



CAMPAIGN ENDORSEMENTS

We are proud to share these two endorsements of the “Sharing God’s Goodness...Touching Lives” Campaign:

“Since its establishment in 1961, San Damiano has played an integral role in the life of this Diocese. Hundreds of thousands of people have benefited from the wide array of private and sponsored programs at the retreat center, in both Catholic and ecumenical contexts. The San Damiano Retreat is a great Franciscan blessing to our Diocese, strategic in helping it advance its mission ‘to know Christ better and make him better known.’ By providing a place of prayer for individuals, groups and communities of all faiths, San Damiano assists them in their personal faith journeys and affords them the opportunity to encounter the person of Jesus Christ. On behalf of the Diocese of Oakland, I offer my support of this very critical effort for San Damiano so that it may continue to be the unique haven that it is: a beacon of peace, personal renewal and spiritual development for all.” **Most Rev. Salvatore Cordileone, Bishop of Oakland**

“It is with great pleasure that I express the support of the Saint Barbara Province, as well as my personal endorsement and best wishes, for the “Sharing God’s Goodness...Touching Lives” campaign for San Damiano Retreat. Since its establishment in 1961, San Damiano has occupied an integral role in the Province in which we are challenged to adapt ourselves to a rapidly changing church and world while remaining true to the spirit of our founder, St. Francis. Through its unique combination of providing innovative, relevant retreats, and spiritual direction within a genuinely Franciscan context, San Damiano does precisely that. Truly its ministry continues our Franciscan call ‘to rebuild our Church.’ San Damiano is a unique haven – a beacon of peace, rejuvenation, and personal development that assists individuals in their personal journeys of growth while helping them grow closer to Christ and bring His presence to their own and others’ lives. Again, on behalf of the Saint Barbara Province, I offer my strongest support for this vital effort.” **Very Rev. John S. Hardin, OFM, Provincial Minister**