



A NOTE FROM FR. STEPHEN CANNY

I grew up on a farm in County Galway, Ireland in the little town of Headford. I'm the middle of seven children. I was ordained a priest in 1961 and soon became a member of the newly-formed Diocese of Santa Rosa.

The work of Catholic Charities has always been close to my heart. I was asked to serve as Executive Director in 1973, a position I held for a decade. Together with my team, we expanded numerous opportunities for vulnerable families to thrive in our area.

One of my fondest memories was the year we resettled 211 Vietnamese and Laotian refugees in the Diocese of Santa Rosa. When we were working to house the last family, I asked my friend Msgr. Dan Whelton to sponsor and furnish a home together. The family eventually named their baby girl Rosa after Santa Rosa.

That moment, and the countless moments of hope since, remind me of our shared calling - to love and serve the poor and vulnerable. Catholic Charities is doing just that, both now and for future generations. This organization opens the door for ordinary people like you and me to perform acts of love and charity.

My hope for my legacy gift is that it will inspire people like you to consider a bequest to Catholic Charities too. All who commit are invited to join our Legacy Circle where we honor members in our publications and with invitations to special events. Or you can choose to remain anonymous.

Thank you so much for considering. Your gift will help ensure that Catholic Charities will always be here to lend a hand to those in need.

God bless you always,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen J. Canny".

Fr. Steve, Member
The Fr. Stephen Canny Legacy Circle

