

FEBRUARY | 2018

A monthly update  
about the Annual  
Diocesan Appeal for the  
Diocese of Fort Worth



## Annual Diocesan Appeal Supports Marriage & Family Life Ministry

“A MAN LEAVES HIS FATHER AND MOTHER AND CLINGS TO HIS WIFE, AND THE TWO OF THEM BECOME ONE BODY [FLESH]” (GN 2:24).

During this month when the Church celebrates National Marriage Week, the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal spotlights its support for the Office of Marriage & Family Life. Chris Vaughan and his team assist our parishes to minister to their members striving to model their families in the image of Jesus Christ in their everyday lives. Some of these resources include marriage preparation, marriage retreats, natural family planning, divorce, separation and grief support, counseling services, and access to tools and resources to enrich marriages. For more information, visit [www.fwdioc.org/marriage-family-life](http://www.fwdioc.org/marriage-family-life).



“Faith and hope find their fullest expression in love — love of God and love of neighbor. The call to love reaches beyond the home to the extended family, the neighborhood, and the larger community. This marital and familial love finds its complete expression, following the example of Jesus himself, in a willingness to sacrifice oneself in everyday situations for one’s spouse and children. There is no greater love within a marriage and a family than for the spouses and children to lay down their lives for one another. This is the heart of the vocation of marriage, the heart of the call to become holy.”

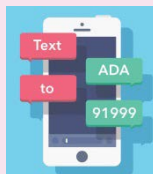
*Marriage: Love and Life in the Divine Plan, USCCB*

### MOVING AHEAD

Commitments through January 31 for the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal are \$2,894,696, or 87.72% of our goal. So far, 10,254 of the registered families in the Diocese of Fort Worth have participated at some level. Thank you for your support.

### TEXT ADA TO 91999

Remember, you may make your donation to the Annual Diocesan Appeal securely from your smartphone.



### YOUR DONATIONS SUPPORT

Catholic Campus Ministry  
Catholic Charities  
Catholic Schools  
Marriage & Family Life Ministry  
Marriage Tribunal  
Operational Grants to Parishes in Need  
Permanent Diaconate  
Prison Ministry  
Respect Life Ministries  
Seminar Education

### QUESTIONS?

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By Contributing for the Common Good you support Marriage & Family Life Ministries, including counseling services and marriage preparation.



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## Parishes achieving goal

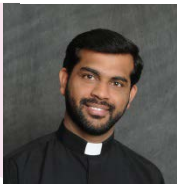
Congratulations to the 24 parishes that have reached their commitment goals to the Annual Diocesan Appeal as of January 31. Two of those surpassed their goal since our last newsletter as indicated in orange. What percentage does the thermometer in your parish show?

- St. John, Strawn, 206.78%
- Holy Rosary, Cisco, 202.74%
- St. Jerome, Bowie, 183.77%
- Sacred Heart, Seymour, 172.78%
- St. Francis Xavier, Eastland, 169.75%
- St. Francis of Assisi, Graford, 159.00%
- St. Joseph, Cleburne, 154.38%
- St. Rita, Ranger, 144.62%
- St. Boniface, Scotland, 131.00%
- St. Martin de Porres, Prosper, 130.28%
- Our Lady of Guadalupe, De Leon, 128.33%
- Jesus of Nazareth, Albany, 127.33%
- St. Patrick Cathedral, Fort Worth, 125.12%
- St. Peter, Lindsay, 125.07%
- St. Maria Goretti, Arlington, 121.30%
- St. John the Baptizer, Bridgeport, 117.33%
- St. Mary of the Assumption, Megargel, 113.93%
- **Our Lady of Fatima, Fort Worth, 113.09%**
- **Santa Rosa, Knox City, 111.41%**
- Sacred Heart of Jesus, Breckenridge, 111.10%
- St. Benedict, Fort Worth, 110.99%
- Holy Cross, The Colony, 109.39%
- Sacred Heart, Comanche, 107.40%
- Most Blessed Sacrament, Arlington, 104.80%
- St. Mary of the Assumption, Megargel, 83.33%
- Immaculate Conception of Mary, Wichita Falls, 61.63%
- Holy Rosary, Cisco, 46.55%
- Santa Rosa, Knox City, 42.11%
- St. Mary, Windthorst, 40.75%
- Our Lady of Fatima, Fort Worth, 40.28%
- Sacred Heart, Seymour, 40.26%
- St. Maria Goretti, Arlington, 39.90%
- Immaculate Heart of Mary, Abbott, 38.31%
- St. Peter, Lindsay, 37.53%
- St. John Paul II, Denton, 36.71%
- St. Boniface, Scotland, 35.90%
- Jesus of Nazareth, Albany, 34.78%
- St. Joseph, Cleburne, 34.12%
- St. Francis of Assisi, Graford, 33.33%
- St. Martin de Porres, Prosper, 28.89%
- Nativity/Blessed Virgin Mary, Penelope, 28.38%
- St. Thomas Aquinas, Pilot Point, 28.24%
- Sacred Heart, Muenster, 26.13%
- St. Mary, Henrietta, 25.71%
- St. John the Baptizer, Bridgeport, 23.93%
- St. Jude Thaddeus, Burkburnett, 23.53%
- St. Francis Xavier, Eastland, 23.38%
- Holy Redeemer, Aledo, 23.31%

## Equal sacrifice, not equal gifts

Together as one Church, *Contributing for the Common Good*, we express our gratitude to God for the many blessings we have received. These parishes have the highest numbers of registered families supporting the Appeal this year:

- St. Mary of the Assumption, Megargel, 83.33%
- Immaculate Conception of Mary, Wichita Falls, 61.63%
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**Thank you, Rev. Reehan Soosai Antony, SAC**

All four of your parishes – Holy Rosary, Cisco; St. Francis Xavier, Eastland; St. Rita, Ranger; and St. John, Strawn – have exceeded their goals for the 2018 Annual Diocesan Appeal.

## Make It MONTHLY

Electronic Monthly Giving  
Credit Card Bank Draft  
Sign Up Today

Thank you to the very special group of loyal donors to the Annual Diocesan Appeal who give through continual monthly credit card or bank draft. They tell us that giving this way helps them plan around their budget with smaller amounts spread out over 12 months instead of making one large lump sum payment. They also like the paperless convenience.

Join the St. Francis Circle today at <http://bit.ly/StFrancisCircle>. Or, text SFC to 91999. In doing so, you ensure a year 'round stream

of revenue to support the parishes, schools and ministries of the Diocese of Fort Worth.

Just as St. Francis taught us to care for the earth, your enrollment for year 'round giving means no mailings. No reminders. No future commitment forms to complete. It reduces the expense for mailing and gift processing and returns more funds to our ministries. And, your parish still receives credit for your gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Enroll today!

