

THREE STORIES AMONG THOUSANDS FROM THE GREATER SACRAMENTO AREA:

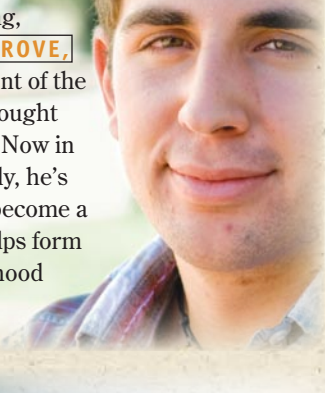


Mothers

and children come to **WELLSPRING WOMEN'S CENTER IN SACRAMENTO** to find dignity, respect, and a sense of belonging. For women facing immense challenges, a nutritious breakfast and hope for a better day await. Our support is their lifeline.

A victim

of a near-death shooting, Matthew, from **ELK GROVE**, received The Sacrament of the Sick, which he says brought him to the priesthood. Now in his second year of study, he's even more excited to become a priest. Our support helps form seminarians for priesthood in our communities.



Volunteers

from many churches and organizations transform donated food into a nutritious hot meal for anyone who is hungry.

ST. PATRICK PARISH, PLACERVILLE started the ministry 13 years ago and now helps support it with its share from the Appeal. Named after the Upper Room, where Jesus fed his friends, the program thrives in a specially-built location.



THREE STORIES AMONG THOUSANDS FROM THE NORTH STATE AREA:



Yoko

has survived many things, including the bombing of Hiroshima. Today she finds safety and security at Jarvis Gardens, a residence in Chico for low-income seniors, sponsored by **NORTHERN VALLEY CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE**. Our support is their lifeline.

Mike

took a deep breath and a large leap of faith when he left home to finish his formation here in our diocese. Now in residence at **SACRED HEART PARISH, RED BLUFF**, Mike takes his final step toward priesthood. Our support helps train new priests for our communities.



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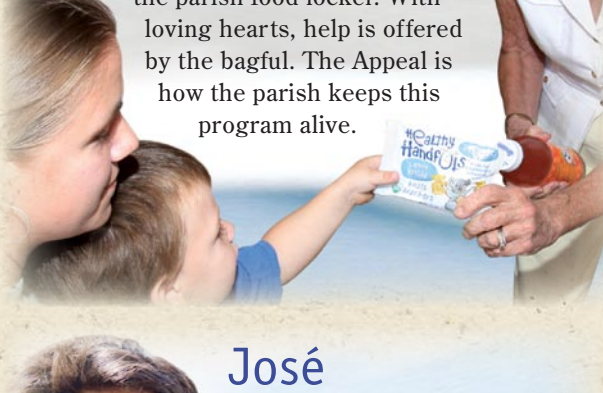
of **ST. JOHN PARISH, QUINCY** are devoted to the Community Assistance Network, which helps people in Plumas County with emergency food. Helped by the parish share of Appeal funds and other sources, the ministry is located adjacent to the church — a constant reminder of our being sent forth from Mass to *love and serve the Lord*.



THREE STORIES AMONG THOUSANDS FROM THE COLUSA, SUTTER, SOLANO, YOLO & YUBA AREAS:

Volunteers

from **ST. ISIDORE PARISH, YUBA CITY** provide food to local residents through the parish food locker. With loving hearts, help is offered by the bagful. The Appeal is how the parish keeps this program alive.



José

was a rebellious teen when Pope John Paul II made his fourth visit to Mexico. Deeply moved to trust in God, José entered the local seminary and six years later applied to our diocese. He's now in his pastoral year at **ST. CATHERINE OF SIENNA PARISH, VALLEJO**. Our support helps train new priests for our communities.



Michael

lost everything when his low-income residence burned to the ground. Yet his spirit never dampened. With assistance and lots of compassion from **CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICE OF SOLANO** he's now recovering from his great loss and still lives on his own. Our support is their lifeline.

