministries by participating in our Online Giving program. When you give online, your gift will be transferred conveniently and securely from your bank account (or credit card) directly to the Diocese. Access your account any time you like. You're in complete control when you visit www.dsj.org/ada and click on *Donate Today*.

Gifts - Checks should be made payable to the Annual Diocesan Appeal (ADA). Please mail your check in the pledge response envelope. Please make sure your parish name is written on the check.

Credit Card - We accept Visa and Master Card. Simply provide your credit card details on your pledge envelope.

Pledge your gift over ten months - A gift to the ADA may be paid over ten months. If possible, please include your first month's payment when you mail your pledge in the pledge response envelope.

Gifts of Securities - Federal tax laws allow a charitable deduction for the full market value of the securities on the date of your gift.

Matching Gifts - Many corporations match the charitable contributions of employees. Please contact your company's Human Resource professional to determine if your company participates in the Matching Gift Program.

Please remember that pledges should be completed by December 31, 2016

The Diocese of San Jose has its roots in the California Mission established more than two centuries ago. In 1777 the Franciscan Fathers founded Mission Santa Clara de Asís which later became Saint Clare parish.

More than 590,000 Santa Clara County residents identify themselves as Catholic. Our church and the growth it has achieved have always been dependent on those Catholics who have paved the way before us. It is now our turn to add the building blocks of our faith for future Catholics to stand on.

Your involvement and your financial support are needed. **Please support ADA 2016.**



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