



# Misión San Diego de Alcalá

## SOCIAL ACTION COMMITTEE

*“Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for Me.” Matthew 25.*

**Mission statement:** *SAC serves our Parish through corporal works of mercy by providing compassionate service to people in need, education in the Church’s social teachings, and encouragement in prayer.*

### What do we do?

Through the generosity of Mission parishioners, your Social Action Committee, (founded January 2013), is blessed to report some of our accomplishments and activities:

- **Collection of food, coin, diapers and paper goods on the first Sunday of the month. Some actual numbers:**
  1. Over 7,000 food items collected annually and delivered to the food bank of our sister parish, Holy Family in Linda Vista. In collaboration with Nazareth School we have collected over 2500 food items for Holy Family.
  2. We promote this activity by passing out flyers to parishioners on the last Sunday of the month. We always need help to cover all exits at all the Masses.
  3. Over 10,000 diapers plus infant formula delivered to the Birthline Pregnancy Center.
  4. Monthly coin collection contributed over \$5,000 to augment the parish Emergency Fund and support other charities on a monthly rotating basis. These include: Holy Family Food Bank, Noah Homes, Culture of Life, Mission Religious Education Scholarships, Whispering Winds Catholic Conference Center, Sister Margaret’s work with the Tijuana Missionaries of Charity, Catholic Charities Local Refugee Resettlement and Fraternity House.
  5. Paper goods collected to benefit AIDS homes — in memory of Father Ken Keifer.
- Organize Parish participation in **Catholic Charities’ Christmas Giving Tree project** collecting over 200 gifts annually to benefit needy families.
- Host soup sales in conjunction with **Catholic Charities' Tomorrow Project**. To date we have raised over \$3500 benefiting Rachel's Women’s Center.
- Conduct semi-annual blood drives with the **San Diego Blood Bank**. This not only provided immediate blood to the bank, but establishes a “Mission Account” so that any parishioner can access the blood should that need arise.
- Host the annual **Parish Lenten Soup Supper** with an educational event and sponsor Operation Rice Bowl, a Lenten offering benefiting Catholic Relief Services.
- Partner with St. Dunstan’s Episcopal Church by preparing meals for the ecumenical **Interfaith Shelter Network Program**.
- Sponsor “**Baby Shower Tea**” to benefit the Birthline Pregnancy Center. Collecting infant clothing, stuffed animals, and cash for this nonprofit, interfaith volunteer organization dedicated to helping mothers in times of crisis.
- Organized donation trucks for parishioners to donate goods to Fr. Joe’s Villages.
- Identify, share and publicize other volunteer opportunities to serve as Christ’s helping hands.

**Come, share your passion, and help with on-going activities and start new initiatives. We welcome new ideas for parish outreach and always need volunteers to help with our ongoing programs.**

*Your Social Action Committee meets the first Wednesday of most months except July and August at 7:00 pm in the California Room. Interested parishioners are always invited to join us. Please call Michael Peddecord, SAC chairperson at 619-286-9625 or email [Peddecord@cox.net](mailto:Peddecord@cox.net) to get more information, confirm meeting dates and get added to our email list.*