



**6 p.m.**  
**No host cocktails**  
**in the Chandelier Room**

**7:15 p.m.**  
**Dinner and Awards presentation**  
**in the Clubhouse**

**Santa Anita Park**  
**285 West Huntington Drive**  
**Arcadia, CA 91007**

**Cocktail attire**

The Board of Directors of the San Gabriel Region  
invites you to join us at the  
40th Annual Volunteer Recognition Dinner on

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2026**

to honor Distinguished Parish Nominees  
and the Spirit of Caring Awardees

**Nora Trueblood**

Allen Lund Company and Navidad En El Barrio

**Fr. Gilbert A. Guzmán**

Sacred Heart Parish, Altadena

**Knights of Columbus**

California State Council



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San Gabriel Region

# THE SPIRIT OF CARING



**Nora Trueblood** *Allen Lund Company and Navidad En El Barrio*

Rooted in a lifelong commitment to faith and philanthropy, inspired by her family's example, Nora has dedicated herself to serving families in need throughout Los Angeles. Since 1999, she has been a driving force behind Navidad en el Barrio, engaging Allen Lund Company to help provide Christmas meals to 10,000–15,000 families each year. For over 11 years, she has extended that same generosity to Catholic Charities San Gabriel Region, mobilizing volunteers and directing vital food donations to San Gabriel Valley families, ensuring hope and nourishment reach those who need it most during the Christmas Season.



**Fr. Gilbert A. Guzmán** *Sacred Heart Parish, Altadena*

Fr. Guzmán's compassionate leadership has guided his parish community for the past six years. In the aftermath of the Eaton Fire, he transformed Sacred Heart into a vital relief hub, coordinating support with the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, Catholic Charities of Los Angeles, and the Knights of Columbus to serve displaced families. His steady faith and hands-on leadership brought hope, resources, and compassionate care to those most impacted during a time of great need.



**Knights of Columbus** *California State Council*

The Knights of Columbus California State Council unites and supports hundreds of local councils across the state in faithful service to the Church and our communities. As part of the Knights of Columbus – one of the world's largest Catholic lay organizations – the California Knights are guided by the enduring principles of Charity, Unity, Fraternity, and Patriotism. Through their Faith in Action programs, they have worked tirelessly to bring hope, relief, and compassionate support to families impacted by the Eaton Fire.

**Join us in honoring those who have helped us help others!**

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## OUR MISSION

Our mission is to provide transformative services to people in need, to advocate for justice in social structures, and to call the entire church and other people of goodwill to do the same.

Catholic Charities San Gabriel Region carries out this mission by being a kind neighbor to thousands of people who are living in poverty throughout the San Gabriel Valley. Each year, our programs serve those who live in near-constant crisis.

Simple gestures like providing food, clothing, and diapers can ease their burdens. In addition, we provide utility and rental assistance when the need is even greater, and hope is all but lost.

Our important work deserves your support. The money raised at our annual dinner allows us to continue helping people who need a hand...*and the gift of hope.*

Those being honored this year—and every year—were selected because they give their time and talents to their parishes and are making a positive impact in their communities.