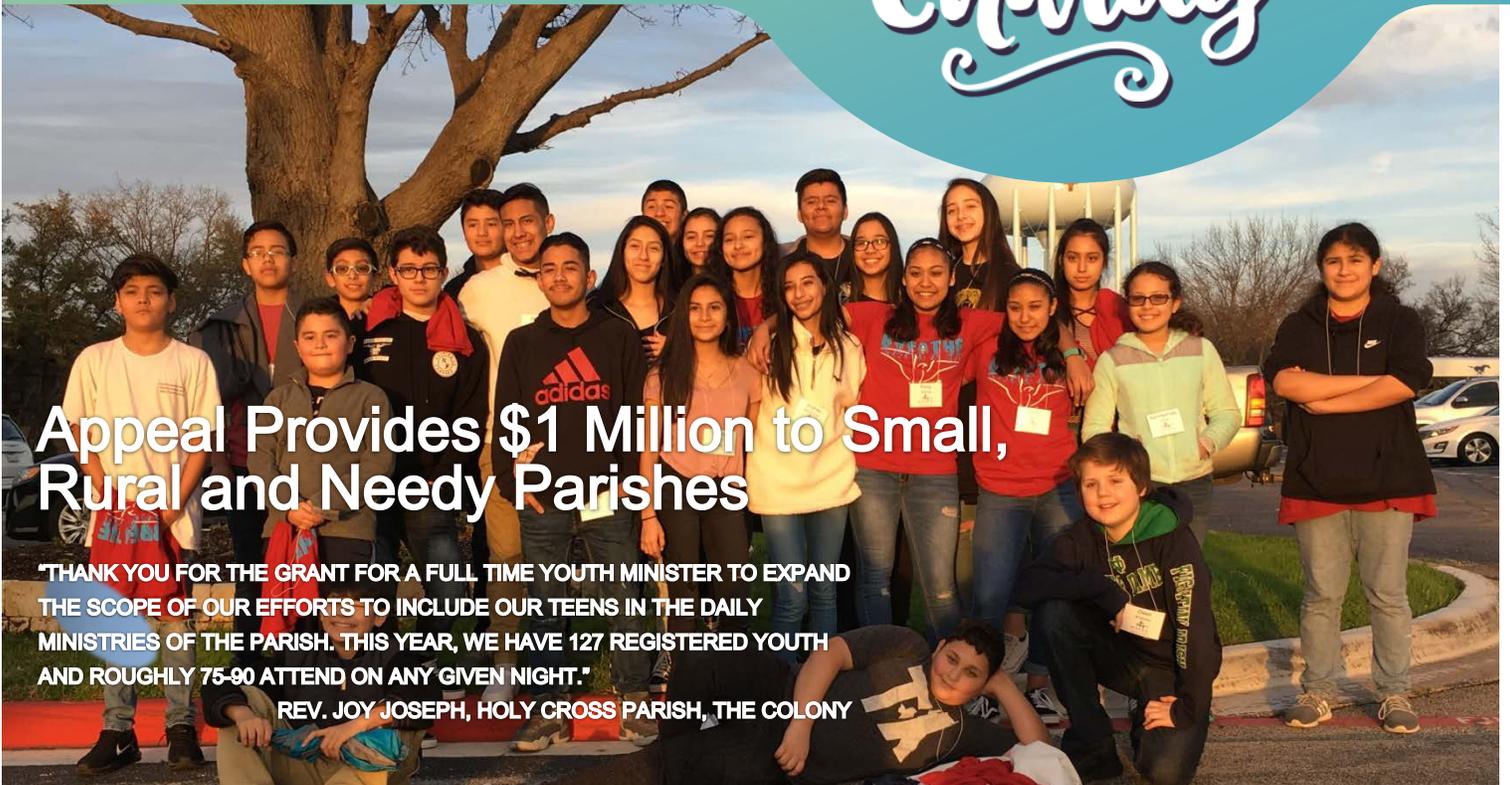


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A monthly update about the ministries supported by your donations to the Annual Diocesan Appeal

Faith HOPE Charity



Appeal Provides \$1 Million to Small, Rural and Needy Parishes

‘THANK YOU FOR THE GRANT FOR A FULL TIME YOUTH MINISTER TO EXPAND THE SCOPE OF OUR EFFORTS TO INCLUDE OUR TEENS IN THE DAILY MINISTRIES OF THE PARISH. THIS YEAR, WE HAVE 127 REGISTERED YOUTH AND ROUGHLY 75-90 ATTEND ON ANY GIVEN NIGHT.’

REV. JOY JOSEPH, HOLY CROSS PARISH, THE COLONY

One million dollars donated to the Annual Diocesan Appeal is used to help sustain rural parishes that could not otherwise remain open or provide vital ministries without outside support. Many of these parishes are long distances from the next neighboring parish and serve populations that are small and unable to maintain ministries and buildings completely on their own. Applications are being accepted through May 1 for Fiscal Year 2019 Parish Operating Grants, awarded from the Advancement Foundation as part of the Annual Diocesan Appeal case for support. These grants are available to small, rural or needy parishes within the Diocese of Fort Worth. For more information contact Paula Parrish at 817.945.9440, or visit www.advancementfoundation.org for application materials.



“And the king will say to them in reply, ‘Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.’”

Matthew 25:40

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WE PRAYERFULLY ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT

With three months left in this year, just more than 10 percent of the families in the Diocese have supported the Appeal. Please donate today at bit.ly/AnnualDiocesanAppeal or text ADA to 91999.



PROGRESS TOWARD GOAL

Congratulations to the 26 parishes that have already exceeded their goal in commitments, 17 of which have payments exceeding their goal to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

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OUR GRANT RECIPIENTS SAY “THANK YOU!”

When you donate to the Annual Diocesan Appeal, you make possible parish operating grants for uses like these:

In Iowa Park, we were able to replace and upgrade exit doors to push bars and fix the major roof leaks at the parish hall. In Electra, we were able to strip old materials that were cracked and damaged by the extreme weather and age and upgrade our flat roof sealant to reliable commercial quality, which stopped the constant leaks every time it rains. We also updated light fixtures from fluorescent to LED. Thank you for the grants. They truly helped us out as we were able to use the monies for needed maintenance projects that extend the life of our buildings.

-- Fr. Khoi Tran
Christ the King, Iowa Park
St. Paul, Electra

When I was placed in charge of two parishes in August of 2016, I was convinced of our need for formation in Catholic theology and prayer. I took it upon myself to institute adult catechesis classes at each parish, but I quickly found it impossible to be in two places at once! Your grant for a full-time DRE has eased the strain of administration of the children's programs and RCIA, so that I can be more present to the parishioners.

-- Fr. Joe Keating
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbott
Nativity of the Bl. Virgin Mary, Penelope

The grant has not only been financially beneficial but also pastorally.



It has truly been a blessing to have a religious sister as a full time director of religious education and an assistant to help her. Religious education has been well organized according to the policy of the Diocese and the needs of the parish. We have the potential of more than the annual enrollment, which is between 1,000-1,200 children. We hope the Diocese will continue supporting us so the parish will be motivated to build a religious education building.

-- Fr. Francisco Alanis Gonzalez
Holy Name of Jesus, Fort Worth



Formation of children, youth, parents and 80 catechists are benefits of the grant for Holy Name of Jesus in Fort Worth.

I want to express my gratitude for the support of all the people who with their generosity make possible projects of great benefit for our diocese. The Northwest Deanery/Hispanic Ministry Grant is one more example, among many, of how the Advancement Foundation continues to fully comply with its objectives. This project has allowed The Missionary Catechists of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary Sisters and me to attend, serve and collaborate for the benefit of the dean and priests of Northwest Deanery. We want to thank all the people who have donated, that with their drive, perseverance, creativity, and ministry gives us an example of what is possible to achieve, when you have the conviction that it is worth the sorrow.

-- Sr. Soledad Quintero
Hispanic Ministry Coordinator
Northwest Deanery

One of many Hispanic Ministry events that have taken place in the 20 parishes of the Northwest Deanery.

26 Parishes Reach Goal!

Through April 4, 26 parishes had reached their goals in commitments to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Two of those achieved this milestone since our last newsletter as indicated in orange. Those with asterisks (*) have achieved payments exceeding their goal. Does your parish have at least 90 percent of its goal committed by now?

- St. John*, Strawn, 206.78%
- Holy Rosary*, Cisco, 202.74%
- St. Jerome*, Bowie, 183.77%
- Sacred Heart*, Seymour, 175.00%
- St. Francis Xavier, Eastland, 169.75%
- St. Francis of Assisi*, Graford, 159.00%
- St. Joseph*, Cleburne, 154.38%
- St. Rita, Ranger*, 144.62%
- St. Martin de Porres*, Prosper, 134.09%
- St. John the Baptizer*, Bridgeport, 132.16%
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, De Leon, 131.74%
- St. Boniface*, Scotland, 131.00%
- Jesus of Nazareth*, Albany, 127.33%
- St. Peter*, Lindsay, 126.57%
- St. Patrick Cathedral*, Fort Worth, 125.61%
- St. Maria Goretti*, Arlington, 123.09%
- Santa Rosa, Knox City, 119.33%
- St. Benedict, Fort Worth, 119.11%
- Sacred Heart*, Comanche, 116.00%
- Our Lady of Fatima*, Fort Worth, 115.07%
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Breckenridge, 114.57%
- St. Mary of the Assumption, Megargel, 113.93%
- Holy Cross*, The Colony, 111.19%
- Most Blessed Sacrament, Arlington, 106.08%
- Assumption BVM*, Decatur, 104.45%
- St. Joseph, Rhineland, 100.17%

Through April 4, 91.22% of our \$3.3 million goal, or \$3,010,250, had been committed by 10,582 families. With less than three months remaining, now is the time to make your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.