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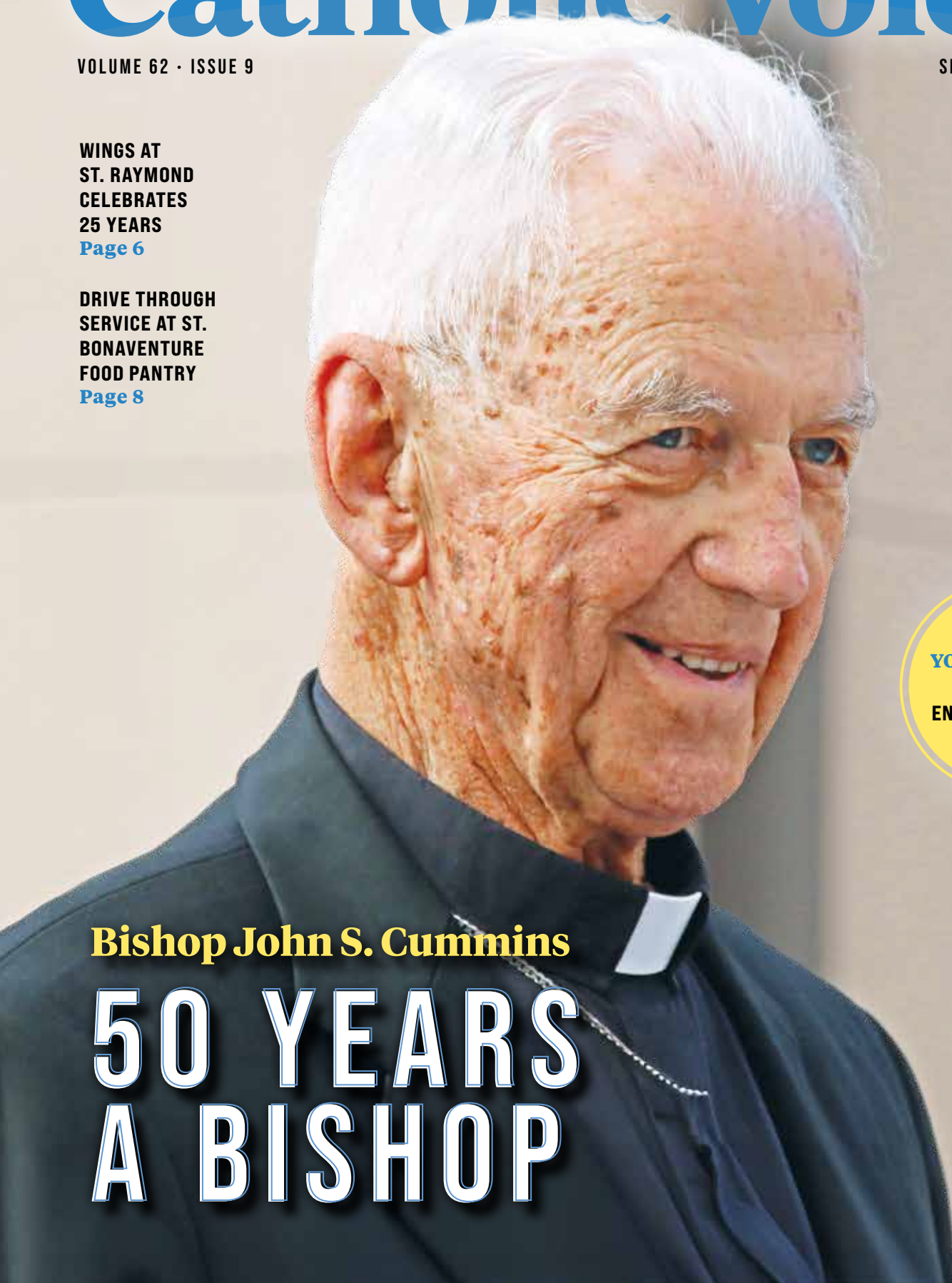
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# WE ARE THERE

## Catholic Charities East Bay joins national campaign to promote its life-giving ministry

**C**atholic Charities East Bay is joining Catholic Charities USA (the national membership organization for Catholic Charities) and local Catholic Charities around the country to participate in We Are There, a national awareness campaign highlighting the life-giving services Catholic Charities provides in their local communities.

For nearly 90 years, Catholic Charities East Bay has brought hope and relief to our neighbors in Alameda and Contra Costa counties, regardless of their faith, through programs and services that evolve to meet the changing needs of the community.

Today's Catholic Charities East Bay services are centered around four key needs: (1) helping families and seniors stay housed; (2) helping neighbors who have immigrated obtain work authorization, lawful immigration status and follow a path to citizenship; (3) providing mental health and violence prevention services to underserved youth, their caregivers and families; and (4) disaster emergency services to community members affected by declared natural disasters.

"Every day, I learn more about the complexities that face so many of the families we help," says Jim Fiedler, chair of the board and interim CEO of Catholic Charities East Bay. "What most impresses me is the love and commitment our team brings to the families, seniors and youth we work with every day. The people we encounter experience the respect we hold for them, which builds trust and collaboration. This work is grounded in the foundation of our faith."

The work that Catholic Charities East Bay does is mirrored by the services provided at Catholic Charities agencies around the country. There are 168 independent Catholic Charities agencies and 3,900 collective locations spread out across the United States and its five territories.

Collectively, the Catholic Charities network helped more than 15 million people last year and provided more than 30 million

meals to those in need. The dedicated, selfless staff of Catholic Charities agencies are aided in this work by the indispensable contributions of donors and more than 215,000 volunteers nationwide.

The services offered by each local Catholic Charities agency are tailored to the specific needs of their individual communities. ▲



### LEARN MORE

To learn more about the We Are There campaign, visit [WeAreThere.US](http://WeAreThere.US). To learn how to volunteer or support the work of Catholic Charities East Bay, visit [www.cceb.org](http://www.cceb.org).

