Archbishop’s Circle Projects - FY 2018-2019

“My vision is of our parish communities being even more vibrant, alive with the Spirit, and growing in faith, hope, and charity. This vision can be realized with your commitment.”

Archbishop Salvatore J. Cordileone

This vision for an expanding and dynamic Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of San Francisco is reflected in the 2018 Archbishop’s Circle projects. They emphasize youth and young adults, vocations, the sanctity of life, stewardship, care for the poor, and similar themes.

Initiatives

1. Deacon’s Assistance Fund $15,000
   - This is “seed” money to establish a fund that will provide a loan or grant to support deacons’ widows or wives who find themselves in immediate need. This would not be used for long-term care or as a monthly outlay, but rather as a type of “gap-coverage” when a little extra is needed to cover expenses.

2. Catholic Schools Marketing $14,000
   - Marketing our Catholic schools is vital. Unless parents are informed and excited about what our Catholic schools offer, they do not spread the good news. This money supports an initiative of sending four attractive newsletters to parents in the next school year.

3. Young adults: Chapter for Catholic Young Professionals $12,000
   - Money will be directed to establishing a San Francisco Chapter of the national group of Catholic Young Professionals.

4. Health Clinic Seed funds $8,000
   - A San Francisco group is in the process of exploring the feasibility of establishing a health clinic close to the new Sutter Hospital on Van Ness and Post streets. The clinic will provide family care in accordance with Catholic teaching, and in particular, natural family planning.

5. Pro-Life Coalition of Northern California $12,000
   - This coalition needs $12,000 annually. The Archdiocese is taking its turn in funding the initiative for one year.

6. Training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in Deaneries 8 and 10 $6,000
   - The Church of the Good Shepherd (Pacifica) has introduced the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in its Faith Formation. This donation subsidizes what the parishes will pay to train the method’s teachers.
7. Rosary Rally
   • This donation enables a large Rosary Rally on October 6, 2018, and also provides funds for the implementation of the consecration of the Archdiocese to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

8. Stewardship
   • Stewardship is currently operating in six parishes, and these Circle funds help cover the costs of training three additional parishes in the fundamentals of Stewardship.

9. Walk for Life/Presentation to School Children
   • Outside presenters speak to parochial school children in the 7th and 8th grades on the day before the Walk for Life. There is a Mass and instruction for them in the Cathedral.

10. Pilgrimage for Seminarians and Young Men contemplating Priesthood to Lourdes and other holy sites in France
   • Trips like these foster vocations to the Priesthood. A few current Seminarians plus several young laymen who are thinking about the priesthood spend about a week at Lourdes and other holy Marian shrines in France. They are accompanied by a priest and, hopefully, Bishop Thomas Daly of Spokane.

11. Food for the needy at Most Holy Redeemer Church (San Francisco)
   • Wednesday Night Suppers is an outreach ministry of Most Holy Redeemer Parish to the homeless and near homeless. The focus is on fellowship, not food, but food is part of the attraction.

Total for New Projects $150,000

Ongoing Commitments

Marriage & Family Life $35,000
Catholic Identity Assessment $35,000
Vocation Promotion $20,000
Tuition for current Seminarians $60,000

Total for Ongoing Projects $150,000

OVERALL TOTAL $300,000